

Greetings to All,

~ Our Pastor's Message ~

Pentecost Sunday has come and gone but its challenge remains with us. This past Sunday's readings gave us two very different experiences of the Holy Spirit; in one the Holy Spirit comes like a lion roaring, shaking up things demanding to be heard and acted upon. The other comes as a breath of fresh air to deliver peace and to lead those seeking its presence to be at peace. The message does not lead us to choose one from the other but rather invites us to recognize that both are essential parts of this great gift. Like the lion we need strength and courage. There are times we simply must be strong and courageous; we must speak up for justice for ourselves and when we see our neighbor being wronged. At other times we need to stand and listen without judgment. We need at those times to be that presence of Christ that invites trust and acceptance. Both these aspects of the Holy Spirit are united by our faith and our love for Christ: he leads, he intercedes, he pardons, he calls each and every one of us to be brothers and sisters.

What can this celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit teach us today? May I suggest that we reflect its grace on our use of social media; you know, Facebook, twitter, old fashioned email, and lots of other social media tools out there that our young people are using like snap chat and Instagram. We can understand these social media resources as help in our current Covid-19 lifestyle and perhaps they can even act as a bridge with the social distancing we are all called to respect. Social media can be a source of letting people into our everyday lives. However, as relates to Pentecost, we Christians are being challenged by the Holy Spirit to be less the lion and more the lamb when we use social media. Why the lamb more than the lion? Written words have the power to become history. A word said in haste can more easily be forgiven than one written for all to witness. Therefore, let us use social media with a mind toward peace and healing. Why? Because bullying, shaming, name calling, gossiping are never motivated by the love residing in the Holy Spirit.

Everything Jesus came to teach us continues to be relevant to our world today. We have to make the connections of his teachings to our everyday lives and, for the most part, we do a good job. But we are also a people of our culture and those influences shape our lives as well. Remember we are Christians before we are anything else. God has been good to us all the time, all the time God is good.

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ATTENDANCE AT MASS

Having held mass for the past three weeks, I have a sense of how things are shaping up as far as attendance is concerned. Our numbers of those attending have for the most part been very low, but they have slowly grown. For example, the first weekend, we had between sixteen and thirty-nine at all six of our weekend celebrations. The second weekend those numbers changed, for some of our masses we had up to fifty people, but other masses had the very low numbers of fifteen to twenty people in attendance. This past weekend for the Feast of Pentecost, we had sixty-eight people at the 7:30 am mass, but the rest of the numbers remained roughly the same between fifteen and fifty people in attendance. Some folks are suggesting that the numbers are small because people think the church will be too full and are, therefore, staying away. I think that people are still being cautious and I support that concern. But if you have started to go to other places, always with an eye to being safe, then don't let yourself become too used to not going to mass; one can fall out of the practice. If you don't come, do attend via the TV, as one of my sisters says, "I attended mass in my slippers again this Sunday."

I hope this message helps people to feel at ease about their ability to come to church. We have marked 119 safe places to sit, that's three seats on every other pew. That comes in at about 16% of full capacity. However, with families sitting together that can bring that number up considerable to maybe the 25% mentioned by the Governor.

Let us all continue to pray for each other, let us pray for our spiritual growth in this challenging time, and let us pray for a real change to the racism that continues to strangle our nation. Our God who is always good will help us to grow in our own goodness. AMEN! My prayers are with you,

Warren J. Broussard
Fr. Warren J. Broussard, SJ, Pastor



SUNDAY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ~ June 7

First Reading: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9

Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mt. Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3: 52-56

We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13;

Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading: John 3: 16-18

God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

Background on the Gospel Reading: This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

FAMILY CONNECTION FROM LOYOLA PRESS

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity ~ June 7

Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love.

Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father:

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Immaculate Conception Masses & Confessions

Daily Mass:

- ✧ Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:10pm;
- ✧ Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7am; and
- ✧ Civil Holidays at 9am.

Saturday Vigil Mass:

- ✧ 4pm

Sunday Masses:

- ✧ 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am,
- ✧ 12:30pm [Spanish], and
- ✧ 5pm.

Confessions in parking lot or Plaza de la Inmaculada:

- ✧ Tuesdays— 11:00 to 11:45am,
- ✧ Thursdays—11:00 to 11:45am, and
- ✧ Saturdays— 3:00 to 3:45pm.

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Embracing Our Mission...



