

AN URGENT PLEA FOR DONATIONS

Our poor need your continued support

We are humbled and grateful to the tremendous response to our first appeal for donations.

Given the ongoing pandemic and continues suspension of masses, we will need a further S\$3m to meet the basic needs of the poor till the end of the year.

We once again appeal to your kindness and generosity to meet that target. Many lives have been turned upside down by the current crisis and we anticipate more coming forward to seek our help. Please help them tide over this crisis.

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DONATIONS TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Parishioners who wish to continue their weekly donations may consider sending your cheque favouring **Church of the Holy Family**.

Alternatively you may also send via PayNow. Please enter **T08CC4048E** Unique Entity Number (UEN) for "**Church of The Holy Family**" and in the reference, type **Mass Collection**.

For more information, please refer to Church of the Holy Family website <http://holyfamily.org.sg>.

Additional instructions on how to use PayNow is available on <https://www.catholic.sg/offertory>.

INFANT BAPTISM FOR MONTH OF JUNE — POSTPONED

Due to ongoing circuit breaker mode, please note infant baptism scheduled to be held in June has been postponed. Please check our website regularly for updates.

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM

The issue of life and its defence and promotion is not a concern of Christians alone. Although faith provides special light and strength, this question arises in every human conscience which seeks the truth and which cares about the future of humanity. The value at stake is one which every human being can grasp by the light of reason; thus it necessarily concerns everyone.

— St. John Paul II
from *The Gospel of Life*



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Mass Times

Weekdays:

6.15 am (Mondays to Saturdays)

6.15 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

8.30 am (Public Holidays)

Saturday Sunset Masses:

6.00 pm (English) & 6.00 pm (Latin)

Sunday Masses:

7.15, 8.30 am & 6.00 pm

(Columbarium 30 minutes before weekend masses)

Novena: 5.00 pm Saturday

DIVINE MERCY - Every Friday @

7.00pm in Main Church

Adoration Room

Mon – Sat 7am to 10 pm, Sun | Public Holidays: 7am to 8.30pm

Columbarium

Mon – Fri: 6.00am to 7.00pm | Sat: 6.00am to 9.00pm

Infant Baptism

Sunday: 7.00am to 7.00pm | Public Holidays: 8.00am to 12noon

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Saturday, 6pm & Sunday, 11.30am Mass

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday @ Church Function Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesday & Wednesday: Wednesdays 7.30pm

Divine Mercy

Every Friday @ Main Church

Family Rosary

1st Saturday of every month, 3.30–4pm @ Main Church

Family Eucharistic Adoration

1st Saturday of every month, 4–5pm @ Adoration Room

Weddings

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

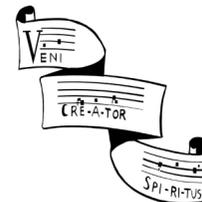
PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020 – Year A

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VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS!

"Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life." These words are in the Creed. Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit; He came to bestow a share in divine life upon God's chosen and covenanted people. There is sound, wind, and fiery light as signs of the gift. People experience the reversal of the fall of Babel. Everyone hears in his or her own language the Apostles speaking. They speak about the marvels of God. The Spirit is given to each for a good purpose — building up Christ's body. Veni Creator Spiritus!

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 7 June

Exo 34:4-6,8-9

2 Cor: 13:11–13

Jn 3: 16-18

MESSAGE FOR MESSAGE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A, 2020

Dear Parishioners of the Church of the Holy Family

Annually, the Easter Season is concluded with the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Though, we can only celebrate it in private within the confines of our own homes and our hearts just like other key events of this Easter Season, it has been quite an experience of what we have seen and heard; and to long for what was supposed to happen but did not take place.

In the Middles Ages, God has inspired some pious persons to invent the Rosary, through which it was attached among others the Glorious Mysteries, the first 3 of which are the Resurrection, the Ascension and the Pentecost, key markers of the Easter Season. God foresees that there will be situations when we cannot celebrate the Sundays of the Easter Season and indeed every Sunday (Day of Resurrection) in the way that we are used to but we can commemorate it privately through the recitation of the Rosary meditating on Glorious Mysteries either individually or in our families.

The situations mentioned in the forgoing paragraph include on one hand, individuals who are indisposed or hospitalized due any illness; massive numbers isolated due to an epidemic such as the Bubonic Plague, Spanish Flu, Asian Flu, SARS, MERS, Ebola and on the other hand where both huge groups of individuals have to be hospitalized and at the same time entire communities have to be confined e.g. the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Now, as mentioned in the 1st Reading (Acts 2:1-11), while the disciples were at prayer with Mary, they experienced the fire and strength of the Holy Spirit descending on their heads and then into their hearts and lives. This fulfills yet again Jesus' promises pronounced on the very first Easter Sunday, the first day of the Season Easter, recorded in the Gospel text, Jn 20:19-23: 'Receive the Holy Spirit'. God's deepest life came upon them giving them empowerment and courage, inspiring them to go forth and testify in Christ's name to all peoples.

We need the wisdom and the insight of the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we can understand what others are saying to us and they may understand us. In the process, with the Spirit's help, we will discover a new wisdom, peace, tolerance, compassion, and humility and through all of this, we will achieve a deeper understanding of others.

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The tradition of the Church gives us two beautiful Gregorian chants that we use at Pentecost in honor of the Holy Spirit. They are Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit) and Veni Creator Spiritus (Come, Creator Spirit).

The former is enshrined in the Sequence before the Gospel at Mass on Pentecost Sunday and is composed by Stephen Langdon (d. 1228), Archbishop of Canterbury. The 1st and 2nd stanza invite the Holy Spirit to descend on us; the 3rd and 4th describe its strength to be given to us; the 5th and 6th speak of its light and goodness; the 7th and 8th beg for healing, renewal of strength, pouring of dew on our dryness, washing away our guilt, bending of the stubborn heart and will, melting the frozen, warming the chill and guiding the steps of those that go astray; while the 9th and 10th request for grace and eternal joy.

The latter is chanted as an opening hymn whenever the Divine Office is prayed at Pentecost and was composed by Rabanus Maurus (d. 856). Besides, it is also chanted during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation; the Sacrament of Holy Orders; Dedication of a Church; and other occasions when the Holy Spirit is invoked. The 1st stanza highlights its part in creation; the 2nd its role in sanctifying us; the 3rd mentions its seven gifts; the 4th requests for its strength; the 5th begs for its help; the 6th intercedes it to deepen our relationship with God and the 7th is a doxology in honor of the Trinity.

Through the ages, the Holy Spirit has inspired many to rise above their struggles, challenges and difficulties while remaining faithful to the Truth as exemplified by the saints whose feast days we remember this week. Today is feast day of Blessed Nicholas Barre, the founder of the II Sisters. Also, today we commemorate the Visitation of BVM while tomorrow we honor the BVM, the Mother of the Church and it is also the feast day of St Justin. 2nd Jun is the feast day of Sts Marcellinus and Peter, 3rd Jun is the feast day of St Charles Lwanga and Companions. 4th Jun is the feast day of St Quirinius of Sisak, Croatia, 5th June is the feast day of St Boniface and 6th Jun is feast day of St Norbert and St Marcellinus Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers.

Let us invoke the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) today and everyday saying, 'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth'.
Alleluia !

God bless

Fr Stanislaus PANG

Assistant Parish Priest