

Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

Calendar

Monday
MAY 24

*Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church*

Gn 3:9–15, 20
or Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday
MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday
MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17

Mk 10:32–45

Thursday
MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15–25
Mk 10:46–52

Friday
MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday
MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd–20
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday
MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32–34, 39–40

Rom 8:14–17
Mt 28:16–20

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

May 22nd Sat 5 pm Int donor

May 23rd Sun 9 am Int donor

May 23rd 6pm Parish Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment

Mon 8am Int donor

Wednesday 6pm Int donor

Thurs 8am Int donor

Fri 8am Int donor

May 29th Sat 5 pm Int donor

May 30th Sun 9 am Int donor

May 30th 6pm Parish

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Int donor

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Tongues of Fire

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving

wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2

For Reflection

- *Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?*
- *How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?*

WITH PRAYERS

FR. DAVID

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Children: \$2.56; Ach: \$ 5.00.

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loose: \$79.00; Total: \$. 264.00.

2nd Collection May 22 and 23rd:

Catholic Communications

May 29th & 30th: Father David will be out of town, Father Mike Somer SVD from Bay St. Louis will offer mass here. Thanks

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive preparation for marriage. One’s own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat May 22 nd 5pm	Mike West		
Sun May 23 rd OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun May 23 rd 9 am	Beau underwood		
Sun May 23 rd 6pm	Judith Martinez		
Sat May 29 th 5pm	Jan		
Sun May 30 th OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun May 30 th 9 am	Kim wood		
Sun 30 th 6pm	Katelin Cuevas		

RCIA workshop to train teachers: on June 5th, 2021 from 9: 00 am to 2: 00pm in Long Beach. Meet with Fr. David, if you are interested in this ministry. Thanks.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560

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, each Mass card is \$ 10.00 dollars. Thanks

Online learning: on-line classes for bible study class, books and videos and movies are available on this web site so please register your name there.

<https://signup.formed.org/>

- Enter your parish zip code 39503
 - Enter name and email. Once you are resisted you are good to go at any time.
- Thanks.

Word Among Us: for June is available at the entrance of the church. Please pick one up for yourself. Thanks

Lizana Light: Every Saturday from 9am to 11am. if someone is need of food refer them please Thank you.

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 Necaise, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, 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; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Cuevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran, Robin Shamplo, Glinda Gardman.