

May 26-27, 2007

Memorial Day Weekend - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Moist with the lingering chill of winter, you will recall that our most recent Easter was nonetheless celebrated with joy and excitement, our first Easter on our own land. Loudly did we celebrate and raise Alleluias for the grace of having emerged from Lent. Now, the Easter season comes to its conclusion with 'a noise like a strong driving wind' and 'tongues as of us fire'. Both a commemoration and a NEW experience, Pentecost is our wake-up call from God that the Church (and parish) will only thrive and grow to the extent that each member catch fire and share in the life of the Body of Christ. The energy of the first Pentecost enabled the early community to convey Jesus of Nazareth to those who had never heard of him, who did not speak Aramaic, who were not even Jewish. The energy of TODAY'S Pentecost enables our experience of Christ here in Corpus Christi to continue to thrive and grow. With our MNINISTRY FAIR we bring together the leaders and coordinators of every group, outreach and ministry that serve our parish. The purpose is to not just preen and look good, but to enable YOU, who have waited on the periphery, an opportunity to find a niche in which you can help serve others...and in the process become more for yourself and those with whom you live. In recent weeks we have seen the devastating power of fire running amok on Catalina or in Griffith Park...but the plume of flame at the tail of the Space Shuttle as it rockets into orbit is equally hot...but used to thrust humanity forward on voyages of exploration and discovery. Pentecost is about claiming the power of God to boldly move forward, to provide a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit, to light the world with God's grace shining forth from our words and deeds. The loud noise and fire of Pentecost are meant to drive us away from the empty tomb of Easter...not to forget and go back to our old ways...but to go forth and share what we have come to know, that Jesus is the Christ, that he is alive and well, that the cross must still be carried...and that the face of the earth will be transformed...by us, especially we who bear the name 'The Body and Blood of Christ' – Corpus Christi.

Thank you for sharing this Pentecost Weekend with our Corpus Christi Community. Please accept a Bulletin on your way home, the Summer lies before us with many events and activities. The Men's Leadership Dinner on June 12<sup>th</sup> at Salt Creek grill draws near, as does the Women's Leadership Dinner on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Reservation forms are available on the Concierge Shelves. Have you made your Parish Directory photograph appointment yet? Come on, what are you waiting for, share your bright smile and happy face! You can even make your appointment on line at our website...take a look and see how easy it is. And...let us not forget that Galilee by the Sea (July 17-19) is on the horizon, three mid-summer nights in which to experience Jesus in a whole different way...make your reservations now! If you are out on the roads this Memorial Day weekend, drive carefully, play enthusiastically, prayerfully remember those who have died in service to our nation...and remember, you are loved. FKB