

Today's Homily

PENTECOST LITERALLY MEANS 50TH. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews, and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by the Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast.

What happened on the day of Pentecost?

On the day of Pentecost:

- 1) The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as fiery tongues.
- 2) The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- 3) The listeners experienced the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages.
- 4) The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life:

- 1) As an indwelling God, He makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16).
- 2) As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by living transparent Christian lives.
- 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: (a) Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. (b) Through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors and defenders of



the Faith. (c) Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. (d) Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood through Epiclesis. (e) Through the Sacraments of the priesthood and matrimony, He makes the Church community holy.

4) As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings

and guides the Magisterium of the Church to present Christ's teachings correctly.

5) As a listening and talking God, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us mainly through the Bible.

6) As a Giver of gifts, He pours out on us His gifts, fruits and charisms, thus enriching the Church.

We need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives:

- 1) by constantly remembering His holy presence and behaving well;
- 2) by praying for His fresh anointing daily so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, destructive habits and compelling addictions;
- 3) by asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading and talking to Him;
- 4) by asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day have to tell everyone though our lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyger
 Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Pierre Jones ♦ Sammi Pedersen ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ Reba McDermott
 John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Brittany Duncan Osgood ♦ Julie Bither ♦ Mary Bither
 Doni Bachand ♦ Lyn Rodgers ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Jeanne Hackett
 Peggy Holtz ♦ Michael Kuenzi ♦ Mary Ellen Marquez ♦ Charlie McDermott ♦ Susan McDermott
 Barbara Gadotti ♦ Barbara Hopla ♦ Gilbert Marquez ♦ David Pedersen

June—The Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Respect Life Ministry

We would like to invite EVERYONE to our first meeting this year. If you are passionate about life, want to get involved in pro-life work, looking for fellowship and friendship with like-minded individuals, please join us for pizza, drinks and dessert on **Monday, June 9th, at 6 pm., in the Parish Hall.**

We look forward to celebrating Life with you! Any questions or for more information, please call **Ari at (541) 675-7962.** Together we can be the voice for the voiceless.

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Our Lady of Peace Retreat

The 51st Annual Summer Institute at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton is from Monday, **July 14th, to Friday, July 18th.** Retreat theme is: "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Our presenters: **Sr. M. Johanna Paruch, F.S.G.M., Ph.D.,** Professor of Theology, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Franciscan Friar **Fr. Dan Pattee, T.O.R., Dr. Anthony Lilles, S.T.D.,** Professor of Spiritual Theology, St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA, and **Pia de Leon,** parishioner at St. Clare Church, Portland.

The retreat **begins with dinner on Sunday evening, July 13th, and concludes after lunch on Friday, July 18th.**

Retreatants will enjoy: Daily Mass and Holy Hour, Morning Prayers, 14 Classes, four Evening Lectures, all meals, private room, time for Confession, and more.

For rates, the schedule, and the registration details please go to: www.olpretreat.org or call (503) 649-7127.

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Please do not adjust thermometers or any other equipment on Church property. Thank you.

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Job Openings

Bishop Cary's staff is made up of committed employees who are eager to serve all our Parishes and parishioners. If you or a relative feel called to be part of the Diocesan team, there are three rewarding, full-time career opportunities: Internal Auditor, Event Planner, and an Office Coordinator. For more information, visit the Diocese website at: dioceseofbaker.org/job-opportunities.

1990s

Bishop Thomas Connolly continued as our Bishop all through the '90s. **Fr. Robert Simard** (Fr. Bob) continued as our Pastor until May of 1999.

In early 1991, a patio was built on the east side of the Rectory. In 1992, after much study to provide adequate support, the wooden beams in the church basement were replaced with steel posts. The following year, the hallway of the Parish Hall was remodeled, including a hand-capped accessible restroom, altering the arrangement of doors.

Electrical outlets were also added to the classrooms, the parking lot was overlaid, and the interior of the Parish Hall was painted. Then in 1996, the parish celebrated **Fr. Bob's** 40th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest, and in May of 1999, he resigned due to his health. (He had been fighting a brain tumor, which the doctors attempted to remove surgically in 1997.) **Fr. Bob** moved into the Dreher House after his retirement on the corner of First and Court Streets. One of the skills that he had brought with him was a proclamation of the Gospel from memory!

We were then blessed to have **Fr. George Nazareth** transfer from Hermiston. **Fr. George** was from the Diocese of Goa in India, where he was a longtime rector of the seminary. He spoke English, Spanish, Portuguese, and his native dialect.

In 1996, the interior of the Church was remodeled, and the Bishop came and blessed the work. And in 1999, **Kathie Leonard** was hired as the first Parish Secretary.

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Even Diamonds Start as Coal

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save the marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages—even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to re-discover their marriage and improve communication. Visit helpourmarriage.org for testimonials, confidential information, or to register for the Friday, **August 22nd, to Sunday, August 24th Retreat** in Canby, OR. Or email: portland@retrouvaille.com or call (503) 704-7382.