

## Tongues

There is too much to talk about on Pentecost weekend.

Just look at all that is happening on this “feast of the Holy Spirit” (as it has been called). It is the end of our extended Easter celebration—had you remembered that Easter season has lasted for all these weeks? And the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit (the Paraclete, the Comforter).

Also, it shows the results that this Paraclete brings about: the apostles begin speaking in tongues! Jews from all different lands and languages understand without any translation (Acts 2:1 to 11)! This Paraclete means to bring us together, to allay differences, to hear the other person instead of just reacting.

Still more, Saturday night’s Vigil of Pentecost includes the profound story of the Tower of Babel (Gn 11:1 to 9). The Church put it in this place apparently because the Holy Spirit is able to reverse the babbling of humankind. Of course, “babble” is a word derived from the Hebrew word “Babel,” meaning “confusion of voices.”\*

But now the problem. How did this all happen?

John’s Gospel has an entirely different version of how the Holy Spirit was sent into the disciples! Instead of Luke’s “noise like a strong driving wind” and “tongues of flame,” John has a quietening story. The risen Jesus appears in their midst and says “Peace be with you.” Then, very simply, he continues, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Peace and understanding result. Peace like you and I would love to have.

Do we spend this week’s reflection figuring out some way to reconcile such strikingly different stories of the same event? Which is true? How can all this be accurate?

- reversal of the babbling;
- Jesus’ promise of the Paraclete;
- driving winds;
- flames hanging over heads;
- peace;
- sending of the Holy Spirit;
- very different versions of that story.

We have an example here of the different ways that individuals remember any great and deeply felt event—something like the way Rashômon, that great 1950s movie, narrated the same event in very different ways according to how various characters experienced it, each recalling it according to the perspective and the emotion they had. Or, for instance, Bong Joon-Ho’s 2020 academy award winning, Parasite.

Let us take a shortcut. The diversity has roots. What are the most important things to understand about Pentecost?

First, it is the feast of the third person of the Trinity.

Second, it is based on three central facts:

- The Father is so much within Jesus that if you know Jesus you know the Father.
- If you let him, Jesus will be within you just as the Father is in him.
- This will happen by the sending of the Holy Spirit, who is the “insides” of Jesus and of the Father. The Spirit is the love they have for each other, the closeness, the great sharing.

Thus, the reason Pentecost in all its diversity is a feast equal to Christmas and Easter is that it is the incarnation of the Holy Spirit into the world of men and women. All the liturgical celebrations of Pentecost, even in this era of virus, boil down to one thing: God is placing the love that is himself deep into our own spirits!

Let us trust!

John Foley, SJ

## Pentecost Sunday

### May 31, 2020

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**Please view the Diocese of Cheyenne website [dioceseofcheyenne.org](http://dioceseofcheyenne.org) as they have a plethora of information on the Church's continued response to the coronavirus outbreak.**

**The gift shop is still closed. The office is closed to the public as we encourage everyone to stay home per the Wind River Intertribal Council Resolution. You may call 851-2912 in an emergency otherwise calls to the parish office will be returned as soon as possible. These continued restrictions are necessary as it is imperative we are responsible and act in solidarity for the common good.**

**Bulletins will be posted to the parish website at [www.saintstephensmission.com](http://www.saintstephensmission.com).**

**Please remember the church is open for private prayer every day from 8am-7pm. Continue to pray for the end of this pandemic. God Bless!**

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♦ Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you Welcome!  
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*The purpose of St. Stephen’s Indian Mission, the presence of the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.*

## Readings June 1st through June 7th:

Mon: Gn 3:9-15; 20; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34  
Tue: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-28; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17  
Wed: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27  
Thur: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34  
Fri: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160-161, 165-166, 168; Mk 12:35-37  
Sat: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44  
Sun: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; (Ps) Db 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### Parish Collection

Last week mail in collection \$1111

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7*

Father Jim and Father Hugo are celebrating a PRIVATE Mass every weekday so the Mass for the scheduled intentions are still being celebrated. Please feel free to call and leave a message if you have an intention. God bless.

### Mass Intentions this week

5/31: Sunday	For the people
6/1: Monday	Intention of the priest
6/2: Tuesday	+Beatrice Buckman
6/3: Wednesday	+John
6/4: Thursday	Theresa Brown
6/5: Friday	Intention of the priest
6/6: Saturday	+Beatrice Buckman
6/7: Sunday	For the people
Sunday	Intention of the priest

As we continue moving forward to having Sunday Mass at St. Stephens, we will be limited to 9 people in attendance. If you would like to be added to the rotating list of parishioners for Mass please call the office or email the parish office. There will be 9 parishioners for each Sunday remaining in May. On June 7th we will move to having two Masses on Sunday. Please remember

Bishop Steven's general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will remain in effect for the duration of Mass attendance restrictions.

Mass is available for viewing on K2 Television at 9am and/or you may watch via livestream on St. Margaret's or Holy Rosary's FB pages.

Face masks will be required at Mass, use hand sanitizer, please refrain from exchanging handshakes during the Sign of Peace and maintain at least six feet apart from parishioners (except if you are in the same household) including processing to receive the Eucharist. If you are not feeling well and are scheduled to attend Mass please stay home and call the office so we can switch you with another parishioner until you feel well. Please keep our church family safe.

The churches at St. Josephs and St. Stephens are open daily from 8am-7pm for private prayer. No more than 9 people are to be in the church at one time.

Christ Is Risen!

Indeed, He Is Risen!

**"now is the time, if ever there was one, for us to care selflessly about one another."**

*Dr. Anthony Fauci*

Please pray for the family of the deceased:

+Flossie Brown

+Ms. Killsree

+Cassie Oldman

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### Food Distribution Dates/Sites/Times

June 5th, Big Wind Hall, Crowheart - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
June 12th, St. Michael's Circle, Ethete - 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick

You may call the office to schedule an appointment for confession. If there is no answer please leave your name and phone number and Father Jim or Father Hugo will return your call. Please do not schedule an appointment if you are sick, please wait until you are well to protect yourself and the priest. Priest and parishioner will be required to wear a mask and maintain a safe six foot distance during confession.

The Sacrament of the sick will still be available for those who are terminal and is now available to those who have an upcoming surgery. Please call the office if you or a loved one is in need of this sacrament.