

Dear Parishioners,

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

We are now observing the great Solemnity of Pentecost. We prayerfully commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Mother, and the inspired beginnings of the Church.

Those words from Psalm 104 take hold in our hearts in such a new way this year.

We do long for renewal. We do long for new life in its fullness. God knows that. That has always been His plan and desire for all His people throughout salvation history. Perhaps the very real struggles of these past weeks and months have allowed us, perhaps even have directed us, to focus in on the awesome presence and power of the Holy Spirit in a way never done before. That is a grace.

We call out to God in prayer, and we beckon Him closer, even through the emotions. In so doing we are living out faithfully our Christian discipleship. That places each of us right there with those first followers of Jesus. The bond is there. The relationship is real. The connection is genuine. The faith endures. That is a grace.

God's knows our hearts, and He pours the gifts of the Holy Spirit, an expression of Divine Love, into our hearts and our homes and our lives. The Holy Spirit gives the steadfast courage that helps us to go forward and gain a better understanding and appreciation of the precious truth of life and to boldly share the Good News.

Pentecost is a celebration of faith and relationship with God that is alive and dynamic. It is not held down or held back. It is a celebration that is not rooted in lament. It is rooted in hope. It is rooted in renewal. It brings us to conversion.

Jesus is Lord – and He is with us.

All the way – to God's embrace.

Sincerely,

Father Lavorgna