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losing them. If a gift comes my way, I am thankful and I share. I try not to be taken advantage of, though. I know you place me in situations where I may not feel comfortable. I don't complain, well, try not to complain. I do ask for your help and guidance often. Is that wrong? I know I have free will and that has caused some problems along the way. But you have always helped me when I have gone astray. You have not told me what you wanted me to do for you. Is it something you can tell me now?

God: I have already asked and you have answered. Feeling nervous? Good. I wish all my children would stay nervous to keep them out of trouble.

Me: Never a direct answer. Can the answer ever be a simple yes or no? I must always look ahead to see if my thinking is correct. This makes me nervous.

God: Nervousness is good, and I am your Creator. No matter how many books are written and read, or sermons spoken and heard, you will not truly know the mystery that surrounds me. But you do believe in me and that is good. My blessings are upon you today. It is up to you to be aware of them. Continue to pray my child. I enjoy hearing from all of you. What is the phrase you say, "Love you back?" Well I do.

"Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man," Ecclesiastes 12:13.

You are remembered in my prayers, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

Weekly Collection

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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Family Fun Night Scheduled

Get ready for a night of family fun at Bethlehem Community Park. We are starting a new group here at the Cathedral: A Family Group. If you're a young family with kids or perhaps newly wed, we want you to be a part! Our first outing will be held on June 9 at Bethlehem Park. Join us for some fun on the playground, followed by dinner and a movie at the big shelter. Everything will be provided for you to have a great time. Look for more details in the coming weeks, but please make plans to join us on June 9! We are very excited to start this new ministry!!!

Take the new virtual tour of our Cathedral at www.SaintJosephCathedral.com

Women's Faith Sharing Group

The third annual Women's Day of Reflection at Mount St. Joseph is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our focus will be "In Celebration of Women in the Bible, in History, and in Our Own Lives". Taking in the beautiful hills and peaceful surroundings of the Mount the day will include prayer, group discussions, reflective time, liturgy, lunch and fellowship with the sisters.

Fee will be \$9.00 for lunch. For reservations call Diane (304-233-8574). Deadline is Friday, May 13.

Ms. Debora Valorie Fahey, Parish Assistant for Pastoral Ministries (dfahey@dwc.org)
Sister Mary Bowman, SFCC, Pastoral Associate for Ministry to the Sick
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Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Come Holy Spirit



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter, and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

The narrative in The Acts of the Apostles re-counts the story of the

original Pentecost as well (Acts 2). Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection:

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted

tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. (Acts 2:2-4)

Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000

people were converted and baptized that day.

That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated.

We also receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts help us to live a Christian life. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (or courage), knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

Christian Awareness

By Alex Nagem

God: Alex, are you there?
Me: Good morning! You are calling on me? What did I do? What didn't I do? I don't remember doing anything wrong. Am I in trouble for something?

God: You are a nervous man, aren't you? Why do you think you have done something wrong? Do you believe you have done something wrong? That Catholic guilt is deeply instilled in you. Good! Keep it there. It may help you to stay out of trouble. You did not do anything wrong. I was calling on you just to talk.

Me: Oh, just to talk. Ok. I do get a little nervous when you enter my thoughts. On impulse, I do search my day for something I had done that may not be pleasing to you. Sorry. It is the Catholic guilt that comes from many years of church services, religion courses, reading Bible verses and religious and theology books. Anyway, I am your humble servant, ready to listen.

God: I have something I want you to do for me.

Me: Your humble servant awaits your beck and call!

God: That is what I like. One of my children willing to go where I tell them to go and do the things I want them to do.

Me: I don't have to leave home overnight, do I? Will I be gone long? Can I work from home or just give money in place of serv-

ice? Will it take more than a couple hours? Will it cost me anything? I do have some bills I need to pay. If I have to travel, I hope it isn't far.

God: You said you were my humble servant. Why all the questions? If you are truly my servant, you will be at my beck and call. Are you nervous, again? Are you afraid where you may be asked to go, or people you may encounter, or what I may have you say?

Me: Yes to all the above. I remember asking you one morning what you wanted from me. You answered quickly, within the hour. The experience has been challenging. But, I remind myself that I am the one who asked what I can do for you. You provided the direction.

God: Good, you did know it was me giving you direction. There is hope for you. Not everyone looks at a situation where they have been lead as if it comes from me. Instead they ask why they are placed in this situation, or they may receive a gift or a large sum of wealth, but fail to share with others.

They give a small amount and say that is sufficient.

They want to spend more on themselves. Now doesn't that sound like greed to you? You know my feelings on greed. If they give, they want their name known by others. Why do they need to have their name known by others? I am the only one who needs to know their name. I try not to interfere, though. That is why I use my children to help

each other.

Me: Isn't that interfering or being involved?

