

May 19-20, 2018

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

Corinthians 12:3-13

John 15:26-27:16:12-15

From Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon; from Seattle, Washington to Savannah, Georgia, millions of people are receiving diplomas and degrees. Many in their teens, many in 'mid-life' and some even in their dotage, these people, young and old alike, have sacrificed, labored and sweated the studies, exams, conferences, research and presentations, that have made the diplomas or degrees possible. And NOW begins their lives with this accomplishment in their portfolio of accomplishments by which they will both support themselves and start to make a difference in the world. How they apply what they now possess is as individual as whom they are as individuals. Some may leap into the fray of trying to transform the world, some will tuck their accomplishment into their back pocket and aspire to simpler callings and still others will turn right around and seek to add further academic credentials to what they have already reaped. What difference they will make in the world will be better understood in hindsight, with the clarity that comes only through the passage of decades and lifetimes. On this Pentecost Weekend, as our Easter Season officially comes to a close, we celebrate the outpouring of the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit by which we can participate with God in transforming our world. **Built** atop the INCARNATION of Jesus becoming one with us in our humanity, **reinforced** by his death upon the Cross, **RISING** as a beacon of hope and possibilities within the Church, Pentecost allures us to dream, to not settle for what has always been. Pentecost reminds us that we have the POWER and ability to recreate our world...the only ingredient missing is our commitment and dedication to see to fulfillment that to which we set our sights. As the graduates, young and old, are hearing in these weeks, they have been empowered to change the world...and in like manner to be tempted/resisted by the dark powers of those who wish to corrupt their dreams and maintain the status quo. In like manner, Pentecost is the GRADUATION moment for us as disciples of Jesus, to go out and make a difference and to equally be aware of those who will set themselves against what the graces of God within us are trying to do. The GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT have been generously given...what have you done with yours?

As the flames of Pentecost sizzle upon us, THANK YOU for sharing this Pentecost weekend with our Santa Clara community. Please accept a Bulletin on your way home for news of upcoming events. This weekend we accept a SECOND COLLECTION that benefits OTHER PARISHES here in Orange County that are in financial distress. As Orange County grows OUTWARD into the suburbs, the central-city parishes that once flourished within the core cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana, Orange, Tustin and even San Juan Capistrano, are facing the challenges of maintaining aging infra-structures and shifts in demographics while still ministering to their congregations. Your generosity, as always, is appreciated and the BASKET is available in the middle aisle. With one month to go before Summer fully dawns, enjoy your weekend and please remember, you are loved. FKB