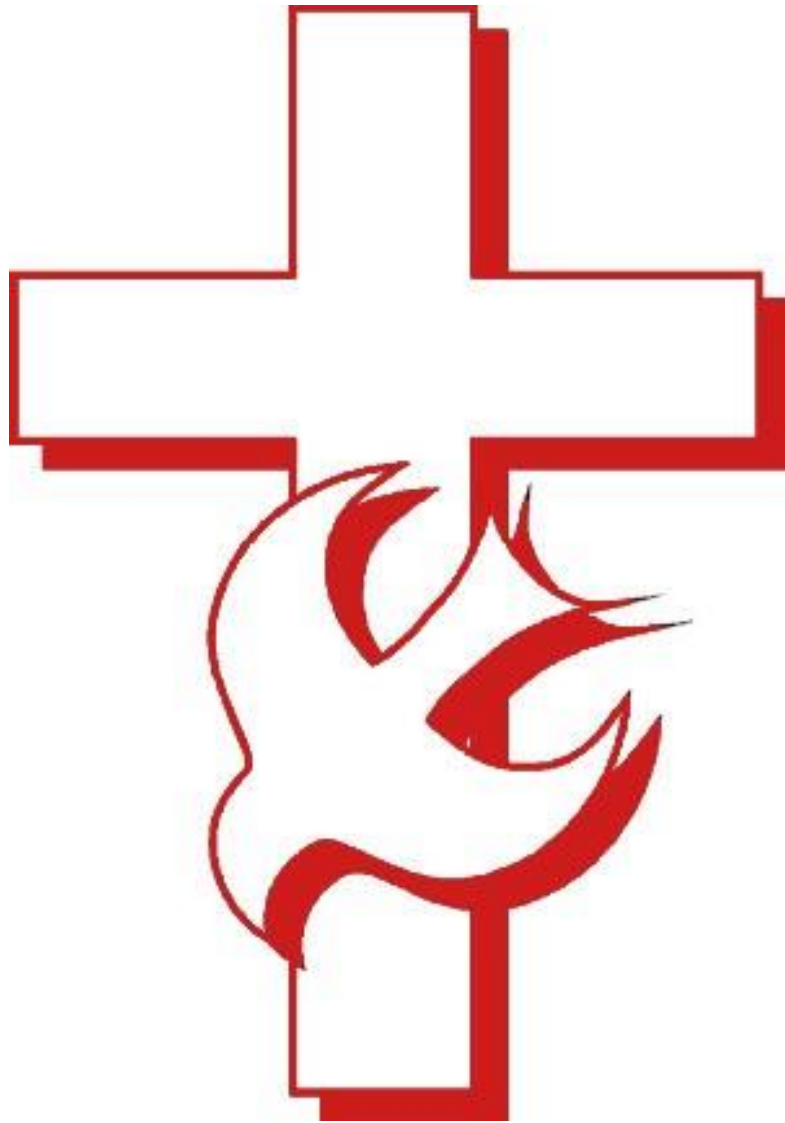


Pentecost Sunday



May 28, 2023

9:00 AM

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

W. Columbia, Texas

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The Rev. Paul B. Wehner, Interim Rector

We welcome all friends and visitors to worship with us this morning. St. Mary's is "The Mustard Seed Church," where out of a small number, great things will grow for the glory of God.

If you would like to receive more information about life within our community, please fill out a Visitor's Card in the pew rack in front of you so that we may get in touch with you this week. You can hand the card to the priest or usher as you leave or leave it in your pew.

Ministers of the Service

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Paul Wehner
Chalice Bearer	Ouida Thomas
Lectors	Dani Mikel
Prayers of the People	Wendy Hankins
Music	Grace Culbreath
Crucifer	Kendy Hankins
Dove	Travis Prater
Ushers	AJ Mikel, Buck Barnes
Altar Guild	Tracy Lane, Vicki Vrazel
Technical Support	Amber Prater
Hospitality	Theata and Marvin Miller

Rev. Paul Wehner is our Interim Rector during the current transition time. He will be in the church office on Tuesdays from 8:30 – 5:00, or can meet at other times by appointment. Please do not hesitate to drop in or to call and schedule a time to meet and talk or pray with Fr. Paul. Call the church office or his cell phone: 409-766-0088.

