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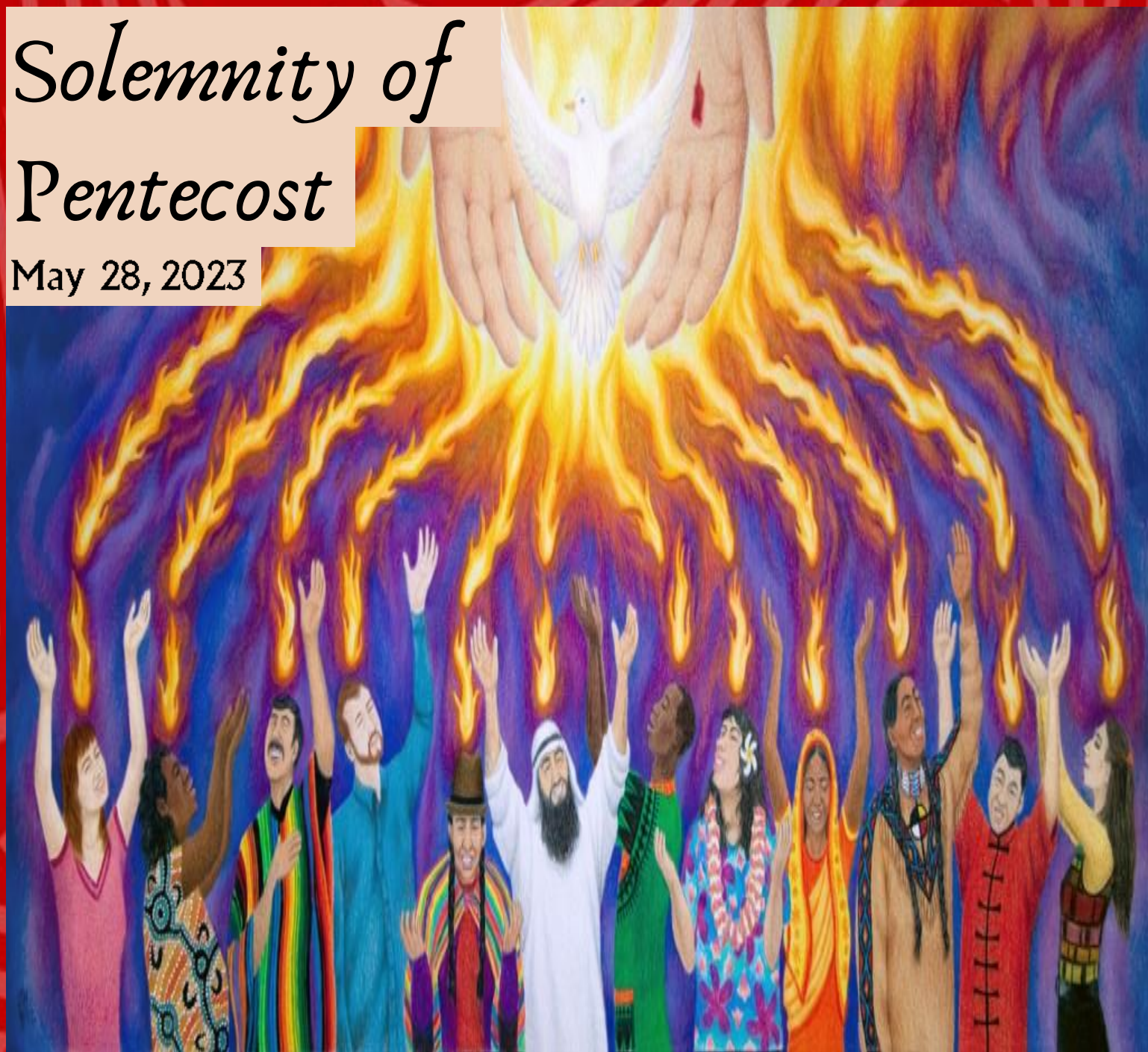
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Solemnity of Pentecost

May 28, 2023



Aloha! Welcome!

