

Life Time Power Source
Pentecost Sunday 2017 – June 4, 2017

Most of us are always looking for a place to plug in our cell phone, computer or other electronic device. The battery runs out if we use them too much. This week the readings point to a life-time source of energy, grace and inspiration also known as the Holy Spirit. This energy source never runs out. In fact, it's eternal. We might not always "plug in" so we tend to run short of the good we might do in our failings and in our lack of charitable works. The Holy Spirit, given to the disciples this week by Christ, never runs out. It is our direct connection to God.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, those gathered were filled with the universal language of the spirit. Everyone understood this message. The message of Christ from the gospel, **"Peace be with you"** is as universal as it gets. We have work to do. In the current world culture, the need for peace, love and mercy are at an all-time high.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

So the source of our strength to forgive and to love comes, not from us, but from the ever present spirit that binds us to Christ. The spirit that descends upon the apostles this week in the gospel is the same spirit that we received first in baptism and then is strengthened in confirmation. We are called to proclaim this message far and wide.

Too often, we take God...Father, Son and Holy Spirit for granted. We believe that everything we do is attributed to our intelligence, our passions and our effort. Pentecost is a call to return to the source of our being, to live in the Holy Spirit, working together to bring about the message of hope, peace, mercy and love that is Christ.

Blessings!!


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