



PENTECOST

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Sunday, May 31, 2020

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Dear Parishioners:

Remember the cartoons when a character was trying to figure out the solution to a problem. He'd think and think – and then suddenly a light bulb went on over his head! That was the sign that he'd gotten a solution to the problem. The Apostles were pretty much the same way. Despite all they had learned while being in the presence of Jesus they still didn't quite know how to fulfill His command to them to go out and proclaim the gospel to the world. Wisely, they gathered together in prayer asking for guidance and suddenly the Holy Spirit came upon them with His wisdom, courage and strength. He appeared as tongues of flame over the heads of each of them, not unlike a light bulb going on over the head of a cartoon character. Isn't that the same with us? When we are troubled and don't know what to do or what action to take, we go before the Lord in prayer and ask for enlightenment and guidance. If we are open to the Holy Spirit we can be confident that He will give us the same wisdom, courage and strength He gave the Apostles to enable us to do our job. Perhaps the light bulb going on over our heads today would be more like an LED bulb – it enlightens but takes time to come fully bright. As we ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit let's be patient as He works with us to enlighten us fully to go forth and do His work. Remember, as a Christian we are not in this alone. We are not lone rangers. We are not simply individuals who have to get our way. We are the Church, the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church working together for the good of the world. Don't whine and complain if you don't get your way but let the light of the Holy Spirit slowly illuminate your heart and soul to know and do what is asked: To know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel – needed perhaps more today than ever before:

“St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruing of souls. Amen.”

A Little Humor:

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to Mass, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One bright little girl replied: “Because people are sleeping.”

Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice: “My sister's expecting a baby and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt.”

Riddle Me This:

Have you figured out yet who was the one to say “Riddle me this?”

Yesterday's Riddle: Where did the three blind mice tie up their boat? (Answer) Down at the hickory, dickory dock, of course?

Today's Riddle: I have lakes but no water, no cars, but I have streets; Many places, many borders, but I am all in one piece. What am I? (Answer tomorrow).

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