

## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit— *John 15:16*



### THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a unique episode in the Acts of the Apostles today. A whole roomful of people are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they are baptized with water! The verb used—"the Holy Spirit 'fell' on them" (Acts 10:44)—is characteristic of the way the Spirit works throughout the book of Acts: powerful and

surprising. Though this "baptism" is not the normative way the New Testament describes baptism, it is still a good reminder today that the Holy Spirit is not controlled by whether or not we pour water, but rather that our sacramental signs reveal the presence of the Spirit at work among us. And we have a double reinforcement of how this work is accomplished from a Letter and a Gospel bearing John's name. It is love, self-sacrificing and self-giving love, that manifests the Spirit of Jesus in our midst. It is love that is the greatest of commandments. The Spirit is manifested equally through those who live in that love. Copyright © J. S.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God is love (1 John 4:7-10)

**Gospel** — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20



### DEEP DEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her. —George Washington



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Sunday (5/9) Mass Schedule

7:00am: Isabel Polanco+, Manuel Santos+  
8:15am: Alicia Andes+, Allen Spannuth+, Chispa Bitondo+, Katina Bitondo+, Antonia Sanchez+, Amelia Sanchez+  
9:30am: Marselina Morales+, Alfonso & Agustina Gomez+, Candelario Ramirez Gonzalez+  
10:30am: Isidro Sepuvela+, Maria Elena Murillo Casares+

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

9:00am/(M): All Souls +  
9:00am/(T): All Souls +  
9:00am/(W): All Souls  
9:00pm/(Thurs): All Souls  
9:00am/(F): All Souls+

Our in-person schedule of Masses is limited to 100 persons. All precautions continue to be followed and all are invited to attend, we do ask that all parishioners register for the weekend Masses at [Maria@saint-christophers.com](mailto:Maria@saint-christophers.com), or by calling 209-745-1389.

#### Sunday

7:00am & 8:15 am - English  
9:30am & 10:30am- Spanish

**Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday**  
**Thursday – Friday** at 9:00am

Current business hours have changed. Mondays - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed all day on Fridays. To avoid congestion in the office, we strongly encourage you to make an appointment.

The Parish Gift Shop will be open on Thursday May 13 before and after the 9am masses. We still offer lots of options for those looking for a special gift or religious need. First Communion and Confirmation items. And always on hand are Baptismal gifts, rosaries, medals, pendants, books and many children's books and novelties. Bibles, prayer books, crucifixes, statues and much more!



Please pray for our beautiful children who received First Eucharist this past Saturday.

### Sexto Domingo de Pascua 9 de mayo de 2021

No son ustedes los que me han elegido, soy yo quien los ha elegido y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto.— *Juan 15:16*

#### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Mediante las prédicas de Pedro, el Espíritu Santo viene a los gentiles (Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Salmo** — El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya (Salmo 98 [97]).

**Segunda lectura** — Dios es amor y Dios nos ama (1 Juan 4:7-10) o 1 Juan 4:11-16.

**Evangelio** — Jesús da este mandamiento a sus discípulos: ámense unos a otros como yo los he amado (Juan 15:9-17) o Juan 17:11b-19.

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 16:11-15; Sal 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Martes: Hch 16:22-34; Sal 138 (137):1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Miércoles: Hch 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Sal 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Jueves: Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20 (para la Ascensión); o Hch 18:1-8; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Viernes: Hch 1:15-17, 20-26; Sal 113 (112):1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Sábado: Hch 18:23-28; Sal 47 (46):2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Domingo: Hch 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; o, para la Ascensión, Hch 1:1-11; Sal 47:2-3, 6-9; Ef 1:17-23 o Ef 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mc 16:15-20

### LA PRESENCIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Hoy tenemos un episodio único en los Hechos de los Apóstoles. ¡Un grupo de personas que llena una habitación es bautizado con el Espíritu Santo antes de que se bautizaran con agua! La palabra que se usa para describir el suceso: “el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre ellos” (Hechos 10:44), es característica de la forma en que el Espíritu obra en todo el libro de los Hechos: de manera poderosa y sorprendente. Aunque este “bautismo” no es la norma para describir el bautismo en el Nuevo Testamento, es sin embargo un buen recordatorio de que el Espíritu Santo no está controlado por si hemos vertido el agua o no, sino que nuestros signos sacramentales revelan al Espíritu presente y obrando entre nosotros. Y tenemos un doble refuerzo de cómo esta obra se lleva a cabo en la carta y el Evangelio que llevan el nombre de Juan. Es el amor, el auto sacrificio y el amor de entrega, que manifiestan al Espíritu de Jesús entre nosotros. El amor es el más grande de los mandamientos. El Espíritu se manifiesta también a través de los que viven en ese amor.

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### DEUDA ETERNA

Mi madre fue la mujer más bella que jamás conocí. Todo lo que soy, se lo debo a mi madre. Atribuyo todos mis éxitos en esta vida a la enseñanza moral, intelectual y física que recibí de ella.

—George Washington

