

Happy 60th Jubilee!



May 19, 2024

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25  
| Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE**

Pentecost Sunday is here! If ever there was a day in the Church calendar to celebrate the transformational power of Christianity, this is it. We know from the first reading how the disciples go from being huddled and afraid in a locked room to stepping out boldly in the streets, loudly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. What changed them so suddenly? It was the coming of the Holy Spirit, the third divine person of the Trinity, into their hearts and lives. Jesus calls the Spirit an Advocate, “the Spirit of truth,” who will remain with the apostles after he has left. That same Spirit is promised to us, continuing the Easter joy. It is only through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit that we have the knowledge, ability, and courage to proclaim Jesus as our Lord. Only in this way can we belong to Jesus and be in relationship with the Father. The very same God who created all things is here to help us become the sons and daughters he always envisioned us to be.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says, twice, to his disciples today. He approaches them with gentleness and a calming demeanor. He is aware of their fear and their anxiety, and that they would be confused and unsure upon seeing him in his resurrected body. Jesus offers us the same words: “peace be with you.” For he knows we, too, can be afraid and unsure about what living out his words will mean to our lives. But we need not be worried! The Holy Spirit, that helper and advocate who came to the first disciples, is here to help us fill our hearts with love and joy and speak our beliefs without fear. When we open our hearts to God’s love, Jesus tells us, the Holy Spirit “will guide [us] to all truth.” In other words, he will be there to help us. As Paul states in the reading from Corinthians, we all have different gifts of the Spirit, and the important thing is that we use those gifts and talents to model ourselves after Jesus.

**PRAY** The Holy Spirit is with us to be our guide and advocate. Today, we pray, “Come, Holy Spirit,” and witness the power of that first Pentecost which set the world on fire with God’s love and truth. This week, spend some time reflecting on the joy you have as a Christian - and show that joy to the world!

### Church of the Ascension

Saratoga, California

[www.ascensionsaratoga.org](http://www.ascensionsaratoga.org)

408-725-3939

Mass Schedule

(Sat) 5p; (Sun) 7a, 9a, 11a, 5p

(Mon-Fri) 8a; (Sat) 9a

Confessions (Sat) 4:00-4:45pm

## Sumus Ecclesia - We Are the Church

The hymn "Sumus Ecclesia," composed by Gregory Dale Schultz, was commissioned for the 25th Anniversary of the Diocese of San Jose in 1981. Its lyrics speak of the Church as God's people, who are called to "stand now together in Christ; our light, our hope and our salvation," and to embrace our common future as we are rooted in faith and united in God's love.

As our Church of the Ascension officially concludes its 60th Jubilee Year this Pentecost Vigil, we give thanks to God for the blessings that we as a community received in the past six decades, even in the midst of adversities. Rooted in faith, we are called to embrace the present moment, the "here and now," with all the opportunities and challenges that we are facing. Let us also look toward our common future with hope, with confidence as we journey together with the Risen Christ, who continues to be our Shepherd.

This Sunday's Solemnity of the Pentecost, celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, further reassures us that we are not alone in the mission entrusted to the Church by the Ascended Christ, "Go and make disciples of all nations." As a community called "Church of the Ascension," we should take this commission seriously, striving to lead more people to Christ. We have the great treasure of faith and hope to share with others.

Happy 60th Anniversary, Church of the Ascension!  
- Fr. Hao

## First World Children's Day

May 25-26

In a letter released March 2, Pope Francis told children that they are "a source of joy for your parents and your families, but also for our human family and for the Church, in which each of us is like a link in a great chain stretching from the past to the future and covering the whole earth." The letter also included an invitation for the youngsters to participate in the first World Children's Day meeting in Rome May 25-26. Organizers said 57,000 children from 60 countries already had signed up and they hoped 100,000 children ages 6-12 would attend the opening event at Rome's Olympic Stadium and Mass with Pope Francis the next day in St. Peter's Square.

