

Unleashing the Gospel at St. Irenaeus

“You will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth”

A “New Pentecost” Outpouring of the Holy Spirit



- “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)
- As the “First Evangelization” could not have taken place without the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, the “New Evangelization” cannot be accomplished without a New Pentecost
- A life-transforming experience of the Holy Spirit will deepen our love for Jesus, ignite our desire to be joyful disciples, and foster a missionary spirit and apostolic boldness
- An awakening of our spiritual gifts and unveiling of our charisms
- *Come Holy Spirit ... set your church on fire!*

Joyful & Intentional Discipleship Encounter-Grow-Witness



- Love the Lord with all my heart, mind and soul
- Encounter Jesus in a life-changing way so that we surrender our whole life to Him
- Grow - to follow Jesus is to be in a committed process of spiritual growth, a journey to deepen our relationship with Him
- Witness - the Spirit can set our hearts ablaze to inspire and equip us to share the Good News
- Am I a one-hour a week Catholic versus a 24/7 fervent and intentional disciple of Jesus Christ?
- Do I experience Mass as a transformative encounter with Jesus in Word and Eucharist?
- Do others see the face of Christ in me?
- *Lord, I give my life to You ... use me as You wish!*

Families are at Heart of Unleash the Gospel



- Families are the first and most important setting in which evangelization takes place
- The family is the “domestic church,” the primary social unit in which life in Christ is experienced and lived
- Discipleship is lived in the rhythms of day-to-day living – love, kindness and sharing
- Families are called to live out their holiness in a special way
- Nurture spiritual life grounded in prayer, sacraments, scripture and hospitality
- Rebuild Christian identity – reclaim Sunday as the Lord’s Day, develop family prayer time, family meals and time together, etc.
- Seek spiritual and social renewal of neighborhoods, schools and places of work

Missionary Parish & Culture Casting Wide our Nets



- We are a family of joyful and intentional disciples witnessing the Good News in word and deed
- A culture founded upon prayer and a life-changing encounter with Jesus
- Invite, connect, mentor and send families and individuals into mission
- All parish activities and resources are aligned with the fundamental commitment to evangelize
- Parish becomes a School of Discipleship and Evangelization – we nurture and mentor
- Establish a leadership team where members share responsibility and accountability both to the vision of the Archbishop and the mission of the parish
- Vibrant community of believers, coming together in love of the Lord and each other