

After the Heart of Jesus ...

*Veni Sancte Spiritus
Come Holy Spirit*

*Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from Thy celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!*

*Come Father of the poor!
Come source of all our store!
Come within our bosoms shine!*

*Thou, of comforters the best;
Thou, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;*

*In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat,
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*O most blessed Light divine
Shine within these hearts of Thine.
And our inmost being fill!*

*Where you are not, man has naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour Thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:*

*Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.*

*On the faithful who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sev'nfold gift descend;*

*Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them Thy salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end.*

Amen. Alleluia



Today we rejoice in the celebration of Pentecost, the feast on which the Holy Spirit descended on the followers of Christ. The gifts they received enabled those first believers to boldly proclaim the Kingdom, making known the Good News from Jerusalem, through Judea, to the ends of the earth. The beautiful poetry of the Sequence of Pentecost (listed above) sings of the Holy Spirit's gifts and of the joy of life in the Spirit. The sevenfold gifts of the Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, and they continue to be poured forth upon believers today. As a practical Pentecost exercise, read through the Sequence above and ask which lines speak most clearly to your heart. Then review the list of gifts of the Spirit and ask which ones are most needed in your life today. Spend some time praying your own prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for what you most need.

Congratulations to our liturgy director Marj Collette on two important events in her life. On Thursday, May 17, she received her Masters of Pastoral Studies degree from Catholic Theological Union, in Chicago. This culminates several years of studies and many courses in pastoral theology and Church life. On Saturday, May 19, Marj and her husband Bruce became the proud grandparents of William Allen, their first grandchild. Marj does such a wonderful job in helping us celebrate the peak moments of life through liturgy. It is good when she, too, can celebrate joyful times as well.

This was an emotional week for our eighth graders and their parents as we celebrated their graduation with a dinner dance on Tuesday and commencement ceremonies at Mass on Wednesday. I have been impressed with the way our school brings the eighth grade class together in their final weeks to reflect on the impact Catholic education has on their lives. The Ribbon Mass, the musical, the Friendship Mass, the class picnic and trip, and graduation activities all contribute to providing great memories and the solid foundation that has gotten them to this moment of transition and prepared them for life beyond St. Walter School. We wish them and all our other junior high, high school, and college graduates congratulations on their achievements.



This Monday is Memorial Day. Memorial Day takes on special significance in times of war. The news gives us nearly daily reminders of the sacrifices our young men and women make to protect our freedoms. This past year one of our former parishioners, SSG Paul Miguel Latourney, was killed while on duty in Iraq. To the side is a picture of his grave marker at Arlington National Cemetery. Every week we include the list of family and friends who are serving in our Armed Forces, and nearly every day one of the intentions at daily Mass is for their protection or safe return. On Monday, we will celebrate a special Mass at 9:00 AM to honor those who have sacrificed so much for the cause of freedom and to remember all those who have died. Please plan on joining us in prayer on this holiday.

May our life in the Holy Spirit help us to live ...

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Father John