At St. Mary's Catholic School, our mission statement is more than just some words printed on paper. We pride ourselves on making it an integral part of daily life at our school. A portion of our mission states that we "embrace the Gospel message." But, how do we know if we are successful? If my goal was to have the students learn how to use a microscope, then I can assess them as I watch

them use one. Teachers at the school often ask, "How can we be sure that we have given our students the tools to be successful in carrying out our mission?" The answer was revealed when the middle school students were asked to write a reflective paragraph on how they were dealing with Covid. Their answers demonstrated that as they navigated through the crisis, they were drawing on their faith and the distinctive Catholic values that they had learned both at home and at school. The Albuquerque Journal, featured the student responses which can be found at this link: <https://www.abqjournal.com/1455459/whats-on-kids-minds-during-the-shutdown.html?>

Due to space limitations, the reporter did not print the paragraphs in their entirety. The last sentences read something like this: "Covid has allowed me to spend more time with God and strengthen my spirituality." Yes, our Mission Statement was successfully embraced!!!!

We are now registering for the 2020-21 school year.

Please call us at 242-6271 if your child would like to be a part of our school family.

~ by Carol Johansen, Teacher & Parishioner

OUR PARISH GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, AND FINANCES

If you would like to know more about our parish's finances, now you can find that information on our website, ICCABQ.ORG. You can also make a one-time-only or recurring donations.

Once you are on the website. From a drop down menu, GIVING, STEWARDSHIP, FINANCES, you will have four options to check out:

1. [Online Giving](#);
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4. [Annual Report](#).

If you have questions, contact Comptroller Kimberly Jarnagin at KJarnagin@iccabq.org.

ONLINE LITURGIES AND INFORMATION FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE:

For the latest information on

[Reopening of Our Churches](#) in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, including the full protocols, please visit: <https://archdiosf.org/reopening>

The [Archdiocese's YouTube Channel](#)

: <https://www.youtube.com/user/aarchuletaasf>

Sign up for email ASF official [eBlasts](#) at <https://archdiosf.org/covid-19>. You will receive important news sent directly to your email address.

Like the official [Facebook](#) page (Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official), [Twitter](#) (@asfofficial) and [Instagram](#) (@asfofficial).

Online Resources: [America Magazine](#) | [The Jesuit Review](#)

Where you can [live-stream Jesuit Masses](#) every day of the week

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/24/here-are-jesuit-parishes-and-ministries-live-streaming-mass-every-day-week>

HERE IS HOW THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES IMPACT US AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

- ◇ Anyone over 60 or who has a pre-existing condition should consider a live-streamed Mass and avoid gathering with us in person.
- ◇ If you are ill, stay at home.
- ◇ A mask worn correctly (over the nose and mouth) and social distancing are required. Parents, leave young children at home, if possible.
- ◇ We are limited in our building's capacity so – for now – only 119 people can attend each Mass. That's about 16% of our building's capacity.
- ◇ Only one door, the rear door on the parking lot side, is unlocked so that an usher or sacristan can count attendance to ensure that we do not exceed our capacity. Once that limit has been met and/or mass starts, the door will be locked, and a sign will be posted on the door .
- ◇ The Baptismal font is empty during Mass and only filled for baptisms outside of Mass;
- ◇ Holy water fonts are empty. *Only* sealed bottles of holy water will be available;
- ◇ The BATHROOMS are locked until further notice as is the CRY ROOM.
- ◇ Bring your own hand-sanitizer or cleanser for personal needs. Please do not use cleansers with bleach or alcohol on our pews.
- ◇ The pews are cleaned between Masses.
- ◇ *All missals, mission statement cards, and daily Mass propers* have been removed;
- ◇ There are no processions; Mass begins with a sound on the gong;
- ◇ There is no music, except perhaps the Psalm on Sunday;
- ◇ Short versions of the readings are used, where the option exists;
- ◇ Our mission statement is not recited;
- ◇ There are no collections; envelopes, checks, and cash can be dropped off in a container as you leave Mass; any other donations can be made online;
- ◇ There is no handshake at the Sign of Peace;
- ◇ The final prayer and blessing are prayed *before* Communion is distributed;
- ◇ After we receive Communion *in the hand only*, (host only), step aside, remove your mask, consume the host, and leave the church.
- ◇ Do not congregate or visit after leaving Mass; maintain social distancing and keep your masks on.

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/85-0161934>

If you have questions, contact Comptroller Kimberly Jarnagin at KJarnagin@iccabq.org.

Here is a website that may be of interest to you in our times.



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****Note: this article is continually updated to ensure each item is accurate and needed today.****