

May 20, 2018

Pentecost (B)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

# The Patience of Mary

The image of Mary—surrounded by the apostles in the upper room, awaiting the Holy Spirit—has a name: *Regina Apostolorum*, Queen of the Apostles. She is enthroned as Queen Mother because, when her Son the King was enthroned and lifted up, he told her, "Behold your son." With those words he entrusted Mary to the care of John, the apostles, and the whole Church. As any good queen and mother, she defends her own.

She is also called the Spouse of the Spirit, because it was in union with the Spirit that she engendered the Son. She also engenders him in the apostles and in our souls through her powerful intercession and waiting on the Spirit.

One of Mary's best qualities is waiting patiently until God's power arrives. After the annunciation she waited nine months with Jesus in her womb. Then she waited some thirty years while Jesus grew and prepared for his mission. She waited during his public life and watched as his fame spread, but also as his enemies plotted. She waited at the foot of the cross and endured that unending Holy Saturday until the resurrection. And she waited patiently on the first Pentecost Sunday for the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit promised by her Son. She knew he would come through, as he always did.

We get impatient with God and want him to respond on our timetables according to our expectations. He waits to give us a chance to adapt our hearts to his plan and timing. He waits until the time is just right.

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## For Reflection

How often do I seek Mary's intercession or help? Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. How can you practice more patience this week?



But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.

John 16:13



## St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th January 1928;

it is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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## Sunday Mass: 9.00 a.m.

Portuguese Mass: Wednesday 7.30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

St. Joseph's at 8.30 a.m. Sunday morning

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 11.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment - one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment - one year in advance (approx)

CCD - Sunday - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting - Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Stewardship Team -

Coffee Social after Mass – 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 - Hosts, Team 2

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Reverend Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiewak www.romancatholicbermuda.bm)

## **Parish Team Leaders**

Mrs. Elizabeth Card - Pastoral

Council Chairperson

Mrs. Annette Barclay St. Vincent de Paul Society

representative

**Walette Cross** 

**Entrance:** 

Offertory:

Stewardship Representative

Mrs. Mari-Ann Widhalm Parish Catechetical Leader

Mrs. Mary Harvey

Parish Administrator & Finance

Committee Team Leader

Mr. Tony Bari Music Ministry

Mrs. Liberia Aguiar -

Portuguese Representative on Pastoral Council

St. Vincent de Paul Society (contact Annette)

Todav's Hvmns

**Come Holy Ghost** #443 Send Us Your Spirit #433 Communion: One Bread, One Body #793 Recessional: Come, O Holy Spirit #434





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Lucille Dixon & Iliene Bremar **Walette Cross** Hugh & Sheelagh Hassell volunteers Joanne Smith Mary Harvey & Kathie Ausenda Tony Bari

If you would like to participate in one of the above mentioned ministries please see Annette Barclay.

Mass Intentions - 20th May, 2018 9.00 a.m. - For the People of St. Joseph's

13<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

Music

Attendance: 68 (approx)

Collection: Regular \$771.00

> **Maintenance** \$398.00

Total: \$1.169:00

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated

## .PARISH

**Prayers**: Please keep our sick and shut-in in your prayers, especially Manuel Arruda and Petra Caesar.

It is with regret that we learned of the death of Luis Muso's Mum this past Monday. Luis has been in Ecuador for the past few weeks, and Sally and the children flew out on Wednedsday. Please keep them in your prayers.

## **Birthdays**

Steven Barbosa Mary Stones

May our loving Father bless you all with many more special days.

Please join us in the Parish Centre after the Mass this morning for our monthly Coffee Social; it will be hosted by Team 1 (Liz, Liberia, Jackie & Dennis). Some added goodies will be provided by Grace Smith.

**CONFIRMATION:** Today, **Ellen Butterfield** from our parish, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Theresa's Cathedral. The Mass starts at 2.00 p.m. Please keep Ellen, and all the youngsters who will be confirmed today, in your prayers. Next Sunday Ellen will be presented with her Certificate of Confirmation during the Mass.

## **CCD NEWS**

1. May is the month for registration of children to the CCD program for September 2018. Youth must be in their 5<sup>th</sup> year to enter Kindergarten. Children born in the year of 2013. Families should be registered in your parish (that means we should be able to find them in the database system) or must attach a Parish registration form to the CCD application. Please remember that overseas baptisms require a copy of the baptism certificate to be attached to the CCD registration form.

- 2. CCD fees of \$140 per child is due during the month of May. Make payments on line, cash or check to the Parish. Please post direct banking instructions if your parish receives fees for students continuing their studies.
- 3. Please talk with your PCL (Mari-Ann Widham) regarding if new catechists are needed. Prior to having a class registered in your parish you must have a catechist in place. Your PCL will now know who will be returning in the fall and which classes they will need new catechists for.

## **DIOCESE**

## THE BISHOP'S CORNER

My dear fellow-Catholics,

Growing up in the rigid reality of Poland behind the iron curtain, I never anticipated that in my adult life I would have the opportunities for extensive travel and experience of the varieties of cultures, traditions, customs and beliefs that I have. In fact, 40% of my life has been spent outside of my homeland, and it seems that - God willing - this figure is going to increase in the future.