We are the Catholic Center and Campus Ministry at the University of Hawai'i, and under the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, serving parishioners, staff, faculty, and students alike that stimulates critical thinking and dialogue about issues that challenge Christian living and commits to a living faith that practices and promotes justice.

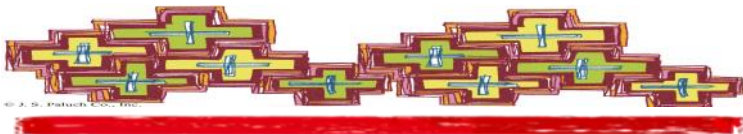
We are a spirit-filled and welcoming community that proclaims and celebrates the Good News through liturgy, the sacraments, faith sharing, outreach, and social action. As the Roman Catholic Community of the University of Hawai'i, we offer opportunities for life-long faith development to all who choose to join us. We invite the contribution of gifts in stewardship and evangelism, and challenge one another in the same manner that Jesus challenges us: to love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Come journey with us!

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We welcome your call and are here to serve you! Contact the Parish Office to speak with us or make an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you!



Office Hours:

Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 5:00pm
(except Diocesan Holidays)
Newman Center may remain open till evening programs conclude

Saturday and Sunday:
Open during Mass times and for activities as needed.

From the Desk of the Pastor

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Happy Feast Day! We join the whole Church in this celebration of the culmination of the Easter season. This feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church, when the earthly mission of Jesus was complete, and the new covenant inaugurated with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon his disciples. In the gospel, the disciples were gathered in a locked room. That is a very important detail because they were frightened that the Jewish authorities would take them away to be punished and crucified the same way as their master Jesus. Instead, Jesus in the gospel, stood in their midst. The same Jesus who they saw mocked, who they saw whipped, who they saw spat on, who they saw crucified. The same Jesus who they abandoned when he died on the cross. The same Jesus who Joseph of Arimathea allowed to be buried in his new tomb. The disciples thought it was all over after that Good Friday event and yet this Jesus, having been raised from the dead by the Father, brings a message of peace. Jesus breathes on them, and he says, "receive the Holy Spirit." Through that outpouring of the Holy Spirit, they were transformed into bold witnesses of Jesus Christ. We have been given that same spirit of Pentecost at our baptism and confirmation. So, there is no need for us to be locked up in that upper room and be afraid. Our lives as Catholic-Christians are to be a witness to that experience at Pentecost because the life of the Holy Trinity has become our life. As the Spirit falls afresh upon us this day, may we go out and help renew the face of the earth.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Alfred Omar
(@fralfred808)



Important Notices

- Newman Center will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday
- Hospitality Sunday NEXT weekend
- UH Food Vault Collection NEX weekend

Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass (<i>Tuesday-Friday</i>)	12:10PM
Sunday Mass (<i>Saturday Evening Anticipated</i>)	5:00PM 9:00AM 11:00AM (<i>Student-led Mass</i>) 5:00PM

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation By Appointment

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Baptism By Request

Please contact Fr. Alfred Omar at least one month before the date desired for the Baptism.

Funerals At Need

Funerals and the Rite of Christian Burial are made in conjunction with the Mortuary of your choosing. Please contact the Parish Office prior to finalizing a date with the mortuary.

Holy Matrimony By Request

Couples need to contact Fr. Alfred Omar at least eight months prior to your desired wedding date to begin the marriage preparation required by the Diocese of Honolulu.

Holy Orders—Religious Life By Call

Is God calling you to the Priesthood, Diaconate, or Religious Life? God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called. Call us today to setup a discussion with our Pastor where you can continue discerning God's call.

