



[Jesus] said to them again,  
“Peace be with you. As  
the Father has sent me,  
so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21

## Spirited Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To “live in the flesh” is Paul's code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not “fall back into fear,” something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. ●

### Reflect

***What situations or “triggers” cause me to act out of my baser instincts?***

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**Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-2:00pm on Wednesday and Friday**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As the Roman Catholic Mother Church of Greensboro, St. Benedict's Parish mission, responding faithfully to Christ's call, is to bring all people closer to God through liturgy, fellowship, service, outreach, and works of charity.**

**Rev. James Duong, Pastor**

**Lynne McGrath, Secretary & Faith Formation Coordinator**

**Weekend Mass**

**Sat.** Miraculous Medal

Novena at 4:45pm

Mass at 5:00pm

**Sun.** Mass at 8am & 11am

Chaplet of Divine

Mercy after 11am

Mass

**Confessions**

Weekdays before 12:15

Mass

Saturday 4 - 4:30pm

**Weekday Mass**

Rosary at 11:45am

Mass Monday - Friday

12:15pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

after Mass

**NO MASS on Thursday**

***Bulletin requests must be in the Parish Office by noon Wednesday, ten (10) days in advance of the weekend of publication.***

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Welcome all new families and individuals. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at St. Benedict, and for the parish to issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be sacramental sponsors. You must be a registered, contributing member for at least three (3) months before a certificate will be given. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** If you are seriously ill, going in for surgery or weak from old age, you may receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Please contact Fr. Duong if you desire to receive this sacrament.

**HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME & SHUT-IN VISITS:** If you or any members of your family are sick or in the hospital or a nursing home, and you'd like Communion brought to you/them, please call the parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION:** All classes from pre-K to high school are on Sundays from **9:15-10:30am** in the parish hall. For more information call Lynne McGrath.

**RCIA:** Please call the parish office for more information.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made with a priest/deacon at least six (6) months in advance. Call the parish office for more information.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 8, 2025**

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to share in word, and show in  
action, respect for God's gift of life.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**INTENTIONS**

6/7	Saturday	5:00pm		First Communion Candidates & For the Parishioners
6/8	Sunday	8:00am	+	Robert Higginbotham
		11:00am		Confirmation Candidates
6/9	Monday	12:15pm		Francesca Sperrazzo
6/10	Tuesday	12:15pm		Charlynn Hawkins – Birthday
6/11	Wednesday	12:15pm		Philip Pipin
6/12	Thursday	NO MASS		
6/13	Friday	12:15pm	+	Bob & Bonnie McIntyre
6/14	Saturday	5:00pm		For the Parishioners
6/15	Sunday	8:00am		For all Fathers
		11:00am	+	All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

+ denotes deceased

**Keeping Our Military in Our Prayers**

Khiem Villarin  
Kharll Skycer Villarin  
Sgt. W.R. Williams III  
Maj. Russel Henderson  
Sgt. Bryanna Spade  
Sgt. Kyle Spade  
April Ducote  
Aaron Gaither  
Phillip Kiniery  
Christopher Simmons  
Kris Guffey  
Jennifer Kmiecinski

**Sick and Shut-In**

Please remember our brothers and sisters  
in your prayers and at Mass: Lynn Clay,  
Richard Collings, Virgil Dotson, Janice  
Drasler, Martha Eakes, Tracy Edwards,  
Kimberly Oliver, Barbara Parsons,  
George Pickett, Dan Popik, Cam Reitzel,  
Luke & Heather Robinson, Manny &  
Laura Rodrigues, Stefano Rosic, Kim  
Snyder, Vivian Speetjens, Marvin Tomlin  
Jr., Teresa Thu Tran, Roberta VanPelt,  
Frank Williams, Susan Wilson, Brian  
Wilson, Jean Wilson

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly Offertory ....	\$ 3,373.00
Maintenance Fund ....	\$ 793.00

**THANK YOU!**

### MINISTER SCHEDULE: JUNE 14 AND 15

<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>E.M.</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>CANTOR</u>
5 pm	John Foley	Brendan Hodges	Emily, Jelyssa	Christine Gnaster
8 am	David Kolosieke	Geoff Stephany	Raul, Mary, Jose	
11 am	Bill McCutcheon	Laura Rosic	Ava	Choir

### REFLECTION



One miracle of Pentecost was that, despite their diversity, each listener heard God's word in his or her own language. The meaning for stewardship is that, by sharing the gifts poured out on us by the Holy Spirit, we will be empowered to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, whatever they may be.

### LEAVE A LEGACY

Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn't have to happen. Planned-giving strategies can help you avoid gifting the state when you didn't intend to, as you preserve your Catholic heritage. To learn more about tax-savvy gifts that benefit St. Benedict's contact Gina Rhodes at 704-370-3364 or gmrhodes @rcdoc.org.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I envision the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth? How can I, with the Holy Spirit working through me, be a part of that renewal?



