# PENTECOST: RESPONDING TO CHRIST IN MISSION

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." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

~ John 20:20-22 ~

On Pentecost we heard St. John's account of Jesus' appearance to the first disciples and sending them forth with the gift of the Holy Spirit. As Christian disciples, how do we share Jesus' message of peace in these current times? Our world has experienced great suffering and upheaval during this pandemic. We look forward to new opportunities to take Christ's message of salvation to the ends of the earth.

We proclaim the Good News by SERVING and GIVING. The Holy Spirit has given each one of us a unique set of gifts and abilities. St. Paul reminds us that "there are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; and different forms of service, but the same Lord" (1Corinthians 12:4-5). How might you use your talents and time to further the mission in these areas of our OLL parish life as we emerge from pandemic restrictions?

## Four Areas of Parish Life

### **Lifelong Faith Formation**

www.ollparish.com/faith-formation

Can you serve as a small group faith sharing leader? Participate in a Bible study? Be part of the Christian Initiation Team (RCIA)? Assist in our youth ministry programs on Sunday afternoon and evening? Help and support our Family Faith Formation events this fall and winter?

#### Social Outreach

www.ollparish.com/love-others

Our Lady of the Lake parishioners offer service through various organizations and partner with various ministries in the local community. Can you provide leadership or assistance to our Mercy Teams efforts? Participate in the St. Vincent de Paul Council and their outreach of service? Join the Knights of Columbus to serve the community? Add your voice to our Respect Life Committee efforts?

# Parish Liturgical Life

www.ollparish.com/ministers

Can you serve as an Usher or Greeter, as Lector, or as Eucharistic Minister for Sunday or weekday Mass? Can you assist (men and women needed) with our Art & Environment Team? Musicians and singers: can you offer your creative gifts to our choir and ensembles as we regather? Youth: can you serve at altar?

#### **Pastoral Care**

www.ollparish.com/care

The Pastoral Care Team offers parishioners the opportunity to serve and care for individuals and families in their time of need as we care for the sick, comfort the dying, and support brothers and sisters in Christ. How might you offer your time to call or visit those in need?

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