



"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY – MAY 24TH, 2026

HIS GIFT THAT WE SHALL SHARE

Shedding the Gift Abroad

The gift of the Holy Spirit, the one who opens the way of eternal life to all, came abundantly to Jesus' first followers so that it would be spread out to all the nations of the world. Filled with the Spirit, through their incessant preaching, both in words and in powerful loving deeds of restoration of broken lives and relationships, the disciples took Jesus' Way to the people of Israel first, and later to the Gentiles of the nations of the known world of the time.

Jesus' Way, which later came to be known as Christianity, reached out to different parts of Asia and Europe, transforming people's lives and giving them a true sense of belonging in the Christian communities that were formed. All this happened in the midst of official opposition, persecution, and even death of some of the new converts, but the power of the Holy Spirit acting in the Church was greater than any obstacle, simply because the joy that finding the true meaning of abundant and eternal life that Jesus' followers felt and shared surpassed any ordeals they might have to face.

And all this started in Jerusalem, on the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection and after His ascension, according to St. Luke the Evangelist. St. John the Evangelist, however, depicts the disciples receiving the power of the Holy Spirit directly from the resurrected Jesus on the first day of the week—Sunday—while they are assembled in the upper room.

As much as we would like to have all the gospels coinciding in this, what we have gotten is these two different versions. This does not weaken the message though; on the contrary, it enriches it. It may either show two moments, or two facets of the powerful manifestation of the Spirit in the disciples.



The link between Jesus' resurrection and the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit among Jesus' followers is undeniable, whichever the time lapse between the two events may have been. It was Jesus' ultimate victory over the powers of evil and death which unmistakably showed His followers what their own hopes and ultimate victories are, and this greatly contributed to opening their hearts and minds to be filled by God's Spirit of Truth.

What the Holy Spirit does to Jesus' followers is likened to a total re-creation in John's gospel. Jesus blows upon them, which is a reminder of the Spirit blowing at the beginning of Creation, bringing order out of chaos, as depicted in the Book of Genesis. Then Jesus' words to the disciples highlight the purpose of this re-creation: "as the Father has sent me, so I send you."

The Holy Spirit is given to Jesus' followers abundantly, re-creating them, and sending them out to continue Jesus' reconciling mission in the world. Jesus' words about forgiving or retaining sins, however we interpret them, are clearly linked to the idea of reconciliation. There can be no reconciliation without forgiveness of our sins by God, and forgiveness of our sins by others and vice versa, since we all sin.

What happened on that Feast of Pentecost, as described by St. Luke in the Book of Acts, already pointed to the universality of Jesus' Way of Love. Each of those listening, who had come to the Feast from different nations, heard the disciples speak in their own languages. The message, therefore, was not only for the Jews, but for all who would open their hearts and minds to it, and it would be received in the language of their hearts.

The Holy Spirit does not unite us by obliterating our individuality, but by honoring it, and making the message clear to us in the language we cherish as our own. The Holy Spirit, according to St. Luke, did not manifest to the group of disciples as a common flame or cloud, but as individual tongues of fire upon each of them. Who knows if each might have shown a distinctive hue of color?

The Collect of this Sunday asks God to "shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel that it may reach to the ends of the earth." Some of us may not feel called to embark on a mission abroad, but wherever we are, wherever we go, even within our neighborhood, we can become agents of this wonderful gift for those with whom we come in contact, through our words and deeds of reconciling love.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR DAY OF PENTECOST – WHITSUNDAY

Act 2:1-21 + 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 + John 20:19-23 + Psalm 104:25-35, 37

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY **May 24th, 2026** **Day of Pentecost – Whitsunday**

10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our website at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5 to 12 in the Parish Hall, from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Youth and adults around noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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