God: Questioning your Creator? Did I make you nervous, again? I am not the one interfering. I am asking you to do something for me. You can refuse. You have a free will to do as you please. I sometimes question free will that was given to all my children. I would help they would use it in better ways. I have heard many say it is easier to ask for forgiveness than it is to ask for permission. Asking for permission is searching your thoughts or your soul, as many have also said, for the moral and righteous answer to a question before you act. Many seem to take action that gives benefits such as power, money and control of others. They wait to see if they are overcome by guilt, then they ask for forgiveness. That is not how it is suppose to work. But, they will be judged according to their behavior. I will give you a good tip for the day. They better ask for forgiveness before they meet me, not after.

Me: I have the nervous feeling again. There is a cold, clammy feeling that has come over my body and my stomach aches. I now have a headache. Are you telling me these things because I have done something? Again, the feeling of Catholic guilt has taken hold of me. Am I to be my brother's keeper? No wait. I know the answer to that one. Sorry, that slipped out. I know we are to bear one another's burden and fulfill the law of

Christ. I know we are to give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. We are to live peaceably with all. We are not to avenge ourselves but leave this to you. The hard part is feeding and giving drink to the enemy. I would rather avoid them if possible.

God: Did you quote from the Bible or did you research how to be your brother's keeper? Either way, you thought before you answered and you answered correctly. How old are you? Did it really take you this long to understand my words? Am I keeping you nervous? Good. Too many have become complacent with my laws. They feel they are entitled. They desire things and do have them easily in their reach, so they steal or murder. They covet and cannot obtain, so they fight and quarrel. They do not have, because they do not ask. They ask and do not receive, because they did not ask correctly. They want to spend it on personal passions. Entitlement! I am the one who is entitled! I am entitled to your praise and thanks each waking day of your earthly life.

Me: There's that nervous feeling again. I think you like to see me sweat. I don't have the feeling of entitlement, do I? I know there are some things I would like to have, but I accept and I am thankful for what I have. I do not covet. Having more things means I need to take care of them or worry about

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—May 15th—PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:00a Mass for +Michael J. Bransfield Anniversary of Priesthood

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RDGS: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Monday—May 16th—7th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Julia Calovini Orell

RDGS: Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday—May 17th—7th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Doris Burke

RDGS: Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11a, 23 Mk 9:30-37
5:30p Parish Council

Wednesday—May 18th—Saint John I, Pope, Martyr

12:05p Mass for Frank Purpura

RDGS: Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3, 6-11 Mk 9:38-40
5:30p Finance Council

John I, died 526; from Tuscany; introduced the Alexandrian computation of the date of Easter; led an embassy to Constantinople to discuss Emperor Justin I's policy toward Arians in the East; not satisfying the demands of Theodoric, the Arian King in Ravenna, and not knowing his fate, he died there, a wretched man, ill and worn out from his travels; buried in Rome, his epitaph salutes him as a "victim for Christ."

Thursday—May 19th—7th Week of Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for Dolores Perri

RDGS: Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50

Friday—May 20th—Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

11:15a Confessions

12:05p Mass for Jerry Fabian

RDGS: Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 Mk 10:1-12

Bernardine, died 1444; O.F.M.; famous reformer and eloquent preacher who travelled throughout Italy; encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus; known for his use of the monogram IHS; patron of advertisers and advertising; invoked against hoarseness.

Saturday—May 21st—Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

9:00a Mass for Theresa Shutler

Rosary

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Mass for Mary Jane Bransfield

RDGS: Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3, 8 Mk 10:13-16

Christopher Magallanes and twenty one diocesan priests and three laymen were either shot or hanged (1915-1937) for their association with Cristero uprising which opposed the anti-Catholic Mexican government in the 1920s. The Cristero motto was: "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe."

Sunday—May 22nd—THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

8:00a Mass for the Parishioners

10:30a Mass for Eugene Pleva

RDGS: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Stewardship Thought

As children of God we are all called to be good stewards. That means we should make a contribution of our time, talents or treasures to God's work. The dictionary gives the following definition of contribution (noun).

The part played by a person in bringing about a result; "I am proud of my contribution in advancing the project"; "they all did their share of the work"

A voluntary gift (as of money or service or ideas) made to some worthwhile cause

Act of giving in common with others for a common purpose especially to a charity

An amount of money contributed; "he expected his contribution to be used wisely"

"...their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." Isaiah 56:7

Although God no longer expects burnt offerings, each of us is called to bring a sacrifice to the altar, to make a contribution to the building up of God's Church. What is your contribution?

We all need to think about that question from time to time but the truth is we are all making a contribution. Think about it! Bishop Bransfield and Monsignor Kevin Quirk are making a great contribution to God's work and we thank them for it. But without the people there is no need for them, you see the Cathedral is only a building made of bricks, stone and wood its real value is we the people. Where would the Cathedral be without the parish assistant Debbie Fahey or Alex Nagem the comptroller or Dr. Zvonimir Nagy the organist or David O'Donnell director of music or Tim Bishop editor or Sister Mary Bowman ministry to the sick and let us not forget Albert Lutz who keeps the Cathedral very, very clean. These are some of the main players, the starting lineup if you will. But there are many others who are riding the pine, they come every Sunday to worship and without them we would not need all of the others. I think you get the point. Everyone is contributing. We are all part of the body of Christ. Thank you for your contribution.

The Stewardship Committee