



**May 31, 2009**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2: 1-11; 1Cor. 12:7-13; John 16: 12-15

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim”. The Spirit continues to empower the disciples and all believers to continue Jesus’ mission. Thank God for the Spirit.

**A Memorable Anniversary**

June 5, 1955—June 5, 2009

Apologetics has been a characteristic of post Reformation Catholic Church. Apologetics is defined in the dictionary, “a branch of theology devoted to the defense of the divine origin of Christianity”. After my college in Italy in 1952 I was assigned to our seminary in Chicago to study theology. School started the week after my arrival and only two textbooks were written in a familiar language, Latin, and the rest were in English a language totally unknown to me. From the beginning I was surprised of the emphasis of the teachers in defending Catholic positions in dogmatic and ethical theology. In class the positions of Catholic adversaries were explained and then teachers and students engaged in an intellectual battle to prove them wrong. It seemed a fun game, but in the process I developed a fear that a hostile world was waiting for me and as a rookie priest with little knowledge of the English language and of the American culture I was headed for a tough battle.

I was ordained a priest in Chicago May 15, 1955, one year before finishing theology. I had no family in this country and I was totally surprised to be invited from the pastor of Holy Rosary, Kansas City, Fr. Peter Rigo, cs, to come to Holy Rosary to celebrate my first solemn mass and then remain for the summer months as a helper. I came prepared to face a wicked world with plenty of ammunitions: text books, written notes, a mental bullet proof vest and still I felt vulnerable. Faith issues were not few but several hundreds. A famous author, Denzinger, collected 2200 “anathemas”. Anathema is defined in the dictionary “a ban or curse solemnly pronounced by ecclesial authority and accompanied by excommunication”. Anyone who did not accept the Catholic definition of a faith doctrine was “anathema”.

When I arrived to Kansas City priests and parishioners gave me a warm welcome. The parish prepared a magnificent solemn mass on June 5, 1955, and surprised me with the gift of a new chalice that I used for the celebration. A

reception open to all parishioners was prepared after mass. I was unknown to all and yet people treated me royally as one of their own. I was overwhelmed and deeply touched. Why was I so popular? Looking back I realize I was the first Scalabrinian priest who celebrated the first mass at Holy Rosary up to that time.

After the celebration parish life returned normal. People I met in the parish office or on the streets greeted me with a



big smile and invited me over for coffee and for a visit. Some gave me a ride around the city or treated me for an ice cream in the evening. In meeting people at first I was cautious and a little suspicious, but as the days passed I realized that all the people I met so far were kind and friendly and nobody questioned or attacked the catholic faith. So I said to myself, “Where are the enemies? I dropped all my ammunitions and let all that love and kindness heal me. The three months that I spent at Holy Rosary was the best course of theology and ethics I received. When I returned to the seminary in the fall, I shared my experience with the younger students and spent my last year in school focusing on the positive

issues of priestly ministry and how to help people grow in their faith and community life. For me Holy Rosary was an ideal community that I propose as a model in all my priestly assignments.

The documents of Vatican II 1962-1965 offered a new understanding and appreciation of our non Catholics brothers and sisters and an ecumenical dialogue began with them. The Church recognized that God is working through all religious people and the same Holy Spirit is guiding all toward the fullness of truth.

Returning to Holy Rosary as a pastor in 2000 was a special gift of God and I consider it my opportunity to return the favor. Holy Rosary is a welcoming and loving community and that is the secret of what we accomplished in the parish in my last eight years with you.

**Peter’s Pence Collection**

Today collection is to help the pope to provide financial help to the needy of the world.



**LỄ CHÚA THÁNH THẦN HIỆN XUỐNG**

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:7-13; John 16:12-15

“Họ được tràn đầy ơn Chúa Thánh Thần và nói được tiếng lạ, những khi Chúa Thánh Thần muốn họ loan báo tin mừng”.

Theo thánh Gioan sứ giả, sự huyền diệu về khổ nạn, sự chết, sống lại và lên trời của

Chúa Giêsu, cũng như Chúa Thánh Thần hiện xuống tất cả đều xảy ra trong một ngày. Theo thánh Luca, những biến cố này được tách riêng và xảy ra trong 40 ngày trước lễ Thăng Thiên. Và giờ đây Lễ Chúa Thánh Thần Hiện Xuống, Thánh Thần đến rõ ràng tai nghe và mắt thấy. Chúa Thánh Thần tiếp tục ban sức mạnh cho các tông đồ và những ai tin vào Chúa được hoàn thành sứ mạng của Chúa Giêsu.

