

Heavenly Father,

Bless our next generation parish implementation team with Your guiding hand, strength, and wisdom. Illuminate our path with Your divine light, granting us discernment to make decisions aligned with Your will. Provide unwavering strength to overcome challenges, and fill our hearts with Your wisdom as we embark on this journey. May our efforts be a reflection of Your love, fostering unity and community within our parish. We entrust our endeavors to Your care, knowing that with Your guidance, we shall succeed.

In Your name, we pray.

Amen.

Congratulations

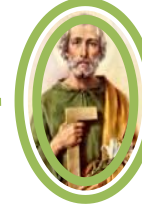
We would like to wish a congratulations to all graduating Seniors of 2024! We are all so proud of all that you have accomplished and hope and pray that God continues to bless your path in all your future endeavors!

Announcement

As the date for sacraments is getting to a close, I would like to state a code for dressing properly for the sacraments to be administered in our St. Joseph and St. Patrick Churches. If the candidate, sponsor and parent come to Mass with a short dress, I am going to be in the position to ask them kindly to step out of the church, and go get dressed decently for the occasion. (This also applies to all sacraments and sacramentals (15, 16 añejas, blessings) that we offer in our churches). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Blessings to all.
Sincerely, Father Gustavo Ortega



St. Joseph Catholic Church



LA PRYOR, TEXAS

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. [Acts 2:2-4](#)

Do you think there was really a “noise like a strong driving wind” at this first outpouring of the Holy Spirit? And do you think there really were “tongues as of fire” that came and rested on everyone? Well, there most likely was! Why else would have it been recorded that way in the Scriptures? These physical manifestations of the coming of the Holy Spirit were made present for numerous reasons. One reason was so that these first recipients of the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit would have concretely understood that something amazing was happening. By seeing and hearing these physical manifestations of the Holy Spirit they were more properly disposed to understand that God was doing something awesome. And then, upon seeing and hearing these manifestations, they were touched by the Holy Spirit, consumed, filled and set on fire. They suddenly discovered within themselves the promise Jesus made and they finally began to understand. Pentecost changed their lives! We most likely have not seen and heard these physical manifestations of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but we should rely upon the witness of those in the Scriptures to allow ourselves to arrive at a deep and transforming faith that the Holy Spirit is real and wants to enter our lives in the same way. God wants to set our hearts on fire with His love, strength and grace so as to effectively live lives that effect change in the world. Pentecost is not only about us becoming holy, it’s also about us being given all we need to go forth and bring the holiness of God to all those we encounter. Pentecost enables us to be powerful instruments of the transforming grace of God. And there is no doubt that the world around us needs this grace.

May 19, 2024

**St. Joseph Catholic Church and
St. Patrick Catholic Church
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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