

# Faith Formation June 3-4, 2017

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### **Pentecost Sunday**

Gospel John 20:19-23

Adult This Sunday, we hear again from the Gospel according to John, the same reading that was proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter. In giving the Spirit, Jesus commissions his disciples for work. What has it meant to you to receive the Holy Spirit? How have you been able to carry on Jesus' work in your life?

Children The Solemnity of Pentecost reminds us that although we are made up of many people with many languages, we are all one in Christ Jesus. Are there people in our faith community who have a different primary language than yours? What languages do they speak? How are we the same even though we are different in some ways?



### PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

*"May our own hearts burst into flame so that no obstacle, no matter how great, ever obstructs the message of the God within each of us."* **Sister Joan Chittister OSB**

## Saint of the Day for June 3

### **Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions**

**(d. between November 15, 1885 – January 27, 1887)**

One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in most of tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages, aged 13 to 30, from the homosexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwanga, and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands. Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two retainers in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen, he entered the royal household as assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court pages. On the night of Mukaso's martyrdom for encouraging the African youths to resist Mwanga, Charles requested and received baptism. Imprisoned with his friends, Charles's courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful. For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death at Namugongo on June 3, 1886, by Mwanga's order. When Pope Paul VI canonized these 22 martyrs on October 18, 1964, he also made reference to the Anglican pages martyred for the same reason.