**Quý Giáo Hoàng:**

Sẽ thu tiền ngày hôm nay cho Đức Giáo Hoàng để giúp đỡ cho người nghèo trên thế giới. Xin anh chị em rộng tay đóng góp.

**Ngày Scalabrini:** Thứ Hai 1/6 kỷ niệm lễ giỗ của Giám mục truyền giáo Scalabrini, đã làm việc tại giáo xứ Holy Rosary từ năm 1890. Xin cầu cho ơn truyền giáo.

**Cha Joseph thăm gia đình cha:**

Cha Joseph sẽ về Ý thăm gia đình từ 15/6 đến 16/7. Thánh lễ Chúa Nhật sẽ được các cha khách làm và thánh lễ ngày thường do cha Pat và cha Jesus đảm nhiệm.

**Scalabrini Day:**

Monday June 1st is the anniversary (1905) of the death of Blessed Bishop Scalabrini, the founder of the Missionaries for the migrants and refugees who are working at Holy Rosary since 1890. Please, pray for the missionaries and for new vocations.

**Fr. Joseph visits his family**

I will visit my family in Italy from June 15 to July 16. Sunday Masses will be celebrated by visiting priests and weekday Masses by Fr. Pat and Fr. Jesus. If you need any help from me, please, contact me soon.



**A New Miracle!**

At our celebration of Our Lady of the Audience on Sunday May 17, 2009, 49 years old Frank Mascaro was a first time visitor. He has been treated for serious heart disease for 7 years. Three different defibrillators and various procedures failed and in December 2008 he was placed on the heart transplant list. In mid April he was moved on top of the list. Frank’s wife, his mother and his sister had come to the feast in the past. On Sunday May 17 they picked up Frank’s mother from the nursing home and the whole family attended the feast to Holy Rosary. During the homily I said, “This celebration in honor of O.L. of the Audience is not a relic of the past, but it is our opportunity to express

our gratitude to our blessed Mother for the blessings and even miracles that she continues to shower on her devotees. Today’s record attendance at mass is the proof.” After mass there is a shower of rose petals over the statue of Our Lady and people catch those petals and take them home with devotion and they believe that they are the guarantee for another year of good health. Frank took a handful of rose petals and a medal of Our Lady and placed them in his walk-in closet to be a daily remembrance of the feast. On Tuesday, May 19, early afternoon Frank received a telephone call from his doctor in St. Louis to report immediately to the hospital that a new heart was available. Frank had a heart transplant late Tuesday night and is doing well. He believes this was a miracle and so do his mother, wife and family, his sister, the nurse, the social worker and many other people. I am sure that Frank and his family will attend the feast of Our Lady of the Audience every year as long as he lives with his family and lots of friends. Frank’s grandmother was a dear friend of Saveria and Tony Molle who brought this devotion from Sambuca, Sicily to Holy Rosary in the early 1900’s.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 30**

1PM Wedding—Honeycutt/Mancuso  
4PM Sam Vigliaturo by Vivian Gentile

**Sunday, May 31**

8AM For the deceased members of the Scarcello Family by Christine Scarcello  
11AM Bob & Yolanda Bedell by the Baldin Family  
Florence Bradley Corrolla, John George & Julia Bradley Innes by Tom & Joann Curiale & Family  
Anna Mineo by Vivian Gentile  
Frances Hawver by Vivian Gentile

**Monday, June 1**

8AM **Special Intentions**

**Tuesday, June 2**

8AM Jennie Gargotta by sister Fannie  
Tina Ardagna by dau. Vivian Gentile

**Wednesday, June 3**

8AM Bennie & Minnie Tristianio by Family

**Thursday, June 4**

8AM For all parishioners who are ill

**Friday, June 5**

8AM Sarah Naple by Thelma Wingerter

**Saturday, June 6**

4PM Sam Vigliaturo by Tom & Joann Curiale  
Anna Mineo by Rosalie George  
6PM Wedding—Barilaro/Goodwin

**Sunday, June 7**

8AM Saverio Ray by Rosalie Ray  
11AM Joe & Teresa Corrolla by Friends

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**May 24, 2009**

Collections: **\$2503.00**  
Other Income: **\$ 153.00**  
**TOTAL: \$2656.00**

*“Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.” —*

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**  
**June 6 & 7**

**LECTORS**

4PM: M Monteleone  
8AM: C Giangalanti  
11AM: L Venable

**EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

4PM: M Bui  
8AM: T Gumina  
11AM: R Venable

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4PM: Brian Bui  
8AM: Tristan & Fantasia Ta  
11AM: Yen and Long Bui