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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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**SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021**

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

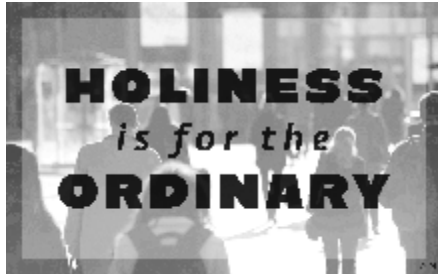


Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.



**Readings for the Week of May 23, 2021**

Sunday:	Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/ Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/ Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



**Sunday, May 23**

8:00am	+Thomas Shea
9:30am	Harold Fries
11:30am	+Bradford William Bossi
8:00pm	Pro Populo

**Monday, May 24 *BVM, Mother of the Church***

8:30am	In Thanksgiving
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**Tuesday, May 25 *St. Bede the Venerable***

8:30am	+Kathleen and James Baker
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**Wednesday, May 26 *St. Philip Neri***

8:30am	Lauren Marie Wade
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**Thursday, May 27 *St. Augustine of Canterbury***

8:30am	+Buccino/Talarico/Mollinedo Family
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**Friday, May 28**

8:30am	Bruno Haselbarth
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**Saturday, May 29 *St. Paul VI***

8:30am	+John and Margaret O'Neill
4:00pm	+Sister Mary Joseph, S.S.J.

**Sunday, May 30**

8:00am	+Lucille Kopczynski
9:30am	Thomas Fries
11:30am	+Jean M. Ezzi
8:00pm	Pro Populo

Many of the priests serving in the Archdiocese celebrate their ordination anniversaries in May. We send prayerful best wishes and greetings to all of them. A joyful Happy Anniversary to our pastor, Father Michael, who celebrates his 35th anniversary on May 24th.

### Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multi-national crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.



Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts  
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.

I want to receive the fire of Your love  
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.

Come with wonder and awe,  
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,  
with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness  
to Your presence in my life.

Help me to see the ways my strengths  
can serve others in their weakness.

In all my interactions, I want to radiate

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.  
Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.



### OUR LADY OF LOURDES CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

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Friday, June 11th ✠ 7:00 pm

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Please remember the souls of the faithfully departed.

#### REMEMBER OUR SICK

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In Thanksgiving

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## MARY

Mother of the church

The feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, was established by Pope Francis in spring 2018. While the formal celebration is new, the honor is as old as the Gospels. Jesus spoke few words on the Cross, but several of them were addressed to his mother and the apostle John. "Woman, behold your son." "Son, behold your mother." This means far more than simply someone to care for Mary as she got on in years and someone for John to celebrate Jewish festivals with. John represents all of us, the Church. Jesus entrusted Mary to us as our mother. At the end of the historic Second Vatican Council in the midst of tumultuous times, St. Pope Paul VI formally declared **Mary as Mother of the Church** and invited us to pray to her under that title. With our recent celebration of the birthday of the Church at Pentecost, we remember that every birth has a mother. Happy Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church!





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