

Before Mass Commentary
Solemnity of Pentecost
8/9 June 2019

Good Morning (or evening): Our community at St. Joseph's parish welcomes you to our celebration of the Eucharist. Today is the Solemnity of Pentecost.

1. **(All Masses)** Please pick up a copy of the bulletin, and pay special attention to our parish updates, especially our upcoming parish events including the Prophets Bible Study beginning this Monday evening, also our Children's Holy Hour followed by our Family Ministry Potluck next Saturday.
2. **(All Masses)** During the summer we will be featuring various ministries of Stewardship involving Time and Talent. We will be highlighting volunteer opportunities available in the parish and ways you can help. This week's ministry is Sacristan's; volunteer's from this ministry will be available after mass in the gathering space to answer questions and sign up volunteers.
3. **(All Masses)** The Knights of Columbus are taking reservations for the next blood drive, please sign up in the gathering space.
4. **(All Masses)** The parish staff is celebrating Fr. Todd's 10th anniversary of priesthood this Thursday. We will begin at 6:30PM with a Rosary for Vocations, followed by Mass at 7:00PM, after which we will host a reception in Fr. McGirl Hall. All are welcome.
5. **(All Masses)** Next weekend is our Blue Envelope collection. Every third weekend of the month, we take up a collection for parish outreach to many local charities. You will find envelopes in the pews, please be generous to those in need.
6. **(All Masses)** Thus far 22% of you have responded by returning your envelopes. Thank you so much. By responding, you save us costs on future mailings, and help to fund our assessment to the archdiocese. Please consider giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are available in the pew.

Please silence your cell phones, and ensure the beauty and dignity of Mass from beginning to end. This Mass is offered for:

- **(Saturday 5:30 PM)**... David Jones *(pause)*
- **(Sunday 8:15 AM)** ... The People of St. Joseph *(pause)*
- **(Sunday 10:00 AM)**... The Repose of the soul of Harold Johnson *(pause)*
- **(Sunday 12:00 noon)**... The Repose of the soul of Kathleen and John Mallet *(pause)*
- **(Sunday 5:30 PM)**.... The Repose of the soul of Pilar Paredes *(pause)*

Now, as we prepare to celebrate the Eucharist together, I invite you all to please rise and greet those around you as the Body of Christ. *(Wait approximately 30 seconds, then continue)*

(NOON MASS ONLY) During this Easter Season, we sing the Regina Caeli, which can be found in your hymnals, number 519. *(Choir will take over after Regina Caeli)*. After the tolling of the bell, please join us in this prayer.

(All Masses except NOON) Let us prepare to enter into the sacred celebration of the Mass by taking a moment to reflect on how you are hoping to personally encounter our Lord in this Mass. *(After about 30 seconds the choir will take over from here)*.