

# Dear Padre,

**I look forward to every Pentecost Sunday, when I am renewed in God's spirit. Recently I read an article that said the Holy Spirit is a she. Is the Holy Spirit female?**

**T**he third person of the Trinity is the **Holy Spirit**. The word *spirit* is a translation of the Hebrew word *ruah*, which can mean "breath," "air," or "wind." This is the wind that God first sent to create the world, it is the breath that God breathed into Adam and Eve, and it is the tongues of fire that the apostles experienced on the first Pentecost.

In Hebrew, the word used for the Holy Spirit is feminine. In Greek, the word used is neuter, and in Latin, the word used is masculine. Not surprisingly, this caused a few problems for the early Church, which included many Hebrew, Greek, and Latin speakers. In areas where Hebrew or another Semitic language, such as Syriac, was spoken, the Holy Spirit was thought of as feminine, and so images of the Holy Spirit as mother were common. These various images of the Holy Spirit were openly expressed until about the fourth century, when Latin took over as the dominant language in the West.

We believe that in the life of the Trinity, God the Creator begets the Son. The expression of the love between God and the Son is the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we shouldn't think of the Holy Spirit as being either gender. Saint John describes the Holy Spirit as being God's love (see 1 John 4:7-13).

On this Pentecost and always, I wish you God's Spirit of love.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
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## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 1

*Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church*

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or

Acts 1:12-14

Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday

JUNE 2

Weekday

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18

Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday

JUNE 3

*St. Charles Lwanga  
and Companions,  
Martyrs*

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12

Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday

JUNE 4

Weekday

2 Tm 2:8-15

Mk 12:28-34

### Friday

JUNE 5

*St. Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr*

2 Tm 3:10-17

Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday

JUNE 6

Weekday

2 Tm 4:1-8

Mk 12:38-44

### Sunday

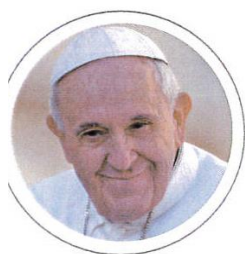
JUNE 7

*Most Holy Trinity*

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*As he did on Pentecost, the Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today. And he wants to build that world with you.*

—PRAYER VIGIL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, JULY 30, 2016



# **PENTACOST SUNDAY**

## **MAY 31, 2020**



### **St. Ann Catholic Church & Our Lady of Chartres Mission**

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### **St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions.**

Sat: 5.00 EX. Society  
Sun: 9:00am. Paul Irby {Ri p}  
Sun: 6.00pm. Parish

Mon 8.00am. Beau Moncontell  
Tues 8. 00am. EX. Society  
Wed 6.00 pm. EX. Society  
Thu 8. 00 am. EX. Society  
Fri 8:00 am. EX. Society

6<sup>th</sup> June Sat 5.00 Pm. Ex-Society  
7<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am Parish  
6.00pm. Paul Irby {Ri p}



**From Father David's Desk...**

*Dear Parishioners and Friends*

# Look What Blew into Town

**D**id it really happen the way the story is told? Who would not give anything to have been there? But maybe we *have* been there. Maybe we have met people who were so open to the mysterious power of the Spirit of God that they were able to accomplish things they never thought they could. Maybe at times even we, too, have been so moved by that mysterious Spirit. Is it possible that we are mistaken about what is truly mysterious or Spirit-driven? Is it possible that we fail to see the mystery of God in everyday life?

This is not to say that nothing extraordinary happened on that Pentecost day. It certainly did! People who kept a low profile out of fear of facing the same deadly fate as their leader seemed to rush out onto the street and proclaim that leader's mighty acts. What has happened to them? How is such a reversal of behavior to be described? It happens that when something wondrous occurs we often use exaggerated images and superlative language in an attempt to capture the astounding character of the event. To embellish language does not mean that the event was not amazing. It means that it was so amazing that we are at a loss to describe or explain it. We are, after all, talking about the dynamic Spirit of God that can completely change people. This is the same Spirit we received at baptism. Are we open to have it change us?

**With love and prayers**  
**Fr. David**

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**ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: \* 7**

**identifiable: \$2,277.00; Loose: \$353.00;  
Total:\$ 2,630.00; ACH: \$.55.00.**

**Church re-opens for the public:** As for the advice and law of the state; church is opened for the public with conditions,

**Basic Conditions are:**

- 1) Everyone should have mask.
- 2) Should sanitize your hands before and after leaving the church.
- 3) 6 feet apart from each one, except the families or couple living together.
- 4) Receiving the communion only in the hand, no Blood of Christ.
- 5) Bring your own chair to avoid the spread of the virus.
- 6) Mass will be in the parish hall not in the church because lack of space.
- 7) **Those who are sick remain at home, Holy Communion will be brought to your home with prior request. Let Fr. David know who needs it.**
- 8) Usher will open the door for you when you come in and leave out.
- 9) No physical sign of peace.
- 9) All the sacraments are to be celebrated with above conditions.
- 10) In case, if someone have got the virus and cured off, better it's to be at home, if need to join the gathering, should provide two negative test certificate to the priest.

11) Mass can't be live streamed in the Facebook; due to bad network. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**12) Visiting sick and bringing Holy Communion to home bound will be available on Monday throughout the week.**

13) There are other conditions that will be explained when you come for the Mass.

14) We need some volunteers to clean and arrange the hall after every Mass. So please come forward. Thanks and hope to see you soon.

**First Holy Communion:** We will have first Holy Communion Mass next month June.

† **With Sympathy** †

Father David and the community of St Ann parish extend our deepest sympathy to Beau Moncontell family who passed away. May he rest in Eternal Glory and May his loved ones receive God's consolation and peace. Please keep Beau Moncontell and his family and friends in your prayers.

**Father's Day Prayers:** Those like to pray and offer Mass for your beloved father on Father's day you are welcome and please print their name in the prayer list. Thanks.

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

**RCIA:** Please contact Sherrie Demello .

**The Word Among Us:** for June is available. Please pick up one copy on your way out.

**Biloxi Diocese Knights of Columbus  
Seminarian Fund \$5000 Raffle**

Raffle to raise money for Bishop R.O. Gerow Education Fund

3 Winners will be drawn

3rd Place: \$2000 2nd Place: \$3000 1st Place: \$5000

Drawing will be held on ~~April 15, 2020~~ June

Ticket Price: \$25

**PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill**

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Lyndon Rushing, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner, and Matt Dubission; Mary Jo Nunèz; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, and Kathy Squillate and Wally Clifford.