

# Pastoral Message: June 5, 2022

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On this Pentecost Sunday, I share with you this reflection.

*A New Language.*

*On Pentecost day the apostles spoke of a new language.*

*What was the new language?*

*It was the language of peace rather than war;  
the language of cooperation rather than of competition,  
the language of forgiveness rather than of vengeance;  
the language of hope rather than despair,  
the language of tolerance rather than bigotry;  
the language of friendship rather than hostility;  
the language of unity rather than of division;  
the language of love rather than of hate.*

*Through the gift of the Spirit,  
people of different languages learned to profess one faith,  
to the praise and glory of God.*

*That is the real miracle of Pentecost,  
and it is a miracle which, thankfully still happens.*

-Flor McCarthy, SDB

This week, Fr. Andy and I will be on retreat with the priests of the diocese. If you are so inclined, say a prayer for the priests that we might truly be effective and genuine pastors for the people. There will be no weekday Masses this week, and I am still feeling my way as the best time for weekday Mass. I am juggling my schedule of work with the veterans and the needs of the parish. Please bear with me as I find my way back into full time work and ministry. Should there be any need what-so-ever, you are welcome to call and I will do what I can to be available. I am living both at the parish and at my home, depending on the parish needs.

In the next few weeks we will be celebrating the Funeral Mass for our Parishioners, Julia Jones and Jerry Cooperman. Julia died on May 19 and Jerry died on May 28. The Mass for Julia will be on Saturday, June 25, at 11 o'clock. The Mass for Jerry will be on Tuesday, June 21, the time is yet to be determined.

Please keep the family of Julia and Jerry in your thoughts and prayers. We trust that the Lord will bless them with the fulness of life, love, and peace.

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