

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 2018



"Jesus stood up and exclaimed; 'Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in Me.' He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe were to receive."

The great event in Jerusalem, marked by wind, noise and fire, was a moment of fulfillment and at the same time of beginning for the life of the church. The signs and wonders of Pentecost are so familiar surrounding the radical change which took place in the upper room.

Jesus speaks to us today, leading me to ask myself: Do I thirst for the Lord? When we are thirsty we long for a drink, for refreshment, to be renewed. The reading from John, who always speaks about belief and believers, reminds me to pray 'Come Holy Spirit' in the events of my daily life. I am thirsty for the Lord, yes or no. The Spirit is part of my family life, of my home and work. The Spirit leads and guides me, but only if I ask and give in.

Speaking of thirst, remember the words on the lips of Jesus at Calvary, 'I thirst'. He thirsts still for you and for your Spirit filled life.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 19

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25 (302)

12:10 p.m. Matthew Campanella

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 20 Pentecost Sunday

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 (63)

9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Sr. Gloria Oehl

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, May 21

*Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs*

Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29 (341)

12:10 a.m. Michael & Emil Ferfoggia (Father /Son)

Tuesday, May 22 Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Jas 4:1-10, Mk 9:30-37 (342)

12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Jas 4:13-17, Mk 9:38-40 (343)

12:10 p.m. Nicholas Hordynsky

Thursday, May 24

Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:41-50 (344)

12:10 p.m.

Friday, May 25

*Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;
Saint Gregogy VII, Pope, Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi,
Virgin*

Jas 5:9-12 / Mk 10:1-12 (345)

12:10 p.m. Colleen Carney

SECOND COLLECTION

May 19th & 20th – All Masses

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Here in the United States, there is a great need for evangelization and for sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of His Church. And yes, we all know that the Church at home needs to be strengthened and fortified. And so, we take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which supports the neediest (arch) dioceses in the United States. This special collection makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the Gospel message with our brothers and sisters in (arch)dioceses where Church communities are scattered and struggling.

For example, the Diocese of Pueblo's terrain, very mountainous and lonely, has shaped the attitude of pastors and parishioners alike— they tend to be highly independent. This has served them well, since only 44 priests and 45 deacons are available to serve the needs of over 64,000 Catholics. The diocese is primarily rural, covering the entire southern half of the state of Colorado, and the priest shortage is felt very strongly there. But with your support of the Catholic Home Mission Appeal, the Diocese of Pueblo offers lay ministry training programs. This training will enable them serve the most isolated parishes and offer spiritual support for Catholics in the diocese.

Your Support of this special collection makes a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

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Church in Latin America

It's time again for our annual special collection for the Church in Latin America. Although the people are faith-filled, the needs in this region of the world are great—and often seem insurmountable. The distance between rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass celebrated regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and today's special collection is prophetic and bold way to do so.

For example, in Cuba, in the Archdiocese of San Cristobal de la Habana, the Church is not present in many of the smaller or rural communities. For many years, there were no priests or missionaries and there was no mission house—not to mention a church building— to which the people could turn. The message of the Gospel could not spread because there were very few messengers to share it and few places where people could go to hear it. But, with your support, pastoral agents have received training to bring the Gospel to these areas and neighborhoods. Your support has helped bring people to the Church through religious education and retreats and has brought the Church to the people through evangelization efforts and the repair of church buildings. This has given them the hope and the joy of the Gospel.

Please be as generous as you can to this special collection, and take this opportunity to share your faith with many families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference.

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OUR COLLECTION

Collection for May 12th & 13th, 2018 by Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$7,732 9:00 am: \$2,200

11:30 am: \$3,176 6:00 pm: \$927

Sunday Masses Total: \$14,035

Ascension Day: \$978

WeShare: \$350 FaithStreet: \$3,546

Grand Total: \$18,459

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

During the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire came to rest on the heads of the disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each disciple began speaking in a different language, and were understood by people from many different regions who were amazed at what they had witnessed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul explains that we are all members of one body. We have all been baptized in one Spirit and although numerous, we are one through Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

John describes Jesus' first visit to the disciples after his resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.



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YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH

Sunday, May 20th

The Young Adults Group is hosting a brunch immediately following the 11:30am Mass in Casserly Hall.



REMINDER

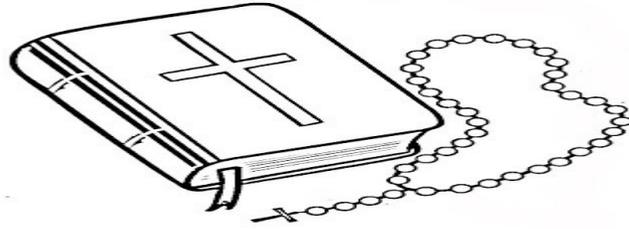
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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



As many of you may already know, our dear **Father Sebastian White, O.P.** has recently been appointed as the next editor-in-chief of *Magnificat*, the popular monthly publication designed to help readers deepen their lives of prayer, participate more fruitfully in the holy Mass, and grow in knowledge and love of the saints.

Father Sebastian's appointment is a wonderful honor and great opportunity for him to serve the broader Church. But sadly for us, it means he'll be concluding his ministry in the West Village over the course of the next six weeks. He's been a great shepherd of the flock as director/chaplain of the Catholic Center at NYU and a wonderful member of our parish community at Saint Joseph's. Please join me in thanking Father Sebastian for the gifts that he's given to so many of us, congratulating him on his good work, and offering prayers for his next exciting assignment.

Father Sebastian's new appointment means that our provincial had to find a replacement for him at NYU. He didn't have to look very far. I'm pleased to announce that **Father John Baptist Hoang, O.P.**, currently serving as our parochial vicar, will become the new director/chaplain of the Catholic Center and will continue in residence at Saint Joseph's.

Taking Father John Baptist's place on the parish staff will be **Father Pier Giorgio Dengler, O.P.** He's currently concluding his ministry as a deacon in Charlottesville, VA and will be ordained to the priesthood on May 19th. You'll be happy to know that Brother Pier Giorgio is a New Yorker through and through! Born in Pelham, he did his undergraduate studies at Fordham University and went on to earn a master's degree from Columbia University. Before entering the Dominican Order, he worked for a number of years with language-impaired special education students in the Bronx. Father Pier Giorgio will be a wonderful addition to Saint Joseph's and we can't wait to welcome him to our community in the beginning of June.

- Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.