### WEEKLY OFFERING - MAY 5

-**\$5,668** (basket: \$3,522; online: \$2,146). Goal: \$6,400.  
-YTD: **\$270,500**. Budget: \$286,000.

### WEEKLY OFFERING - MAY 12

-**\$6,424** (basket: \$4,246; online: \$2,178). Goal: \$6,400.  
-Catholic Communication: **\$1,230**.  
-YTD: **\$276,925**. Budget: \$292,500.  
Thank you for your generosity.

### MASS INTENTIONS

May 18	Sat	05 pm	(Parish Jubilee & Confirmation)
May 19	Sun	07 am	Fumiko Blouin +
		09 am	Ann Liebmann (L)
May 21	Tue	08 am	Mary & Orv Burley (L)
May 22	Wed	08 am	Rosy Pereira +
May 23	Thu	08 am	Jessica Fedeli +
May 24	Fri	08 am	Theresa Stolz +
May 25	Sat	09 am	Mary Lucas (L)

## Decree Erecting Church of the Ascension

**Josephus Thomas McGucken**  
 Dei et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia  
 Archiepiscopus Sancti Francisci in California

DILECTO Nobis in Christo Rdo Dno GULIELMO H. WORNER

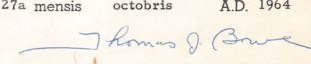
Salutem in Domino.

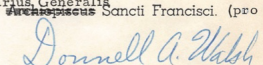
Inter caetera quae pro pastoralis officii debito praestare cupimus, illud praecipue cordi est, ut parochialibus ecclesiis, quibus de Parochis providendum est, tales praeficiamus, qui ministerio curae animarum, quod omnium gravissimum est, laudabiliter satisfaciant.

Vacante igitur parochiali Ecclesia sub invocatione Ascensionis D. N. J. C. in civitate Saratoga hujus Sancti Francisci archidioeceseos, ne cultus in dicta Ecclesia detrimentum patiat ac salus animarum in discrimen adducatur, te idoneum vita, moribus, scientia, aetate et aliis a jure requisitis praeditum prout constat ex examine ad normam Ss. Canonum peracto, ad dictam parochialem Ecclesiam ejusque curam regendam reputamus ac judicamus.

Nos igitur eidem Ecclesiae ac animabus illi subditis de Parocho providere volentes, tibi ad normam Can. 455, §1, praedictam Ecclesiam parochialem Ascensionis D. N. J. C. cum omnibus juribus et officiis ipsi per finentibus per praesentes Litteras conferimus et assignamus et in ipsa Parochum declaramus.

Datum Sancti Francisci, die 27a mensis octobris A.D. 1964

  
 Vicarius Generalis  
 Archiepiscopus Sancti Francisci. (pro tem)

  
 Vice Cancellarius.

Form 1-250-5/62

## English Translation of the 1964 Decree

Joseph Thomas McGucken  
 By the grace of God and the Apostolic See  
 Archbishop of San Francisco

Beloved of us in Christ, our King and Lord, William H. Worner

Greetings in the Lord,

Among the things which we desire to perform as a duty of our pastoral office, that which is particularly dear to our heart, is that of presiding over the parochial churches, for which we have to provide for the parishioners, and for the ministry of the care of souls, which is the most serious of all our duties.

Therefore, during the vacancy of the parochial church under the invocation of the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the city of Saratoga, in this Archdiocese of San Francisco, lest the worship in the said church suffer loss and the safety of souls be brought into jeopardy; We consider and judge how the said parish church and its care is to be governed.

We, wishing to provide the same Church and the souls of those subjects with a Pastor, we confer and assign to you, according to the norm of Canon 455, 1, the aforesaid parochial Church of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ with all the rights and offices we hold by the present Letters, and we declare you the Parish Priest.

Given in San Francisco on the 27th of October, 1964.

Thomas J. Bowe (signed)  
 Vicar General, Archdiocese of San Francisco (pro tem)  
 Donnell A Walsh (signed)  
 Vice Chancellor