

A Coffee with Alessio



Pentecost Sunday

Today marks the end of the Easter Season and the birthday of the Church. I always wonder what went through the minds of the Apostles while they were waiting for the Holy Spirit to come to them. We have been celebrating the joy of Easter and today that celebration “officially” comes to an end. I say “officially” because it is always the Risen Christ that we receive in Holy Communion, but for the last fifty days we have given particular attention to the Easter story. We will now move into Ordinary Time (weekday cycle), when we do not focus on a particular aspect of Jesus’ life.

Anyhow back to Pentecost. In my column last year, I wrote about the Sequence and how since it is one of those pieces that is sung once a year, it would be best to sing the text to a familiar tune.

In the Second Reading this Sunday we will hear about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The hymn that immediately comes to mind is “Take the Word of God with you as you go”, by James Harrison and Christopher Walker (CWBII # 607, GA #494). This hymn works well with children as well as adults. What a friend of mine would call “win, win”.

Again, this Sunday presents itself with opportunities to use the “tried and tested” music that works in your parish.

Make sure you have something red to wear to Mass this Sunday. A strawberry flan seems to be appropriate to me this weekend, so I'm going to search that out.

Happy Pentecost and enjoy your coffee and cake!

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