

**June 8-9, 2019**

**PENTECOST**

**Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

**First Corinthians 12:3-13**

**John 20:19-23**

History frequently turns a blind eye to the minutia of details surrounding historic moments. For example, we have no sound recordings (of course not), nor precise notes, from the delegates to the Continental Congress' back in the 1770's as they wrestled with the concept of breaking FREE from Britain so as to become our own country. There was nobody following and recording Abraham Lincoln's every thought as he committed our country to a Civil War so as to preserve us as a single nation. In like manner, the Gospels and Scriptural passages surrounding **PENTECOST** are plain, direct and without elaboration. Indeed, we have a few contrarian views presented within the Gospel (which speaks of Jesus BREATHING upon the disciples during his first appearance following the Resurrection), as contrasted with the ACTS of the APOSTLES version which records the outpouring of the SPIRIT as TONGUES OF FIRE accompanied by the SOUND of a strong, driving wind. Regardless of how it has been recorded, there was an EXPERIENCE by which the Disciples of Jesus were CHANGED...empowered, energized, gifted...call it what you will...they were different after the experience than they had been before. **PENTECOST** continues to occur all around us in our world today, though it does not usually follow the Church calendar. It occurs when a son or daughter has an experience that sets their minds/hearts toward becoming a doctor, surgeon, dentist, physician. **PENTECOST** occurs when someone feels the SPARK of desire to become a dancer, singer, artist, sculptor or writer. **PENTECOST** occurs when someone's heart is compassionately moved to help someone else, which sews the seed of a potential vocation to priesthood or religious life. **PENTECOST** occurs in countless numbers of ways as the GRACE of the Holy Spirit continues to be about shaping and crafting our culture, society and world more and more into the likeness and image of Jesus. This SHAPING and SCULPTING is frequently unsettling, perhaps even painful and most certainly a cause of radical change. Following the gifting of GRACE to a person...life, for them and their family/friends, will never be the same (for better or worse.). This weekend we commemorate the event from which we continue to benefit today...had there been no **PENTECOST**, we would not be gathering as we do each weekend...there would be no reliance upon Mary's help and support, the Saints would not exist nor even be a sport team, our world, as we know it, would not exist. But **PENTECOST** did happen, even though the early writers have a hard time adequately describing it...the question today is...what is the HOLY SPIRIT asking of YOU TODAY (not the guy next to you, not the woman sitting near you) YOU...YOU.....YOU.....so as to assist Jesus in transforming our society, culture, parish and church?

THANK YOU for sharing this Pentecost Weekend with our Santa Clara community. On your way inside our Hall you may have noticed the many booths and tables erected in our Parking Lot? TODAY is our **PENTECOST MINISTRY FAIR**, an opportunity to both review the many ministries, outreaches and social organizations that comprise Santa Clara AND also see if the Holy Spirit might be calling you to participate with one of them? As a parish, Santa Clara is only as strong as the involvement of our parishioners, our parish family...so please, become involved, help us remain strong in grace!! **Next Weekend being Father's Day, if you wish to have your dads or 'Father Figures' remembered during the remainder of June Masses, please use one of the Father's Day envelopes available at the exits.** *NEXT SUNDAY at the 10am Mass, we will both honor Seminarian Cheeyoon for his Internship among us and we will host a RECEPTION after Mass at which you can express your gratitude to him for his presence among us this past year. Please consider adjusting your calendars so as to participate and personally send Cheeyoon onward to the remaining studies that will (with the grace of God) lead to Priesthood. Thanks for all you do to bring Santa Clara to life, it is my honor and humble pleasure to*

*call you family...I am grateful to the Holy Spirit for having joined us together...and I happy to remind you that, you are loved! FKB*