# PARISH NEWS

**DIOCESAN  
SUPPORT  
APPEAL 2025**

Reflecting God's Light

**THE DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL (DSA) 2025** is underway. We are all called to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters both here in our parish and in the diocese. **The target for St. Benedict's is \$31,234.** To date, 28 families have donated or pledged. Thank you!

**THE PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9, in the parish hall. All parishioners are invited to come. At the last meeting it was reported that we had over 75 returns to the diocesan survey and that the data will be available to the parish in 4 to 6 weeks. An update was given on our refugee partners through World Relief Triad. Current needs include providing transportation to classes and/or job interviews. A critical need is someone to teach English as a second language. The council also reviewed maintenance issues.

**THE LADIES GROUP** will meet for dinner at 6 p.m. this Tuesday, June 10, at Kiosco Mexican Grill, 3011 Spring Garden St., Greensboro. All women of the parish are welcome!

**JUNE IS KNOWN** as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year the solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on June 27. The feast dates back to 1673 when a French nun who belonged to the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (Visitandines) began to receive visions of Jesus. He appeared to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque and revealed ways to venerate His Sacred Heart and explained the immense love he has for humanity, appearing with his heart visible outside His chest, on fire, and surrounded by a crown of thorns. These different ways include partaking in a holy hour on Thursdays and the reception of the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place this weekend at the 5 p.m. Mass.

CONFIRMATION will take place this weekend at the 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Michael Martin officiating.



Let us pray for all who will be receiving these sacraments.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 will be the week of June 23 - 27 for all youth in grades pre-school through seventh grade.



This week we say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to:

Kylie Akouegnon (6/8), Cassie Robinson (6/8),  
Ezekiel Akouegnon (6/9), Lawrence D'Amelio (6/9), Julie Ray (6/9)

## A JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE 2025

Fr. James Duong at St. Benedict Parish in Greensboro,  
Fr. Tien Duong at St. Francis Assisi in Franklin,  
Fr. Tri Duong at St. John University in New York,  
invite you to join them on a 12-day pilgrimage to ITALY...  
... to visit PADRE PIO, St. FRANCIS, St. CLARE, St. BENEDICT...  
... to have a Papal audience with Pope Leo...  
... to visit JUBILEE DOORS at 4 major basilicas...  
... and Our Lady of Medjugorje.

For further information, please call Fr. James Duong at 336-272-0303

or [djduong@rcdoc.org](mailto:djduong@rcdoc.org) or check here for details: [trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/np4256](http://trip.nativitypilgrimage.com/np4256)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**NEW SUMMER HOURS** Millions of Monicas will meet Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2715 Horsepen Creek Road, Greensboro. Join other mothers who pray to grow in holiness and humility and for their children's return to the Catholic church. For more information: [www.millionsofmonicas.com](http://www.millionsofmonicas.com).

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL** has a staff position open for a school counselor beginning in August. Applications by Licensed School Counselors, Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC), and Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) will be considered. More information at: [www.olgsch.org](http://www.olgsch.org). Resumes should be sent to Principal Catherine Rusch at [crusch@olgsch.org](mailto:crusch@olgsch.org).





June 8, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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

In today's first reading, we join the Apostles in the Upper Room. These individuals had accompanied Jesus to his death and been witnesses to his resurrection and ascension. Can you imagine the throes of emotion accompanying each experience? Now, they gather together, perhaps discussing what to do next. They wonder where they should go, and who they should listen to, since Jesus was no longer there: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind." In a moment swelling with grace, tongues of fire descended upon each person present, "and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." What might this moment have sounded like? Looked like? Felt like? The Apostles were weary and grieving, but Jesus made a promise he intended to keep — that he would send an advocate in his name to teach them everything. That same Spirit now waits to guide and empower us if we are willing to receive him.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus' death left his followers grieving and disoriented. They had left everything to follow him. And now, he was gone. What would become of them? Jesus said: "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." On this feast of Pentecost, Jesus' promise is fulfilled. When the Father sent down the Spirit, it was not just for a singular, grand moment in time; the Spirit came for good. In the same way the Apostles were strengthened by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so were we strengthened at our confirmation. We were commissioned, as were they, to live out our faith in the world. When we need strength in this mission, let us remember that the word advocate comes from the Latin word *advocatus*, which means "one who draws near." *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

### REFLECT

Read the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* ("Come, Holy Spirit") prayer that we heard before the Gospel today. Each line, laden with powerful imagery, invites us to understand the Spirit more intimately. Reflect on where you experience the Holy Spirit in your life today, and where you long for a greater outpouring of his fire.

# Dear Padre,

***My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?***

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●



JANTANEE RUNPRAMKORNI / SHUTTERSTOCK

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 9 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 1:18–22 Mt 5:13–16	June 11 <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3 Mt 5:17–19	June 12 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 3:15– 4:1, 3–6 Mt 5:20–26	June 13 <i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 5:27–32	June 14 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 5:14–21 Mt 5:33–37	June 15 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Prv 8:22–31 Rom 5:1–5 Jn 16:12–15



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022**