



Put the Tiger in your Tank

Do you remember the famous ad campaign by Esso? To boost sales and encourage people to buy its petrol, the petrol company started a campaign in the US in 1960s, with the slogan: *Put a tiger in your tank*. Together with the sale of furry tiger tails, this campaign became one of the most famous ones, and which took the world by storm. Petrol was like any other petrol, but the campaign convinced drivers that the Esso fuel was so powerful that it was equivalent to having a huge beast in their petrol tanks. The tiger in the tank promised a drive with more power, energy and durability. Today this phrase has taken the meaning: "a lot of vigor, determination, and motivation."

On this great feast of the Pentecost, I reflect on the 'tiger in the tank' for us, Christians and the Church. On this day, the Apostles, hiding in fear, left the upper room and preached boldly to all people. As the Church grew, early Christian martyrs accepted horrific torture and death for their new faith in Jesus Christ. Throughout the centuries, the Christian missionaries have left their homelands to share their faith to people of foreign lands, with their cultures and practices. Even now, there are Christians around the world who accept persecution rather than give up their Christian faith. Their power, courage and perseverance comes from the Holy Spirit.

I also reflect on the good homilies that are preached in our churches and retreat centres. I enjoy the uplifting Christian worship songs and hymns, and I take to heart the

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inspiring messages and writings on the Holy Scriptures. These words and music come from the revelation, inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

I invite you to recall today your Holy Spirit-experiences. All of us, who have been baptised, have the Holy Spirit within us, but we need to activate the spirit by calling to him: *Come Holy Spirit!* Is the Holy Spirit actively working within us?

For me, many a times I had to make decisions, and I would agonise with my indecision. There have also been times when I was organising certain activities, and the many challenges and details threatened to overwhelm me. But when I prayed to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit came and gave me the gifts I needed. It could be Peace, Wisdom, Right Judgment, Inspiration, Courage, Energy, or Consolation. But decisions were made and activities organised. Not by my will and strength, but by the power of the Holy Spirit!

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13)

I thank the Lord for the Gift of the Holy Spirit to invigorate, strengthen, motivate and energise us. So come on, pray and ask for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life. Put the Tiger in your tank!

Reflection by Ros

Novena notes



Pentecost Sunday

Year C

9th June 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 9 June	Ac 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26 Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
Mon, 10 June Our Lady, Mother of the Church	Ac 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34 Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!
Tue, 11 June St. Barnabas, Apostle	Ac 11:21-26;13:1-3; Mt 10:7-13 The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.
Wed, 12 June	2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19 You are holy, O Lord our God.
Thu, 13 June St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor	2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26 The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.
Fri, 14 June	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make to you, O Lord.
Sat, 15 June	2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37 The Lord is compassion and love.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)

Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm

Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)

Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS

Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION

English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm

Mandarin: 2.30pm

Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

Novena notes

Pentecost Sunday, 9th June 2019

Pentecost Sunday is the commemoration and celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

John the Baptist prophesied the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26. He showed Himself to them after His death and His resurrection, and breathed on them the Holy Spirit.

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, that they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth ([Acts 1:3-8](#)).

After Jesus' Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him.

After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory, but went out to tell the world the Good News. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in all believers.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom

An illumination that enables a grasp of the ultimate realities of God and divine things.

Understanding

To see the truth, meaning and implications of what God has revealed.

Knowledge

To see created things in their right relation to God (such as family life in God's service).

Counsel

To perceive the actions we must do in particular situations.

Fortitude

(Courage)

To have the strength and confidence to accomplish difficult actions.

Piety (Devotion)

To have familial respect for God, other persons and holy things.

Fear of the Lord

(Awe)

To have a reverence for God because of our love of God.



RCIA Chinese Programme

The New Chinese RCIA programme (2019/2020) for Adults will begin on 29th June 2019. Application forms can be obtained at the Church Office.

Catholic Aids Response Effort

Catholic Junior College students and in collaboration with Catholic Aids Response Effort (C.A.R.E) will be here on 15 June 2019 to raise funds for C.A.R.E, to provide monetary aid for people in Singapore who are suffering from AIDs/HIV.

They would be selling candles, rosaries and crucifixes, and also raise awareness about the objective of C.A.R.E.

Please give them your generous support.

World Communications Sunday

The second collection last Sunday amounted to \$9,949/-.

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 9th June 2019 at 12 noon.

"DAWN Skill Development Programme for foreign domestic workers"

Registration is open for Baking & Cooking (Basic & Advance), Basic Cake Decoration, Sewing & Handicraft from July 2019 till December 2019.

The 2nd Batch 2019 Care-Giving Course is scheduled to begin on 5 May 2019.

Classes will be conducted on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month from May 2019 till November 2019.

Dates : 9th June 2019.

Time : 10 am to 2 pm

Venue: DAWN,
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Singapore 319253.

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Maintenance of Aircon

We are in the midst of doing some maintenance work to the air-conditioners in the Church. We apologise for any discomfort you may experience during Masses and Novena Devotions while the work is being done.