Being around and in touch with these varied realities has presented many challenges for me, but at the same time has widened and deepened my horizons. It has matured my vision of the world and of the Church as well. There were moments I found myself confused, perhaps upset and not convinced. However, in time I became more aware that everything contributes to the enlargement of the paradigm through which I relate to the external world.

I am very happy, therefore, for another opportunity to enrich our Catholic way of worship. Next Sunday, 27th of May, our Filipino community invites all of us to be a part of the Flores de Mayo & Santacruzan Festival. A good deal of information has been already provided in this regard in order to explain this tradition and to organize it properly. I have never attended this celebration and am looking forward to it. I want to encourage and inspire you, my dear and good People, to also be positively curious and join this celebrating congregation. I strongly believe it would not only be refreshment for our religious routine, but also our expression of respect and appreciation for the Filipino People living and working in Bermuda.

And please, recite a small prayer for our young Catholics who are being confirmed in St. Theresa's Cathedral today. Stay well and have a blessed Bermuda Day week!

## **Bishop Wes**

Caritas House of Prayer - "Quiet Wednesday" resumes this Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, with the Recitation of the Rosary at 10:30 a.m., followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will not be having Mass but rather evening prayer at 5:30 p.m., in celebration of the Blessed virgin Mary during this her special month. All are invited to join us.

Lectio Divina takes place at 7:00 p.m., on Mondays at St. Theresa's Hall. All are welcome.

Save the Date: "An Afternoon with Mary" on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. You are invited to take some time out from the holiday weekend to spend some time in guiet and in prayer for peace in our world and in honor of Mary, Queen of Peace. All (men and women) are invited including teens.

Peace and Social Justice Ministry - The Peace and Social Justice Ministry of the Roman Catholic Church will be hosting a series of One Day Workshops for our adult church community (those 18 years and older) to raise awareness on racism, racial injustice, and our call as a church community to solidarity, in doing something to help heal these injustices.

These workshops are a part of a larger anti-racism summit which will culminate with international speakers, experts on this topic, who will join us in November to further expound upon how we as Christians can address and help heal, by taking a progressive stand to address this delicate issue.

The workshops will be held in EACH church parish – preferably on a Saturday from about 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - with a lunch break in between. We ask that you support our whole church community in this initiative and sign up to attend your parish workshop on the date specified.

Flores de Mayo and Santacruzan Festival - We are pleased to invite everyone to witness and join the Filipino community in Bermuda on 27th May, from 1:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., as we celebrate Flores de Mayo and Santacruzan Festival – a beautiful Filipino traditions commemorating "May Flower" in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the commemoration of finding of St. Helena (Empress Helena) of the True Holy Cross where Jesus Christ was crucified.

The festival will start at 1:15 p.m., at St. Theresa's Cathedral with a short introduction of the festival, and a recitation of the Holy Rosary in 5 languages (English, Tagalog, Visaya, Portuguese and Hindi). A short procession will follow, consisting of the clergy, the congregation and a parade of beautiful women ("Sagalas" or "Reynas"), representing a number of Marian Titles as well as remarkable women heroes of the Bible. Upon coming back from the procession, people will then pay homage to the Blessed Mother's statue by offering flowers, followed by a roll call of the Sagalas/Reynas. After the final blessing, refreshments will then be served at the hall. Please bring a flower with you during the day to offer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This event is organized by Couples for Christ and Family Ministries Bermuda, in collaboration with the Association of Filipinos in Bermuda, Club 2000, Filipino Sports Group, and the Parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton Bermuda. Come and join us in celebrating this colorful Marian tradition!

# May 20, 2018 - Pentecost Sunday

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6 All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what - we are not all called to do the same thing!



## Tuesday

May 22

Weekday

Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37

## Wednesday

May 23

Weekday

Jas 4:13-17

Mk 9:38-40

## Thursday

May 24

Weekday

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:41-50

## Friday

May 25

Weekday

Jas 5:9-12

Mk 10:1-12

## Saturday

May 26

St. Philip Neri,

Priest

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 10:13-16

## Sunday

May 27

Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

# Dear Padre,

# There are many gifts given by the Spirit, but I don't understand "speaking in tongues." What is the significance of this gift?

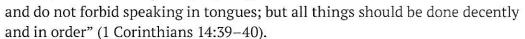
7 ou are probably speaking from the experience of a "charismatic" prayer I service, in which an individual suddenly enters into an ecstatic state and begins speaking what sounds to others like gibberish.

Sacred Scriptures offer us some examples of this phenomenon. On the day of Pentecost, for example, the apostles were overtaken by the Holy Spirit and were understood by people of many nations, each in his or her own tongue (Acts 2:3–4, 6). The phenomenon occurred again when the first Gentiles were

converted to the faith: Peter heard them "speaking in tongues and extolling God" (Acts 10:46). Paul, too, saw the ecstatic condition of the people he confirmed (Acts 19:6).

Saint Paul reminds us that speaking in tongues is one of many gifts the Spirit may bestow upon a person (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28, 30), but that, above all of them, there is love (1 Corinthians 13:8). He tells us that, like the gifts of prophecy and knowledge, so also will the gift of speaking in tongues come to an end. Love will prevail.

We must remember Paul's words as we contemplate all the gifts of the Spirit: "So, my friends, be eager to prophesy,



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## A Word From Pope Francis

As he did on Pentecost, the Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue

building the world of today.

-World Youth Day prayer vigil, July 30, 2016



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