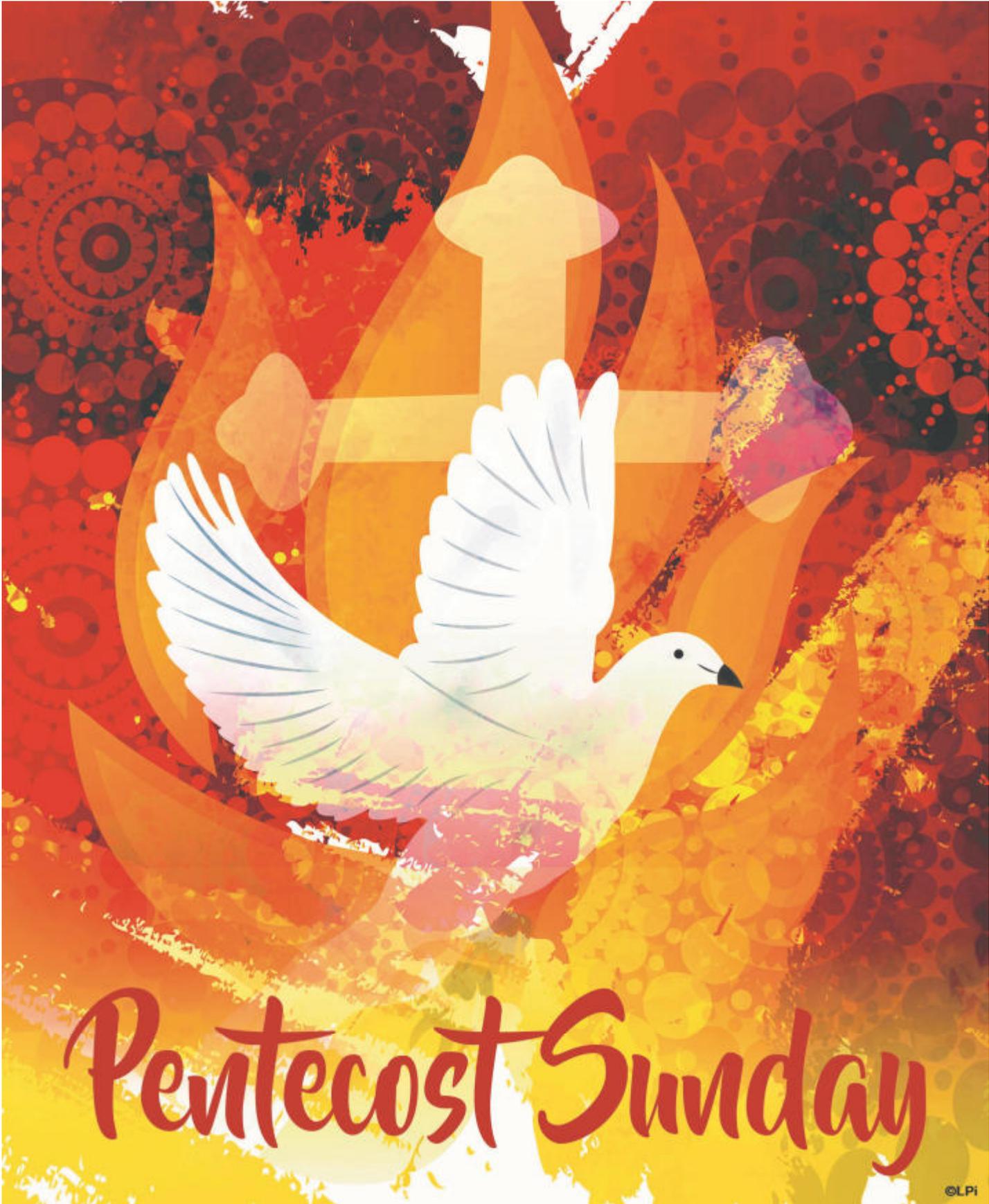


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Pentecost Sunday

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday–Friday 8:30 AM–12:00 PM &
1:00–3:30 PM

Benediction: First Friday of each month
after 8:00 AM Mass followed by Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 AM

WEEKEND MASSES: *Saturday 5:00 PM &
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM*

HOLY DAY MASSES: *Vigil 5:00 PM &
Holy Day 10:00 AM*

RECONCILIATION: *30 minutes before Mass*

DAILY MASS: *Monday-Friday 8:00 AM*

Bulletin Publication Information

We welcome all St. Francis of Assisi ministries and parishioners to submit notices to the parish bulletin via email as a Word or Publisher file to bulletin@saintfrancisfairfield.org, two weeks in advance NO Exceptions.

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Parish Registration

We invite all who worship with us to become formal members of the St. Francis of Assisi "Village" by registering as parishioners.

Membership has its benefits! It also helps our ministries and staff plan to meet the needs of the community. To become a member of the parish please fill out a registration form on-line at saintfrancisfairfield.org or stop in the office. For more information call the parish office at (931) 484-3628.

