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The above painting (the original is acrylic on canvas) is titled, THE UPPER ROOM, and is by Fr. Philip Sullivan, O.C.D.



Pentecost

SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
 “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
 and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23

THE SPIRIT MOVES US

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

ACTION IN THE SPIRIT

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don't know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

PRAYING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC - No. 4 of 4

Let Us Pray: Let us open our hearts to God’s Voice. In union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through the whole world, we pray for all whose lives have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Reading from the Book of Acts (11:27-30): In those days some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch, and one of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine all over the world, and it happened under Claudius. So the disciples determined that, according to ability, each should send relief to the brothers and sisters who lived in Judea. This they did.

L i t a n y o f t h e B l e s s e d V i r g i n M a r y

Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us.
 Lord, hear us.
 Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father, have mercy on us, God the Son, have mercy on us,
 God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy.

Holy Mary, pray for us.
 Holy Mother of God, pray for us.
 Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.
 Mother of Christ, pray for us.
 Mother most pure, pray for us.
 Mother undefiled, pray for us.
 Mother of good counsel, pray for us.
 Virgin most prudent, pray for us.
 Virgin most venerable, pray for us.
 Virgin most renowned, pray for us.
 Virgin most powerful, pray for us.
 Virgin most merciful, pray for us.
 Virgin most faithful, pray for us.

Mirror of justice, pray for us.
 Seat of wisdom, pray for us.
 Cause of our joy, pray for us.
 Spiritual vessel, pray for us.
 Mystical rose, pray for us.
 Tower of David, pray for us.
 Ark of the Covenant, pray for us.



Gate of Heaven, pray for us.
 Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of angels, pray for us.
 Queen of patriarchs, pray for us.
 Queen of prophets, pray for us.
 Queen of apostles, pray for us.
 Queen of martyrs, pray for us.
 Queen of confessors, pray for us.
 Queen of virgins, pray for us.
 Queen of all saints, pray for us.
 Queen conceived without Original Sin, pray for us.
 Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us.
 Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.
 Queen of peace, pray for us.



Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 Spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 Graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
 Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we your Servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from the present hardships and at the end of our lives enjoy eternal happiness. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Concluding Prayer: Eternal God, You alone created us. Hear our prayers and those of your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as the cries of people everywhere who are suffering and afraid. Give us the heart to see beyond our own desires and needs, and to do whatever we can to foster the good of all. We pray through Christ our Lord.

SUPPORT GPS!

Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

During the coronavirus stay-at-home mandate, GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services, as an "essential service," needs your support now more than ever in order to continue to **provide life-affirming, compassionate care to mothers, babies, and their families.**



Since we are not able to distribute baby bottles as we normally do, please help GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services in one of the following ways:

- Pick up a baby bottle from the porch at the Parish offices (510 N. El Molino St); fill it with coins and bills, and return it during daytime hours (ring the bell to let someone know you're placing it there).
- Donate online at <http://www.pregnancy-gps.org/Donate.html>
- Mail a check (made payable to GPS) to Guadalupe Pregnancy Services, Post Office Box 1192, Alhambra, CA 91802.

THE CLOISTERED NUNS

The Auxiliary for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns would like to thank everyone who donated earlier this year to the Fr. Jerome Appeal for the support of our very special neighbors, the Discalced Carmelite Cloistered Nuns.

Your generous donations have totaled over \$18,000, all of which goes towards the support of the nuns. If you were unable to donate earlier and would like to donate now, that would be very appreciated. Just put your check in any envelope marked "Fr. Jerome Appeal" and send it to the Nuns' Monastery at 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra 91801.

God bless you!



ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BABY SHOWER

These are essential items of which we are running low:

FOR BABIES:

- Baby Shampoo and Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Cornstarch Baby Powder
- Baby Spoons/Forks
- Socks Boys/Girls (12/18 months)
- Clothing Girls (9/12/24 months)
- Clothing Boys (9/18 months)
- Wash Cloths / Bath Towels
- Diapers Size 4, 5 & 6
- Pull-ups Size 2T/3T
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Formula
- Baby Food Jars
- Toys



FOR MOMS:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Lotion
- Bar Soap/ Body Wash
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Dish Soap
- Detergent
- Cleaning Products
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Lysol
- Hand Sanitizer

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS:

- Cereal /Oatmeal
- Juice
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Canned Meats & Fish
- Rice /Beans
- Snacks/Cookies



LIVE STREAMED DAILY MASSES!

Even as we slowly open the church, we will continue to **LIVE STREAM** the **Mass** every day of the week: **Mondays through Saturdays at Noon** from the Adoration Chapel, and **Sundays at 11:00 a.m.** from the church for those are ill or who feel unsafe entering the church. The dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass is **STILL IN EFFECT!**



To view, just go to our **Facebook page** at <https://www.facebook.com/stthereseoflisieuxalhambra> and scroll down until you see the most recent live streamed Mass (see a red box that says, "Live"). You can easily access it from the Home Page of our website (just click on the word Facebook in the right column, and it will take you to our page—no need to be a Facebook member). Sometime after the Masses air, you can access them from our website (link: **LIVE STREAMED MASSES**) **AND** from our **YouTube Channel**. Go to the YouTube app on your Smart TV's and search for St. Therese Roman Catholic Church. Click on that and then choose the Mass for the day and watch it on a **big screen TV**.

You can also "attend" the Mass with our neighbors, the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. They have a daily Mass **Monday through Saturday, which streams at 6:15 a.m. and Sundays at 11:15 a.m.**—at either <https://www.Facebook.com/CarmeliteSisters> OR at <https://www.instagram.com/carmelitesistersocd>.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS *"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

May 14–21, 2020

Unrestricted.....	\$ 5,422.00
Restricted.....	\$ 1,985.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 7,407.00

Mar 23-Apr 12.....	\$50,020.00
April 13-19.....	\$21,310.00
April 20-26.....	\$ 7,254.00
April 27–May 13..	\$44,848.00

Check Users:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

Thank you to all who sent donations to our School in response to my letter asking for financial help on its behalf. We are so blessed to have such caring, loving parishioners. We are continuing to keep you in our daily thoughts and prayers. Please hang in there... there is a light at the end of the tunnel!

God bless and protect each of you!

~Fr. Philip and the Discalced Carmelite Community



Pentecost Sequence ~ Veni, Sancte Spiritus

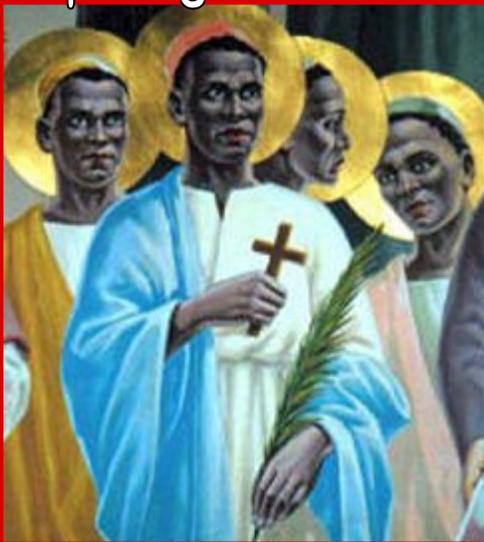
The following is chanted at Mass on Pentecost Sunday after the Second Reading and before the Gospel Acclamation:

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home shed a ray of light divine! Come, Father of the poor! Come, Source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine. You, of comforters the best; You, 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's most Blessed Light Divine, shine within these hearts of yours, and our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught, nothing good in deed or thought, nothing free from taint of ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; on our dryness pour your 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 sevenfold gift descend; give them virtue's sure reward; give them your salvation, Lord; give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.



