

PASTOR’S NOTES

Pentecost – centerpiece of the Paschal Mystery

With the celebration of Pentecost the 50 day of the Easter season comes to a close. We often speak of Pentecost as the coming of the Holy Spirit. **That is not quite true!!** The Holy Spirit has been active in history from the beginning when God’s spirit hovered above the waters of creation. In fact the Holy Spirit has been active in history from its very start.

To this effect Pope St. Leo the Great writes,

“Let us not doubt that when on Pentecost the Holy Spirit filled the Lord’s disciples, he was not giving his gift for the first time but was rather extending a gift already given. The patriarchs, the prophets, the priests, and all the saints of earlier times were nourished by the same sanctifying spirit. No sacrament was ever instituted, no mystery ever celebrated, that did not involve his grace. The power of his gifts had ever been the same, though the gifts had not been given in so great a measure.”

So what’s with Pentecost and the Holy Spirit?

First and foremost the Paschal Mystery is a unity that is all tied together by Pentecost. As a unity, the Paschal Mystery [Christ’s Death, Resurrection and Ascension] is God’s plan of salvation for the human race.

The necessary first step in this plan is God becoming man, which is known as the Incarnation [the feast of Christmas] when the Holy Spirit comes upon Mary and she conceives Christ in her womb. From there the Holy Spirit leads Christ to Calvary where he offers his life for the forgiveness of sin. By the spirit of the Resurrection the Father accepts his son’s sacrifice, and led by the Spirit Christ ascends to heaven from whence he first came. In the Pentecost event God’s plan of salvation reaches its climax. As Pope St. Leo the Great writes,

“This day contains within itself the great mysteries of the old and new economies, showing clearly that the law had foretold grace and that grace brought the fulfillment of the law. It was on the fiftieth day after the sacrifice of the lamb that the law was given on Mount Sinai to the Hebrews who had been liberated from Egypt. So too, once Christ had suffered and the true Lamb of God had been slain, it was on the fiftieth day after his resurrection that the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and the multitude of believers. The alert Christian will readily see that the initial events of the Old Testament served the gospel in its beginning and that the second covenant had its origin in the same Spirit who had instituted the first.”

Now, in Pentecost, the Holy Spirit bestows himself in a fullness of ways to strengthen our faith and deepen our unity in being Temples of the Holy Spirit, as the People of God, and as the Body of Christ.

All of history is caught up in the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ does not just act in the solemn acts of church counsels and the Pope, but as is often forgotten – in the constant activity of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. Again, as Pope St. Leo the Great was fond of saying *‘all that Christ accomplished in history has now passed into the sacraments’*. **The risen Christ is truly present in every sacrament** - his very life in Baptism, his missionary spirit in Confirmation, his Body and Blood in the Eucharist, his healing power in the anointing of the sick, his forgiving love in reconciliation, his faithful love in marriage, and his shepherding spirit in ordination.

Such is the glory of Pentecost!



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Pentecost Sunday
June 5, 2022

Weekend Mass Schedule for St. Leo’s and St. Thomas

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays: 8:30 am St. Thomas, 10:30 am St. Leo’s
2nd & 4th Sundays: 8:30 am St. Leo’s, 10:30 am St. Thomas
Every Saturday: 5:00 pm at St. Leo’s

Mass Intentions for the week of June 5:

Mon - June 6 – 9:00 am - **+deceased Farrell family members** by Paul Nelson
Tues - June 7 – 9:00 am – St. Thomas – **+Souls in purgatory**
St. Leo’s — NO MASS

Wed – June 8 – 9:00 am - **++Dee & Gillis Hageman** by Bill & Mona Franck
Thurs – June 9 – 9:00 am - **+Marie Hong Tran** by Lisa Tran
Fri – June 10 – 9:00 am - **+Souls in purgatory**

Sat - June 11 - 5:00 pm - +Nick Kaufman by Ron & Thuy Kaufman
Sun - June 12 – St. Leo’s - 8:30 am - For the people of our parishes
St. Thomas - 10:30 am - +Dorothy Decker by Keith & Joni Biggers

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
at St. Leo’s
4:00 - 4:45 pm Saturday

at St. Thomas
8:00 - 8:15 am
before all 8:30 am Masses
~ Anytime by appointment
~ Communal Services during
Advent and Lent

New Members: If you are new to the area, we would love to have you as a registered member. To register as a new member of the parish, please visit with Fr. Ermer after Mass.

