



## St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

Rev. Nicholas Glisson, Pastor His Excellency, Michael Barber, SJ, Bishop – Diocese of Oakland

### Report from our Sister Parish in Mexicali

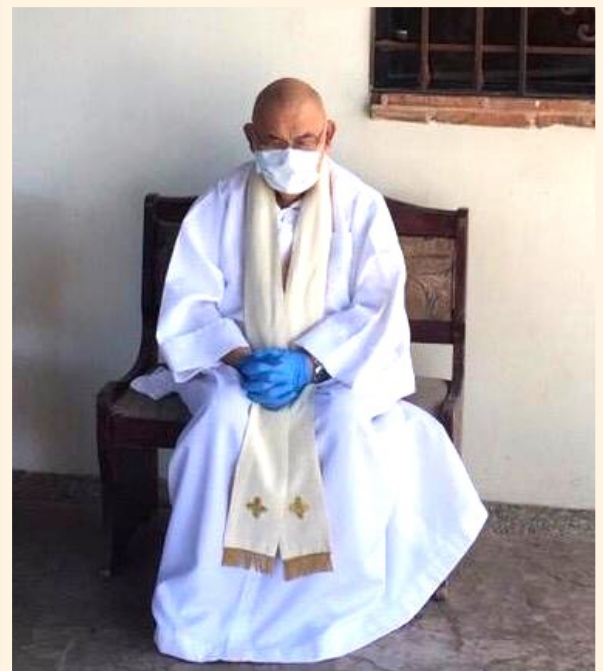
In a staff meeting the other day, Fr. Nick posed the question: “How are the parishioners in our sister parish in Mexicali faring during the pandemic?” So he asked Sharon Henthorn-Iwane, our parish liaison with our sister parish, to find out. Sharon soon received an email from **Doña María Teresa Bastidas**, whom many of you will remember as a respondent to Velma Richmond at our *Mary Magdalen Festival* last July. Here are some excerpts from Doña María’s correspondence:

“Baja California is the third state with most coronavirus cases in Mexico, and Mexicali is the highest city of B.C. in deaths. I think these coming two weeks will be very critical. It’s at its peak so far. For the moment, we have a city curfew.

- All churches are closed. Some priests offer Mass on Facebook.
- You cannot leave your house after 6:00 pm except for an emergency.
- All open stores must close at 7:00 pm, including grocery stores.
- Face masks are an obligation.
- Only two persons are allowed in one car.
- The City General Hospital has a refrigerated truck unit parked in front for the bodies of the deceased. No border crossings are allowed, except for U.S. citizens or for very important reasons.”

**Despite the current harsh conditions, our parish trip to Mexicali on the weekend of November 6th to 8th is still on.**

**Please let Fr. Nick know if you’re interested in spending a weekend with the wonderful parishioners of Santa María de Guadalupe in Mexicali. Our visit in 2019 was a terrific experience for all involved.**



**Fr. David Bello, OP**, pastor of our sister parish in Mexicali, is “not in good health, but is holding up.” He is pictured here sitting outside his office at the rectory of Santa Maria de Guadalupe.

*“Together we share our Faith in Jesus Christ.*

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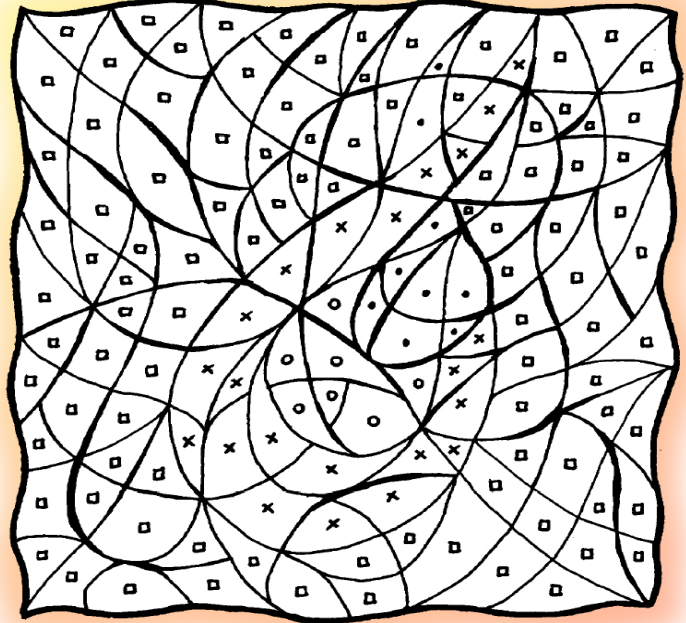
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*In what form did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles on Pentecost?*

