



## *Reflection from Fr. Mike*

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As we enter into this Pentecost weekend, we call upon the power of God's Spirit in a time of tremendous uncertainty.

As I write this reflection, terrible violence and riots are occurring all over the country in response to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. When we see that type of violence, it reminds us how very much divided we are. So, we put this situation in God's hands. Pray that the power of God's Spirit might open the hearts of those who perpetuate such violence. May we as a nation come together to put an end to such division and racism in our nation. 'Come, Holy Spirit'!

We begin 'livestreaming' our Masses in St. James Midtown Kansas City this weekend. Since we are still 'vulnerable' and have to be careful to remain healthy and safe, we are limiting the number of folks coming together in church. We still need to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Pentecost is about the coming of God's Spirit upon a frightened, anxious group of Jesus' followers and giving them the grace and strength to go and share the Good News. We build that community that will nurture each other to be a source of God's Goodness in a world that is filled with such fear and violence. We are reminded daily that we are the CHURCH.

In these past months during quarantine, this community of St. James has indeed witnessed being Church - reaching out to one another, making sure that all of our community are cared for. We have to continue to care for those who have come to our parish door or those families hit with financial setbacks during this pandemic. Your generosity has allowed us to continue the beautiful work of this community. That is the power of God's Spirit.

Pentecost once again reminds us that through suffering and death we are given new life. We need Pentecost daily in our lives.

May we trust in the Holy Spirit and continue the good work God has begun. We celebrate our 'Homecoming' this weekend. Come Holy Spirit!

*Blessings, Fr. Mike*