Holy Communion Ongoing

Programs are available for those who have not yet received their First Eucharist. Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

Confirmation Ongoing

Programs are available for those who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick By Request

If you or someone you know are in need of receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call our parish office to schedule

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Ongoing

If you or someone you know are have not yet been baptized and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Faith, please call our parish office to learn more about the RCIA,



The Word of the Lord Weekly

Today's Readings

Acts 2:1–11 As on Sinai, the Lord descends in fire and wind. Psalm 104 "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 The Spirit calls the baptized to ministry for the common good.

John 20:19–23 On the first day of the week the risen Christ imparts the Holy Spirit.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

LIVING THE LITURGY

In a group, read the story of Pentecost in Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel according to John. We hear both passages in the Sunday liturgy for the solemnity of Pentecost. What do they tell you about the acts of the Spirit? If you were trying to explain the Spirit to children, how would you describe what the Spirit does for us as individuals and as a community of believers?

The psalm asks the Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Pope Benedict has urged Catholics to become better stewards of the earth's environment. What can you do? Begin one practice that is good stewardship of the environment.

Paul's letter to the Corinthians says there are different gifts, forms of service, and workings given by the Spirit that are meant to work for the unity of the one body. What gifts, service, or ministry are you offering? Where is the Spirit calling? Pledge to find a new way to act to help Christ's body.

SHARING FAITH

How often do you pray or dialogue with the Holy Spirit? What difference might it make if you tried this approach?

What stewardship practice of God's gift of the earth do you practice? How does the Spirit invite you to act in the renewal of the earth? Where have you felt the Spirit's power?

SCRIPTURE

In his writings, Luke frequently uses Old Testament stories as models to present the life of Jesus and describe the early Church. In today's First Reading, symbols from the Hebrew Scriptures are used such as a storm, wind, and fire to describe the event of Pentecost. Luke concentrates on the Holy Spirit's continuation of the mission of Christ through the apostles and early followers of Jesus. The Spirit is the force that will help open the kingdom of God to all nations as the disciples act to fulfill the mission Jesus gave them.

Today the Church sings one of the four sequences: ancient, poetic songs that precede the singing of the Gospel acclamation. In the Pentecost Sequence, Veni, Sancte Spiritus, the Church prays for the Spirit to come. Using beautifully poetic titles, the sequence calls on the Father of the Poor, the Comforter, Divine Light, Sweet Rest, and Healer, and emphasizes that if the Spirit is absent, we have nothing. But when the Holy Spirit is present, we have salvation and joy.

Nourishing Our Faith

Prayer On the Go

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

Daily Scripture and Reflections:

<https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/>

Weekly Essays on Ignatian Spirituality by

Fr. Randy Roche, SJ:

<https://mission.lmu.edu/cis/spiritualessays>

Contemplative Prayer (via Zoom)

Monday Nights at 6:30 pm. 30 minutes of silence, followed by Scripture and Sharing. For more information, contact June Naughton (808) 524-2718.

Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure

Tithes and Offerings:

05/13/2023-05/14/2023:	\$2,322.00
05/20/2023-05/21/2023:	\$1,798.00
2nd Collection:	\$100.00
Maintenance:	\$250.00
Diocesan Retirement Priest Fund:	\$100.00

Online:

05/12/2023-05/18/2023:	\$1,440.00
05/19/2023-05/26/2023:	\$1,830.00

May we continue to receive God's gifts gratefully, manage them responsibly, and share them joyfully. Mahalo for your generosity!

Upcoming Second Collections:

Diocese of Honolulu Seminarian Fund: 06/17 & 06/18
Holy Father (Peter's Pence) \$07/01 & 07/02

Giving Made Easy

Giving online is safe and easy using our secured online platform, by visiting WeShare at:

newmanhawaii.weshareonline.org

Thank you, for your continued support of our parish as we strive to meet the needs of our faith community!

Family Connection

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's Psalm or the Prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another a Sign of Peace.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith.

Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." Do we believe that Jesus is Our Lord? If so, how do we show it?