*Use this colour code to colour in the picture and find out!*

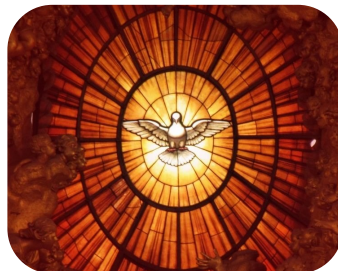
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*Unscramble:  
The Pentecost Story*

*Unscramble the words to finish the story and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.*

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one 7    [LCPAE] together. And 8     [ENYLUSDD] there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving 6   [DWNH] and it filled the entire 5    [USHOE] in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of 3   [ERFI] which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were all 2    [ILFLDE] with the Holy Spirit and 1    [GNEAB] to speak in different tongues, as the 4     [IPSTRI] enabled them to proclaim.

**Pentecost is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church!**



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# May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - Pentecost, Year A

## How You Can Help Our Neighbors in Need



The shutdown has caused many living on the margins to delay paying their rent or utility bills, and the demands on our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** will soon be great. Your prior donations have made a difference in the lives of our neighbors, as evidenced in this thank-you note from Chaplain Rob, who ministers to the backstretch workers at Golden Gate Fields: *"Your gift cards were well spent! They went to the sick, under- and unemployed. You started something BIG. Racing started up again last week, and so people's work situation should be improving. Thanks for that help!"*

Our [parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul](#) asks for your donations only four times per year—on months with a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. If you wish to help our neighbors in need, kindly go to [marymagdalen.org/donate](http://marymagdalen.org/donate) and select **St. Vincent de Paul** for a one-time or periodic donations. Or you may mail or drop off a check at the parish office or in the 'poor box' in the church.

## Scripture Readings for the Week

31<sup>st</sup> PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

1<sup>st</sup> Weekday [Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church]

Acts 1:12-14 / John 19:25-34

2<sup>nd</sup> Weekday [Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs]

2 Peter 3:12-18 / Mark 12:13-17

3<sup>rd</sup> Weekday [St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs]

2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 / Mark 12:18-27

4<sup>th</sup> Weekday

2 Timothy 2:8-15 / Mark 12:28-34

5<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr]

2 Timothy 3:10-17 / Mark 12:35-37

6<sup>th</sup> Weekday [St. Norbert, Bishop; Blessed Virgin Mary]

2 Timothy 4:1-8 / Mark 12:38-44

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of our Teen <i>Confirmandi</i>
Sunday	8:00	For the People of the Parish
	9:30	Intentions of our Adult <i>Confirmandi</i>
	11:30	Aniela Rabinska RIP
Monday	5:30	Rosemary & Cyril Dodds RIP
Tuesday	5:30	Virginia Sorensen RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Maureen Theese McGroddy, RSHM
Saturday	8:30	Jean Whalen RIP

Notes from Fr. Nick

## Pentecost



The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are *wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety* and *fear of the Lord*. While they are not specifically associated with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the gifts exemplify virtues of those who are filled with the Spirit.

The philosopher William James once said that "wisdom is knowing what to overlook." By that he meant knowing when and when not to use your knowledge. Not exposing a liar because you know they are on the verge of a change of heart might be an example of the gift of **wisdom**.

**Understanding** means seeing beyond a person's exterior to their heart. Once I flew back from Europe next to a guy who looked like someone I would normally steer clear of. It turned out he was an engineer with Boeing, and we had a great discussion on aircraft manufacture... and his spiritual life!

**Counsel** or **right judgment** is conscience; knowing between right and wrong. **Fortitude** is hanging in there when things are tough. **Knowledge** understands God's revelation as expressed in Jesus' teaching. **Piety** is behavior that leads to holiness. **Fear of the Lord** is the wonder and awe you feel before the glory and majesty of God.

The truth is, all of us have received all the gifts of the Spirit to varying degrees. It's up to us to figure out which ones are our strengths and actualize them. Humbly living out the gifts we excel in, and asking for guidance with our weak ones, is the essence of spiritual growth. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are tools to guide us on our spiritual journey.