

# PENTECOST

May 15, 2005

## The Story of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, \* which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

## Traditions of Pentecost

Pentecost was a traditional Jewish feast celebrating the wheat harvest – a joyful celebration like the “Thanksgiving Day” celebrated in many countries. Originally it wasn’t on a set date, but celebrated whenever the harvest was ready. But gradually it became customary to celebrate it 50 days after Passover. That’s what the Greek word “Pentecost” means, 50<sup>th</sup> day.

In time, an additional meaning was given to this feast. Jewish leaders calculated that when their ancestors left Egypt, they arrived at Mt. Sinai approximately seven weeks later. It was here that God gave Moses the Law, and the Covenant was sealed: “I will be your God, and you will be my people.”

So, 50 days after Passover (which celebrated their escape from Egypt) was an appropriate time to celebrate the Sinai covenant which made the Jewish people God’s “chosen people.”

Luke’s description of the Spirit coming upon the disciples on the very day of this feast underlines the significance of this event. It is a dramatic new beginning for the people of the new covenant.

Today’s Pentecost traditions include: Wearing something red to Mass, eating red food, flying kites, hanging wind chimes or wind socks, inviting people who speak different languages to pray the creed in their own language, hosting an ecumenical picnic, asking those who were baptized at Easter to give “witness talks” (sharing how their faith will lead them to service in the community).

## HAPPENINGS AT AND AROUND ST. MARY’S

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>WHAT</u>
May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 10:45	Small Faith Meeting, Parish Center
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 - 11am	Moms & Tots, Parish Center
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Hispanic Confirmation
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm	Bishop Kelly Graduation
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00pm	St. Mary’s Golf Tournament – see next page
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation/Mass
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Memorial Day Mass. Parish office closed.
June 6 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am-5pm	ACE-TV Integrating Catholic Concepts – see next page



## SUNDAY READINGS

May 15th

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12; 3b-7, 12-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-23



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 16th – May 22nd

MON. Sir 1: 1-10/Mark 9: 14-29

TUE. Sir 2: 1-11/Mark 9: 30-37

WED. Sir 4: 11-19/Mark 9: 38-40

THU. Sir 5: 1-8/Mark 9: 41-50

FRI. Sir 6: 5-17/Mark 10: 1-12

SAT. Sir 17: 1-15/Mark 10: 13-16

SUN. 2 Cor 13: 11-13/John 3: 16-18

### Reflections

1. Describe how some person has inspired courage in you.
2. Which gifts of the Spirit can you identify in our community?

3. What gifts of the Spirit can you identify in yourself that could help transform your world?



### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Mary's School Annual Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm shotgun start at Plantation Country Club. Please contact St. Mary's School 342-7476, or Bonnie or Dennis Schlegel at 386-9446 ext14 or 16. Proceeds go to the St. Mary's School Building Fund.

### SENIOR CELEBRATION

– Boise seniors have been extremely generous to the charitable works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Society wants to say Thank You by having a Senior Celebration, Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 6:00pm. The location is 6464 W. State St. There will be free coffee and goodies along with thrift store discounts, information on what the Society does in the community and other fun prizes! This is not a formal gathering, come and go as you please. Information on FreeMed (prescription assistance) will also be available. The facilities will be open one hour early (8:30am) for seniors, then open to the public at 9:30am. Questions, call Hope Ryan 853-4921.

### Summer ACE-TV Courses, New and Traditional

This summer Adult Catholic Education of the Treasure Valley is offering a course in **Basic Catholic Beliefs** that can be taken either on-line or in person! Teachers, catechists, homeschoolers and others interested in seeing connections between what is taught in religion class and in other subject areas like math, social studies and science can take an intensive, two-session course called *Integrating Catholic Concepts*, which will be offered at St Mark's School on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Additional information and registration for both courses is available at the website, AdultCatholicEd.org or by calling Peg Wuelfing at 424-8989.

Contributions for May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005:  
\$6,557.50

**RETREAT** - Fr Len MacMillan will lead two evenings of education, prayer and reflection on the liturgical symbols of the Mass, Monday and Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Sacred Heart Parish. These presentations are independent of each other. If you are not able to attend part 1, feel free to attend part 2. Fr. MacMillan is a diocesan priest and liturgist currently working for Cross Catholic Outreach. He has given many talks and workshops in the Diocese centered around why we do what we do at Mass. If you have any questions, call Sister Betty at 342-8311.

**The St. Mary's School PTO** will sell gift cards and certificates after masses through the end of the school year. These cards and certificates are used just like cash and will be available from various national and local retailers such as Pizza Hut, Home Depot, Fred Meyer, TCBY, and Like-Nu Car Wash. Individuals and families can generate revenue for the PTO through their purchases. An organization of 150 families easily spends between one and two million dollars per year on food, clothing and other essentials. If families obtained the gift cards and certificates for these purchases, they can raise as much as \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year for the PTO without spending an additional penny. Please consider obtaining these cards for your everyday spending needs. Stop by the tables after Mass or call 861-7190.

**Serengeti Trek Vacation Bible School 2005** previously scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled due to lack of sufficient volunteer interest.

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