Please join in praying the Rosary
25 minutes before the Saturday evening
and Sunday morning Mass times.

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS


Sun., June 5 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., June 7 - 7:00 pm - Social Concerns meeting at the rectory
Sun., June 12 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., June 14 - 7:00 pm - Cemetery committee meeting at the rectory
Sun., June 19 - 11:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., June 21 - 7:00 pm - Finance committee meeting at the rectory
Sun., June 26 - 9:30 am - Beverage and Bite after Mass
Tues., June 28 - 7:00 pm - Pastoral Council meeting at the rectory
NO KC meeting in the month of June.

This week’s Stewardship moment:

“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” ~ John 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions.

Upcoming Ministry Schedule

	Saturday June 11 5:00 pm <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday June 12 8:30 am <i>St. Leo’s</i>	Sunday June 12 10:30 am <i>St. Thomas</i>
<i>Lector</i>	Mark Voss	Shari Kensok	Alecia Killoran
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mark Weber	Richard Muscha	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Addison/Noah Hushka Sophie/Emma Scherweit	Sarah Kempel Melody Kempel Lucas Miller	Gavin Besette Meyer Wendel
<i>Offertory Collectors</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Frank & Laura Biggers
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	Justin Killoran Family

NEWS AND NOTES

Special prayers and blessings to the faithful couples that help us see the presence and faithfulness of God in our lives:
Mike & Lil Eberhardt - 52 years on June 13
Glenn & Diane Lemke - 53 years on June 14
Jim & Arlene Kieffer- 59 years on June 15
Gary & Linda Milbrandt - 54 years on June 15
Arnold & Barb Buhr- 59 years on June 22

Men’s Leadership Summit: The Diocese of Fargo “Made for Greatness” Ministry will hold a Men’s Leadership Summit July 22-24 at the Stiklestad Lodge, Fort Ransom, ND. This summit is for men 18 years and older. Cost is \$250. To register and for more information go to: www.fargodiocese.org/mfg or see the flyer on the bulletin board. “Made for Greatness” is a ministry of Diocese of Fargo which seeks to fulfill the Great Commission by discipling men, forming them in their identity as sons of God, and equipping them to become missionary disciples through conferences, retreats and leadership events.

Women’s Care Center (103 University Dr N, Fargo) has an opening for a full-time or part-time nurse or sonographer. Seeking special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. Will train. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

Job Opportunities: There are many job openings within the Fargo Diocese area. Check out the list on the bulletin board in the church entry.

Thank You so much! On behalf of the St. Leo’s Cemetery Committee, we want to express our gratitude for the recent response to the appeal letter that was sent to all parishioners. Your generosity to date has raised over \$6000. We continue to accept donations to help with ongoing maintenance costs and for future improvements.

Into His Likeness– Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ Women’s Retreat: July 22nd — July 24th, 2022 at Maryvale in Valley City, ND. The retreat begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, July 22nd and concludes by 12:30 pm on Sunday, July 24th. Suggested donation is \$95. If anyone is unable to make this donation, the Spiritual Life Center will accept any offering within their means. A simple private room with a single bed, bedding, pillow, chair, desk, bible and meals are provided. You may bring your own bible if you prefer. Other items to bring: leisurely clothing, face mask, and toiletry items. Please register by Tuesday, July 12th by calling Amanda at Maryvale (701)845-2684 or by emailing; maryvalesmp@gmail.com

Trinity Youth Camp: for youth entering grades 3rd - 8th fall of 2022. Summer camp dates are:
June 22– 26 Red Willow, Binford, ND
July 13– 17 Pelican Lake, Bottineau, ND
July 20– 24 Camp of the Cross, Garrison, ND
July 26– 31 Pelican Lake, Bottineau, ND
This year’s theme is **Call on His Name**. Learn how to hear God’s voice through the sacraments. Together we’ll encounter God’s grace through his healing, sacrifice and calling. God is calling YOU to join us this summer and to live a life filled with the Spirit.
For more information and to register go to: trinityyouthcampnd.com
Information is also available in the brochure in the entry of church.

2022 Summer Camps and Events: There are a number of summer camps and events available for youths to participate in this summer. Please see the display in the entrance of the church for information and to pick up a brochure.