

PREPARING FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I invite you to join me in a novena prayer to God, the Holy Spirit in preparation for the celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday.

“He is Risen! Truly He is Risen!”! On Easter Sunday I invited you to repeat this wonderful proclamation: *“He is Risen! Truly He is Risen!”*! The infant Church of the Apostles had the Risen Lord’s presence with them for forty days until Ascension Sunday, when Jesus ascended back to His Father taking our human nature with Him into the light of the Blessed Trinity of God. And with Him, the hope too of our own Resurrection.

Then, the fledgling Church waited for nine days in prayer for the promised Advocate. And on the tenth day, Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin in the form of fire and in the shape of tongues. The Apostles’ filled with God, the Holy Spirit went out of that locked room and boldly proclaimed the gift of salvation in Jesus’ name. What power they were given! They who had hid in fear from the authorities ever since the crucifixion were fearless through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Those nine days of prayer was the original novena prayer of the Church. Ever since, the Church has used this form of prayer in asking for its needs.

Come! Bring your family! Bring a friend! Together, as a God’s family, we will call upon the Holy Spirit in these nine days of prayer. Let’s come together for this novena, so that on Pentecost Sunday we will be blessed with a new outpouring of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

May His Peace Be With You,
Fr Simon

The novena prayer will begin immediately following the weekday 7PM Masses and include Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

1st Day: Friday, May 12—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

2nd Day: Tuesday, May 16—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

3rd Day, Wednesday, May 17—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

4th Day, Thursday, May 18—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

5th Day, Friday, May 19—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

Sunday of The Ascension of the Lord
Solemnity, Sunday, May 20

6th Day, Tuesday, May 23—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

7th Day, Wednesday, May 24—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

8th Day, Thursday, May 25—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

9th Day, Friday, May 26—7PM Mass to 7:50PM

Pentecost Sunday

Solemnity, Sunday, May 28