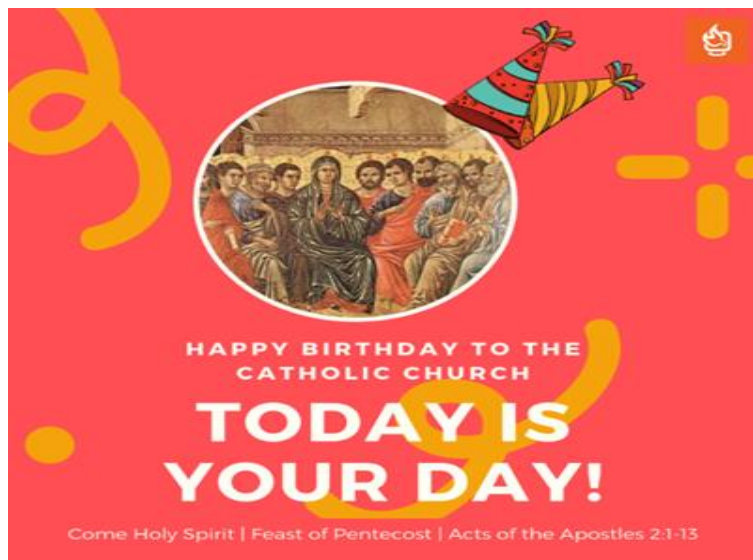
STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Generous and Loving Creator, you have called us to
Malama i ka Makana (Cherish the Gift).

As disciples of your Son, we ask that your Spirit open our minds and hearts to more deeply appreciate your countless blessings. Increase your transforming spirit within us, so as to nurture our call to stewardship as a way of life marked always by faith-filled prayer, service to others and generous giving.

With the kokua of St. Marianne and St. Damien, teach us to be good stewards so we may return a hundred-fold the makana entrusted to us.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen





Pray

Pray daily the "Come, Holy Spirit" prayer for strength
Philip Kosloski - published on 05/16/21

The "Come, Holy Spirit" prayer remains one of the most powerful prayers to invite the Holy Spirit into your life.

One of the most popular prayers in the Catholic Church is the "Come, Holy Spirit" prayer (Veni, Sancte Spiritus in Latin). It is a prayer that invites the presence of Holy Spirit into your life and asks for spiritual strength.

The prayer is especially effective at stirring within us the fire of God's love and the ability to listen attentively to God's voice in our hearts.

Many saints have recommended praying this prayer daily and letting the Holy Spirit guide all our actions.

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
V. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy His consolations.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Resource: <https://aletea.org/2021/05/16/pray-daily-the-come-holy-spirit-prayer-for-strength/>

Grow

As artificial intelligence concerns grow, there's hope for the future
Theresa Civantos Barber - published on 05/22/23

As scientists sound the alarm about artificial intelligence, what are the real dangers? And what does this mean for us?

Artificial intelligence (AI) used to be nothing more than the stuff of wildly creative science fiction.

If we did imagine such a thing, we pictured benign and helpful AI like sweet R2-D2 from Star Wars.

But as time went on and AI began to be a real possibility, there were darker forebodings. For example, the murderous villains of 2001: A Space Odyssey and Ex Machina are a computer and robot who gain sentience.

Now, in news so strange that it seems to have come from a science-fiction novel, developers of artificial intelligence are speaking out with concerns and calling for tighter laws and restrictions.

A recent New York Times article, "'The Godfather of A.I.' Leaves Google and Warns of Danger Ahead," blares a warning signal about what could come. But what exactly are the dangers of artificial intelligence? So much of the commentary is long on fear mongering but short on practical details.

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And how worried do we need to be? Let's take a closer look.

The dangers of AI

Artificial intelligence poses three main risks:

Disinformation in the short term

Job loss in the medium term

Loss of control in the long term

The biggest concern is disinformation, which is already a problem. "There is no guarantee that these systems will be correct on any task you give them," one researcher told The New York Times, and there's no way to tell what's real and what's fake.

Job loss is the next most pressing issue. An estimated 80% of the U.S. workforce could have at least 10% of their work tasks affected, and 19% of workers might see at least 50% of their tasks impacted.

