

## *Pentecost Message from Fr. Roger*

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*My dear Parishioners,*

*Let me begin this note with wishing you a happy Pentecost!*

*Today we celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let us give thankful praise to our loving God and open our hearts and minds to be guided by the same Holy Spirit.*

*I just returned from Mount Angel after our annual retreat. It is always helpful to be away from our busy schedules and be in solitude to re-energize our spirits. The location too is very conducive to reflect, pray and relax. Our preacher was Bishop William S. Skylstad, from the diocese of Baker. The theme for this year's retreat was "Relationships".*

*The main topic of our conversations was the transfer of priests of our diocese. Fr. Steve Geer visited St. Therese and we had a friendly and healthy discussion. Let us welcome him with warm hearts and be united in putting away our personal agendas to build up God's kingdom.*

*My visit to Florence was also a good experience. Fr. David Brown is a successful pastor who enlightened me with a clear picture of my new parish. I already felt the warmth of their loving welcome.*

*As you may know moving from one place to another is not an easy task. But it is an opportunity to get rid of the things you have accumulated without your knowledge. These days my office is being arranged for the new pastor in order to do his work more easily and I am packing away my own goods.*

*Liturgical Ministry, the Parish website and the bulletin will be handed over to Fr. Steve Geer. Now I have permission from our webmaster to reveal her name. The St. Therese website was designed and maintained by a volunteer, Theja. Thank you Theja for this gift to St. Therese Parish and also volunteering to update it every week. Theja is the one who volunteered to help me during my difficult times. She helped me in all my secretarial work, especially regarding the liturgy*

*during the last few years. Now she is training Kent Burtner to take up the website. From the first of July 2011 please provide your concerns for the website, bulletin and the liturgical ministries to Fr. Steve Geer.*

*Due to the celebration of Lent I had to postpone the blessing of the Ushers and Greeters. I will bless them on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2011 during all Masses. Each group that serves a particular Mass will be installed during that Mass. The blessing of the new Pastoral Council members too will be at the 9.00 am Mass. I haven't forgotten the blessing of the couples who celebrated their wedding anniversaries in the month of June, that will also take place in all last weekend Masses.*

*I need your prayers at this transitional period. Let us be united in prayer.*

*May we all be blessed with the Holy Spirit,*

*Fr. Roger*

*June 12, 2011*