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude

Grace Culbreath, Organ

The Word of God

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Processional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymn #657

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The people standing, the Celebrant says
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Song of Praise

THE GLORIA

Hymn #S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day *(standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Our First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia

and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

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- 25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
 creatures both small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
 which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
 to give them their food in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
 you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
 and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
 may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
 he touches the mountains, and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
 I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah

Our Second Reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (12:3b-13)

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

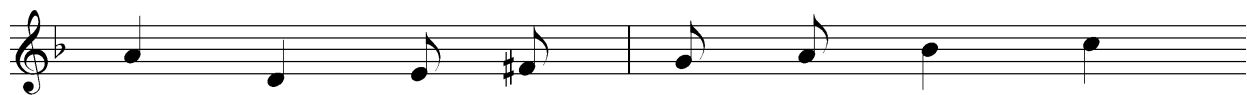
People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (20:19-23)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

After the Gospel, the Reader says
 The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Wehner

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(standing or kneeling)*

The Prayers of the People are adapted from Form 6, in our Book of Common Prayer.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; for those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president and Greg, our governor;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; we pray for the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, Aidan Vrazel, and Josef Gottlieb, that they may have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; Paul our priest; and the People of St. Mary's Church.

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Silence)
We pray for those who are ill, especially Dan, Mary, Mike, Marglet, Theresa, Anne, Mary, Colleen, Clint, Bonnie, John, Doris, Joe, Parker, Vicki, Cody, Keri, James, Daniel, Jennifer, Carol, Danny, Nancy, Jenna, Duggan, Arlien, Cathy, Adrienne, Veronica, Debbie, Linda, Marion, Abigail, David, Caroline, Jay, and those we now name silently or aloud Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, for those celebrating their birthdays, especially AJ Mikel and Jasey Hussey, and those celebrating their anniversaries. (The People may add their own thanksgivings) We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for those we now name silently or aloud Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Leader As our nation pauses this weekend to remember those in the military who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today, let us give thanks for their sacrifice and pray for the future of our country.

People O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision were willing to give their lives for the liberties we now enjoy. May their selfless examples inspire each of us to never take our freedoms for granted and to always be willing to do our part to protect them. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Grace Culbreath

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361)

The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord..**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people may remain standing or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All that desire a closer relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to the table.

Please proceed down the center aisle to the Communion rail, where you may stand or kneel. The priest will put a wafer in your hand. If you desire wine, you may sip from the cup or lightly dip your wafer in the wine. If you prefer to receive only the bread or a blessing, so indicate by crossing your arms over your chest at the appropriate time. If you desire to receive Communion in your pew, please tell one of the ushers. The ministers will be pleased to bring the bread and wine to you.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these or similar words.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people with the following or similar words,

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-
 our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy
 in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more; thy sov - ereign ma - jes - ty may we in

at - ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess; stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



**The flowers on the altar
this Sunday are given
to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving
for those that gave their lives
for our freedoms
by St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

2023 FLOWER SIGN UP

The forms to sign up for 2023 flower offerings are in the Narthex. Please stop by and sign up to honor or celebrate special days in your life. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

For more information, contact the church office. (979-345-3456)

Prayers

Prayers for Healing: Dan, Mary, Mike, Marglet, Theresa, Anne, Mary, Colleen, Clint, Bonnie, John, Doris, Joe, Parker, Vicki, Cody, Keri, James, Daniel, Jennifer, Carol, Danny, Nancy, Jenna, Duggan, Arlien, Cathy, Adrienne, Veronica, Debbie, Linda, Marion, Abigail, David, Caroline, and Jay

Prayers for our men and women in the Armed Forces: Ricky Wallace, Luis Cassells, Aidan Vrazel, and Josef Gottlieb

Prayers for birthdays: AJ Mikel (28), Jasey Hussey (30)

Prayers for anniversaries:

Announcements

1. We welcome all visitors to our worship service. If you need anything, the ushers will be happy to assist you.
2. Everyone is invited to hospitality in the Parish Hall after the service.
3. There are containers in the Narthex for you to place your UTO boxes. Envelopes are also available on the table for UTO donations. During the offertory, the UTO boxes and envelopes will be brought up to the altar. If you forgot your UTO boxes, please bring them by Sunday, June 11th. The check with St. Mary's UTO contribution will be mailed Tuesday, June 13th.
4. When you leave the church, the ushers will be handing out a Pentecost gift bag with items representing Pentecost and your UTO blue boxes. See if you figure out the meaning of each item.
5. Today is the beginning of the next UTO Gathering and the blue boxes. Remember to give thanks to God for each of your blessings as you put your spare change in the box. Return your boxes on November 5, All Saints Sunday. Extra boxes will be available each Sunday in the Narthex.
6. Outside the church entrance, are pinwheels representing the fire of Pentecost. Feel free to take one or more to decorate your flower bed or yard.
7. Brotherhood meets next Sunday at 7:30 a.m.



