

**From the Desk of Father Ed:**

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the culmination of the 50 days of the Easter Season. It is both the end and the pinnacle of the Easter Season, the Solemnity of Pentecost. It is the historical event 50 days after Jesus' Resurrection that the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Church. It is the day we celebrate the birth of the Catholic Church.

Pentecost Sunday is a day of power, marked by a "Strong driving wind" and "tongues as of fire". The strong driving wind is the breath of God breathing new life into His creation as He breathed life into Adam. The wind, a sign of the Holy Spirit, was also present at the beginning of creation when God created the world out of nothing. The tongues as of fire bring us back to the time of Moses as Mount Sinai was covered in smoke and fire and God gave His people the Law. Pentecost was the day in which the new and everlasting covenant was given; not written on stone but rather written on the hearts of men. The new law is given with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can carry it out through a life of faith, virtue, and holiness.

The Apostles were gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem with our Blessed Mother. She prayed with them as they awaited the promised gift of power and truth, the Holy Spirit. Mary, the Mother of our Lord, who gave birth to our Saviour, completed her mission at Pentecost as Mother of the Church. Let us call upon our Blessed Mother, especially by praying the Rosary daily that she may remain close to us and God the Holy Spirit will fill us with His power and truth.

**Parish Life:**

This weekend will be my last Sunday in the parish as your Pastor. I thank God for giving me this wonderful assignment with you at Our Lady Queen of Peace. I want to thank you for the privilege of being your Priest for these past four years. I cannot put into words the many blessings and joys that I have received during my time here. I will always remember my time here with you and how special it has been for me. I want to first thank the wonderful staff that I have had the pleasure to minister with, Jenn our Office Manager, Diana, our CRE, and our Music Ministers, Margaret & John Moeckel, Ben Yates, and Mary Chobrada. I also want to thank the many volunteers and members of the numerous groups in the parish that continue to work at building up the Church.

Please pray for me as I will be working very hard to help form our men as good, holy, and courageous Priests. Be assured of my prayers for you and that you will always be close to my heart. Pray for your new Administrators, Fr. Brendan and Fr. Philip-Michael. Remain strong in the faith by praying often, staying close to the Sacraments, and keep to the perennial Teachings of the Church.

Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us,

Father Ed,

Pastor