Spotlight on St. Charles Lwanga and His Companions



FEAST DAY: June 3

St. Charles Lwanga, who was a "Master of Pages," lay catechist and, reputedly, the "handsomest man in all of Uganda," courageously led about forty teenaged boys, both Catholics and Anglicans, on a forty-mile forced march to martyrdom for their common Christian faith. Teaching each other the hymns of their different Churches, they strengthened one another for the ordeal ahead. King Mwanga, himself barely twenty, had ordered them executed for being "those who pray." But these royal pages were the king's male harem who, now Christians, refused what pious accounts demurely describe as his "unreasonable demands."

They were martyred in the years 1886 and 1887. Some were clubbed to death but most of them were burned alive. The youngest was thirteen-year old St. Kizito, whom Charles had often shielded from the King's lust; and the most tragic was St. Mbagha, whose own father was his executioner! In 1964, Pope Paul VI canonized the young Catholics and praised their Anglican companions, recalling the heroism of early Christianity's African martyrs, which we modern Christians of far less faith never expected to see repeated. Fifty-six years after the pope's words, what does our own Faith cost us?

Mass Intentions Pentecost

May 30 through June 6, 2020

Saturday:

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
- Noon: 1) Karina Therese Laigo, INT
2) Edgar Lopez, RIP 3) Augustin Juarez, RIP

Sunday:

- *7:30 a.m.: Theresa Hong Nguyen, RIP
- 11:00 a.m.: 1) Alberto Ruiz and Soledad Ruiz, RIP
2) Akira Curtiss, RIP
3) Dennis Schwartz, RIP
4) Parishioners; 5) Vanessa Rodriguez, RIP

Monday:

- *7:30 a.m.: Noralyn Cailan, INT
- Noon: 1) Fr. Donald Kinney, INT
2) David Holman, INT

Tuesday:

- *7:30 a.m.: Timothy Germann, RIP
- Noon: 1) Geri Holman, Birthday INT
2) Erick Lopez, Jr., Birthday INT

Wednesday:

- *7:30 a.m.: James Shea, INT
- Noon: 1) Gracie Holman, Birthday Intention
2) Otto Lopez, Birthday Intention

Thursday:

- *7:30 a.m.: Ann Buckingham Shea, INT
- Noon: 1) Richard Orona, RIP
2) Theodore Wong, RIP

Friday:

- *7:30 a.m.: Jesus Barrera, RIP
- Noon: 1) Angelle Francisce & Karina Therese Laigo, INT
2) Dominic Zepeda, Birthday INT;
3) Miriam Lopez & Family, INT

Saturday:

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
- Noon: 1) Martita Lopez, Birthday INT
2) Vilma Gargano, RIP
3) Taylor Fieux, Birthday INT

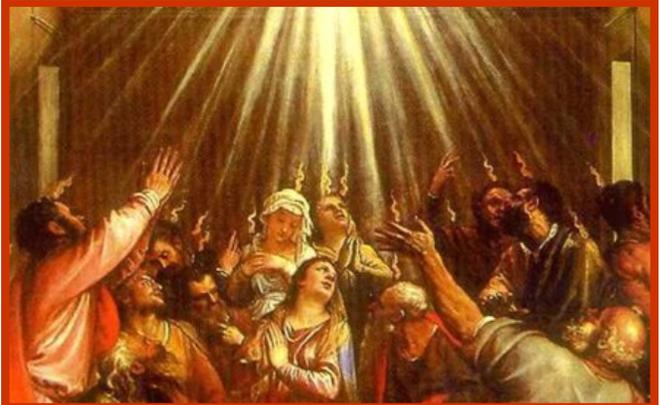
*All Masses, including the Masses at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel, are **CLOSED** to the public during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

NOTICE RE MASS INTENTIONS:

Rest assured that, although Mass is currently not being celebrated publicly, the Carmelite Fathers are celebrating private Masses for all the above Mass intentions. When Mass is concelebrated, each priest offers the Mass for a separate intention. Thus you see that each of the Masses offered in the church has more than one Mass intention (one for each priest present).

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

—Acts 2:3



Unless the eye catch fire,
God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire,
God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire,
God will not be named.

Unless the heart catch fire,
God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire,
God will not be known.

—William Blake

