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### Mass Schedule

**Weekend**  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)  
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (B), 10:30 a.m. (R)

### Weekday

Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (R) (Mass & Adoration); Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (B); Thursday 8:00 a.m. (R); Friday 8:00 a.m. (B)

### Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at [steve.petrica@gmail.com](mailto:steve.petrica@gmail.com) so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

### Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)  
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)  
Confession by appointment anytime.  
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.



## FROM THE RECTORY

Fr. Steve Petrica

### Pentecost Novena

According to the venerable *Catholic Encyclopedia*, a novena is “a nine days’ private or public devotion to obtain special graces. ... To the novena belongs [the character] of hopeful mourning, of yearning, of prayer.”

St. Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles, the sequel to his gospel, that the apostles (along with certain other disciples) spent the nine days between Jesus’ ascension and the day of Pentecost in prayer together:

Jesus presented himself [to his apostles] alive after his passion, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit. ... You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ... Then they returned to Jerusalem; and when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying. **With one accord [the Eleven] devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 1:3-5,8-9,12-14,2:1-4)

The Church considers this period of nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost to be her first *novena*. As the *Catholic Encyclopedia* article puts it:

The best explanation [for every novena] but also the best model and example was given by Christ Himself to the Church in the first Pentecost novena. He Himself expressly exhorted the Apostles to make this preparation. And when the young Church had faithfully persevered for nine full days in it, the Holy Ghost came as the precious fruit of this first Christian novena for the feast of the establishment and foundation of the Church.

There is no official set of Pentecost novena prayers, but many appreciate the following form. Offer it for your inten-

tion every day this week:

O Holy Spirit, my Lord and my God, I adore thee and humbly acknowledge here in thy sacred presence that I am nothing, and can do nothing, without thy operation within me. Come, great Paraclete, thou Father of the poor, thou Comforter of the blest, fulfill the promise of our Savior, who would not leave us orphans, and enter my mind and heart as thou didst descend on the day of Pentecost upon the holy Mother of Jesus and upon his first disciples. Grant that I may have a part in those gifts which thou didst so prodigally bestow upon them. Take from my heart all that is not pleasing to thee and make of it a worthy dwelling-place for Jesus. Illuminate my mind, that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal welfare.

Inflame my heart with pure love of the Father, that, cleansed from attachment to all unworthy objects, my whole life may be hidden with Jesus in God. Strengthen my will, that it may be conformable to the will of my Creator and guided by thy holy inspirations. Aid me to practice the heavenly virtues of humility, poverty, and obedience which are taught me in the earthly life of Jesus.

Descend upon me, O mighty Spirit, that, inspired and encouraged by thee, I may faithfully fulfill the duties of my state in life, carry my daily cross with patience and courage, and accomplish the Father’s will for me more perfectly. Make me, day by day, more holy and give to me that heavenly peace which the world cannot give.

O Holy Spirit, thou Giver of every good and perfect gift, grant to me the intentions of this novena of prayer. May the Father’s will be done in me and through me. And mayest thou, O mighty Spirit of the living God, be praised and glorified for ever and ever. Amen.

*Continued on next page...*

### On the Cover

*The Ascension of Christ* (1446), relief in glazed terracotta by Luca Della Robbia. The Ascension is paired with a similar lunette of the Resurrection for the doors to the “Old Sacristy” of the Duomo, the cathedral in Florence.

This relief portrays the scene depicted in the gospel of Luke 24:50-52a:

Then [Jesus] led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him...

Luca della Robbia (1399/1400–1482) was an Italian sculptor from Florence, noted for his colorful, tin-glazed terracotta statuary, a technique which he invented and passed on to his nephew and great-nephews. Though a leading sculptor in stone, he worked primarily in terracotta after developing his technique in the early 1440s.

—Biographical data from wikipedia.org

## Key Events on the Bible Timeline #64

The Ascension: Luke 24:44-53

Anyone can visit the empty tomb of Jesus, within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. It's empty, of course, because he is risen from the dead! But his resurrection raises the question of where he is now, and scripture and the apostolic teaching tell us that he ascended into heaven. He has definitively parted from his people in his physical body. His return to the presence of his Father has had a number of implications for believers since the days of his life on earth.

During his public ministry, Jesus told his disciples that he had much to teach them that they were not yet ready to hear, and that he would send the Holy Spirit to lead them into all truth. (Jn. 16:12) Therefore, he said, "it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." (Jn. 16:7) His first gift after the Ascension was indeed the promised Holy Spirit, who enlightens and enlivens us, the members of his Church.

The author of the New Testament Letter to the Hebrews likens Jesus' Ascension to a high priest entering the Temple, except that Jesus in heaven now enters "the greater and more perfect tent, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption." (Heb. 9:11-12) That offering of his Blood in the "more perfect" Temple in heaven is the Sacrament that we share in the Mass on Earth. As the fifth century Pope St. Leo the Great said, "that which till then was visible of our Redeemer was changed into a sacramental presence."

In these two essential things — the gift of the Spirit to guide us and his sacramental presence with us — Jesus set the stage for his Church to pivot from simply a religious movement in first-century Palestine to the Body of Christ spread through all the world.

### St. Bernadette's Offerings

Weekend of May 17, 2020

Envelopes .....	\$1,196.00
Loose offerings .....	300.00
Online offerings .....	Pending
Votive candles .....	77.20
Total .....	\$1,573.20

Same weekend last year .....	\$1,314.75
Difference .....	258.45

*May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)*



### Memorial Day Mass and Cemetery Visit

Memorial Day is one of our nation's most solemn "secular holy days," on which we honor the men and women of the military who have died in the service of their country. As Abraham Lincoln said in the Gettysburg Address, "It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this." It is a spiritual work of mercy.

As is our custom, we will follow the 8:00 a.m. Mass of Requiem for the fallen with a visit to the parish cemetery, to pray for those — particularly veterans — whose bodies repose there.

*Pentecost Novena, continued...*

OUR FATHER. HAIL MARY.

Let us pray. O God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Mass Intentions

"Remember me at the altar of the Lord."

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

#### Monday, May 25: Memorial Day Requiem

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

#### Tuesday, May 26: St. Philip Neri

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

#### Wednesday, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 a.m. .... Norene & Leo Clerkin (B)

#### Thursday, May 28: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. .... (R)

#### Friday, May 29: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. .... Greg Parman (B)

#### Saturday, May 30: Votive Mass of Our Lady

9:00 a.m. .... (B)

#### Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. .... Maggie Leonhardt (B)

10:30 a.m. .... People of the Parish (R)

*When requesting Mass intentions, be sure to specify the date and time you'd like.*



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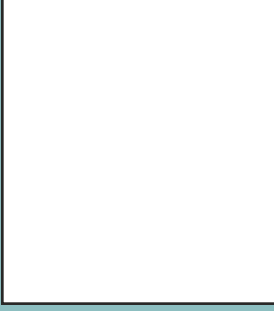
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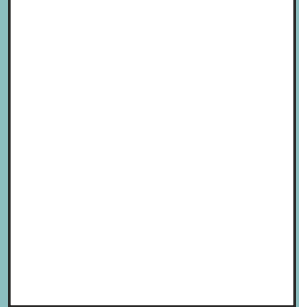
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