Directory of Information

Columbarium Info: Walt Peterson (210-0466), Jim Masson (456-1020) and Bob Loghry (787-8222)

Grandparents Room: Cathie Fugiel (200-4536) Mary Ellen Kurtzman (484-9126), or Susan Flynn (287-0561)

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance. You must be actively registered to be married at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Ministers of Care: If you are a parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Communion please call Mary Ellen Ericksen (931) 335-1794 or the parish office.

Prayer Blankets Coordinators: Susanna Bour, (337-7508), Kathy Upp (210-7405)

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Estates: Parishioners who are drawing up their wills are asked to remember St. Francis of Assisi Church

For additional information,
check our **Ministries** tab on our website:
www.saintfrancisfairfield.org

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If there has been a death please call our Funeral Coordinator, Eric Wheeler at (502) 403-5744 or email him at ewheeler01@gmail.com.

If you would like to preplan your funeral packets are available to assist you in selecting music, readings and other important details regarding your funeral liturgy at St. Francis.

These are free and available in the parish office, Monday-Friday between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.

May 23, 2021



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

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 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/ Mt 28:16-20@lpi



For the Week of May 23, 2021

5/24 Mon. 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5/25 Tues. 8:00 a.m. †Bud Trapp
 5/26 Wed. 8:00 a.m. †Peter Kaufmann
 5/27 Thur. 8:00 a.m. †Bob Holden
 5/28 Fri. 8:00 a.m. †Suzanne Sohnly
 5/29 Sat. 5:00 p.m. †John Brey
 5/30 Sun. 8:00 a.m. †Bruce Trent
 10:00 a.m. Parishioners

†=deceased

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 7:40 a.m. every Friday morning.
 Please come! **Join the Daily Mass Family!**

A Look at the Week Ahead



**Join Us at
Our Town Hall
Meeting**

**Saint Francis of Assisi
Catholic Church
Town Hall Meeting
May 24, 2021
10:00 a.m.
(It will be streamed)**

Monday, May 24
10:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting-PH

Tuesday, May 25
9:00 a.m. Budget Meeting-LIB

Thursday, May 27
12:00 p.m. Discovering Christ-PH

Sunday May 30, Fifth Sunday
Rosary said after 10 a.m. Mass
3:00 p.m. The Patriotic Rosary
for Memorial Day

Pentecost Sunday

Forming a Christian Conscience

By Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.



How do I know whether what I am doing is right or wrong? Should I go with my gut feelings or should I investigate it a bit more? What if the Church teaches something with which I do not agree?

All of those are questions that involve our conscience. The conscience is that part of us that tells us whether something is right or wrong.

How Do We Form a Conscience?

The ability to judge right from wrong does not just happen. Granted, all human beings have an innate God-given ability to make judgements about right and wrong, but that ability must be nurtured and developed. Otherwise, our conscience might cause us to make the wrong decisions.

So how do we train our conscience? The first thing we must do is study. We could attend adult education classes. We could consult brochures or books on the faith. We could read articles in our diocesan newspaper or a religious magazine. We could listen carefully to the homilies we hear in Church and ask questions after Mass if we did not fully understand some point. We could listen to religious radio, TV programs or search online. There are many ways to obtain information about what is right and wrong.

Of course, one of the most important sources of information is the Bible.

“Scripture is a revelation of who God is and what God wants of us.”

The better one understands scripture, the more easily one understands what God is calling us to be.

We also must read and study the Church’s teachings on morality. It would be arrogant to believe that we can figure out everything on our own. We believe that the Holy Spirit guides the hierarchy of our Church, especially in questions of faith and morals. We need to be humble enough to realize that there is much we can learn from the Church’s pronouncements.

And then there is prayer. We must place all of this study and activity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must pray for wisdom and insight. We pray to be able to surrender our prejudices and those things that blind us from the truth.

An Erroneous Conscience

But this does not mean that our conscience always makes the right decision. Our conscience can be in error. This is called an erroneous conscience. This can be because we either could not have known better, or we could have known better but we did not bother to learn.

An example of this is being stopped for speeding. If the speed limit was posted but hidden by a bush, then it was not our fault. If the speed limit was posted and we just did not bother to look for it, then we are at fault.

Thus, if we could not have known better, we are not guilty of having committed a sin (even if our conscience tells us to do something that is technically a sin). If however, our ignorance is our fault because we never bothered to study the situation or we blocked the truth out of our minds, then we are guilty of having been negligent in preparing our conscience.

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Scrupulous vs. Lax

There are also two extremes of how acute our conscience can be.

A scrupulous conscience is one that is always condemning us for the smallest possible infraction. One examines and reexamines an issue until one finds some possible reason for guilt. Scrupulous people can never feel right about anything. They seem to look for reasons to feel guilty.

This should be discussed with a confessor and/or a spiritual director. In its more serious forms, it requires intervention by a counselor and possible medication. It is not normal to feel guilty all the time when one is trying to do what is right.

A lax person is the exact opposite: anything goes. This could be a character flaw or, in its more serious stages, a psychological illness. Just as it is not normal to feel guilty all the time, it is also not normal never to feel guilty. We are all sinners and there is an appropriate time to feel guilty and repent.