Loss of control is a fairly distant possibility at this point, but it's concerning enough that it's come up a lot in the flurry of coverage.

Hope for the future

Pope Francis spoke about these concerns in 2019. His response is helpful to understand these issues from a Catholic perspective.

He pointed out that job replacement might not always be bad news:

[Robots in the workplace] could put an end to certain arduous, risky, and repetitive types of work – that emerged, for instance, at the start of the industrial revolution in the 19th century – which often cause suffering, boredom, and exhaustion.

But disinformation might be the most serious and pressing concern. He said, It is possible, as never before, to circulate tendentious opinions and false data that could poison public debates and even manipulate the opinions of millions of people, to the point of endangering the very institutions that guarantee peaceful civil coexistence.

In a worst case scenario, AI-generated disinformation could lead to a future of online distrust. We may see a world in which we can trust very little that we see on our screens.

The flip side

But the flipside to that? What we do in the real world has never been more important.

The more technology becomes dangerous, the more we need to be deeply rooted in our physical reality and our local communities. We desperately need real people and things around us that we can rely on and trust.

Ultimately, there is very little that you and I can do about the future of AI, which is in a few very powerful hands.

This news might be our wake-up call to embrace a "real world" lifestyle, connecting tangibly and in person with other people, and putting less time and attention into the online world.

But that only carries us so far. After all, most of us won't give up screens completely.

We can find inspiration in the example of saints such as Blessed Carlo Acutis, who enjoyed technology and appreciated it, while not letting it have power over him. Technology harnessed by moral standards is an immense force for good.

So most of all, we can hope and pray that those in power follow Pope Francis' advice:

A better world is possible thanks to technological progress, if this is accompanied by an ethic inspired by a vision of the common good, an ethic of freedom, responsibility and fraternity, capable of fostering the full development of people in relation to others and to the whole of creation.

Resource: <https://aletea.org/2023/05/22/as-artificial-intelligence-concerns-grow-theres-hope-for-the-future/>

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Come Holy Spirit!

Congratulations to Lauren O'Donnell and Noah Shimokawa on receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, and to Miles Kroeker on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We continue to pray for them in their journey of faith and call to discipleship. May they embody the love of Christ to all they encounter in their daily lives.



Reflect



*Reflection from Allen Vincent,
University of Hawai'i Manoa Graduate student, Chemistry*

Pentecost Sunday is often referred to as the day when the church was born. The birthing process was dramatic where the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the form of wind and fire. This led to the apostles going out into the world speaking in different foreign languages. It is worth acknowledging the fact that these apostles were simple people, and they never had the competency to know multiple tongues. It was the Holy Spirit who drew them out to become powerful witnesses of Jesus Christ.

This is the same Holy Spirit that we have received through the sacrament of confirmation. The same Holy Spirit that took ordinary people and made them extraordinary saints in the church has the capacity to make us a saint for this broken world. Very often we rely on our own strength on this faith journey and neglect the advocacy of the Holy Spirit. When we dig deep within ourselves, we find that the power of the Holy Spirit is often underestimated in our lives. This also hinders our call to be witnesses of Jesus Christ in this world where the truth and morals have become relative and evil. Only through the Holy Spirit will we be able to fight these spiritual and moral battles both in our personal lives and in our social life in this world. Let us then on this Pentecost Sunday make an effort to turn to the Holy Spirit just like the apostles as they waited on the Holy Spirit. We also ask Our Lady to intercede for us through this journey just like the way she was present with the Apostles in the upper room. Wishing you a happy feast.

"The Lord opening the way to Heaven, give us a foretaste of divine life already on this earth." – Pope Benedict XVI

Mahalo to all our parishioners and benefactors for your continued love and support in sustaining the mission and vision of campus ministry here at the Newman Center. We are truly blessed and grateful for your generosity.

St. John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Blessings to you and your 'ohana!
- **Fay C. Pabo** (@fa_jo_pabo0)

