Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

In the dry season, the river beds barely contain a trickle of water, the land is parched, life is dormant and seemingly non-existent. Everything appears scorched and barren, water is scarce, but let the rains come again, that life-giving flood of water, and the entire picture changes. Now life appears again in abundance, growth springs up everywhere. Grass, grain, flowers and leaves all flourish. Humankind is given new hope. What a marvel is water! But it symbolizes a still greater marvel: the living water, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus had promised rivers of Living Water to those who would accept him and he meant the Spirit that gives life, refreshes, animates. What a change the Spirit wrought in the Apostles at his coming! They who were once timid and cowardly are now filled with new life and vigor. No more hiding behind closed doors for fear of what others would do to them as followers of Jesus, or what people would say about them. They forget all about themselves, their energy is now directed to a new goal. Now they have a mighty job to do, a stupendous project: endowed with the Spirit, they set out to conquer the world for Christ.

Now, they are no longer hesitant, inactive, but up and doing. Transformed by the Spirit to men of action, they fearlessly bear witness to Christ's resurrection. Impelled by the Spirit as Christ was before them, they preach the Christian way of life in season and out of season, although it means telling their very leaders that they did wrong in crucifying the Messiah-King. Filled with the Spirit, their life and example are now like that of Christ, pointing the way to true values for life and eternity.

In Baptism, we have all received the same Spirit of Jesus, and a fuller potion of the water of Life in the sacrament of Confirmation. Now it is our turn to be more fully aware of his abiding presence within us, to be open to his suggestions, to work with him for the up building of our fellowmen and women be it in the family, the community, the parish. With the Spirit we will not lack vigor and drive, for he is the promised Christ, the Gift of Living Water.

Since each member of Christ has received from the Spirit a charism or special gift for the common good, one ought to foster it and utilize it to the utmost, so that greater benefit come to those we serve. The gifts of the Spirit ought not to lie dormant but to be put to use. Even natural gifts can be heightened by the Spirit and constitute a valuable charism for the community.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**May 25**	**11:00AM**
Ricardo Diwa Sr. † & Carmelita Diwa†		Bob & Lydia
Wed.	**May 26**	**11:00AM**
Francisco M. Jose †		Lacsina Family
Thur.	**May 27**	**11:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Fri.	**May 28**	**11:00AM**
Thanksgiving		Lily Militar
Sat.	**May 29**	**4:30PM**
Special Intentions		
Sun.	**May 30**	**9:00AM**
Special Intentions		
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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