Doubtful, Probably and Perplexed

These are three other terms used for consciences. A doubtful conscience is one that simply cannot determine if an action is right or wrong. In that case, we should not do it, lest what we do be wrong. An example might be whether a woman should take a drink or not when she thinks she might be pregnant. If she is to err, it must be on the side of safety.

A probable conscience is one that is fairly sure that something is right or wrong. In this case, one should try to clarify the issue if that is possible. Yet, if one must make a choice, then it is permissible to go with one's best judgement.

Unfortunately, in the confusion of life, we often run into situations that lead to a perplexed conscience. This occurs when one tries to choose between what appears to be two bad choices. In this case, one must try to clarify the situation if one can (ask advice, pray, etc.). Yet, if a decision must be made, then one must choose the one that seems to be the lesser evil.

This does not mean that one can do something evil to bring about the good (for that is never acceptable). But with a perplexed conscience, one is simply doing the best that one can in each situation.

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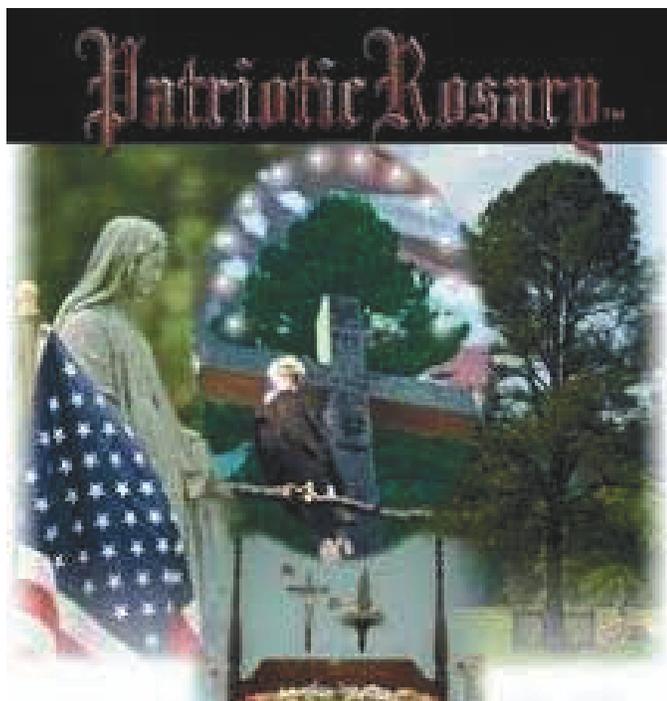
Only a Beginning

This reflection on the conscience only begins to touch the surface of the question. It might be good to reflect on some major decisions one has made in life and determine how they fit into this dynamic. But it is most important to learn more so that when we are faced with decisions, we can choose what is truly good, what God wants us to do.



The Holy Spirit guides the hierarchy of the Church, especially in the areas of faith and morals. Prayer to the Holy Spirit can provide wisdom and insight when one is struggling to discern right from wrong.

Pentecost Sunday



**Please join us at 3:00 p.m.
Next Sunday, May 30th
To say the Patriotic Rosary
in honor of Memorial Day.**



In the recent Decree from Bishop Stika, he indicated in the 10th item that food and beverage may be served at parish functions using specific rules relating to how the food and beverages are served. The Bishop also indicated that the Pastors have the discretion about when and how this item would be implemented in their Parish.

Father Woods has decided to **Not** implement the serving of food and beverages at functions at St. Francis of Assisi beginning on Pentecost, but rather to review this item in mid July for possible implementation in early August.



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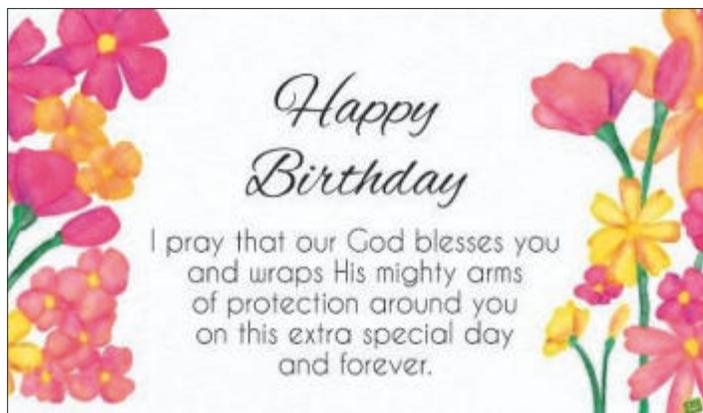
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- May 28 Norm & Judith Charest-61
- John & Barbara Coye-60
- John & Maureen Miller-45
- John & Anna Moyer-61
- May 29 Brian & GerriAnne Mason-23
- Robert & Kathleen McCone-56
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- John & Jean Sohnly-67
- May 30 Arthur & Elizabeth Allen-57
- Stephen & Becky Raabe-46

- May 24 Leanne Flaherty
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