

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

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.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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?





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MAY 23RD

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

*Masses will be offered **May 2021***

*+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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 (OLOG) +Flo Jome by Marjorie & Grant Long  
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**Sun, May 30**  
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|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| May 15-16   | \$2,038.25 | \$ 377.00   |
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**Announcement**

**Starting June 1st:**

**Mass will resume to its normal weekday schedule:**

- Tuesday & Thursday Mass 5:30pm**
- Tuesday & Thursday Adoration 6 to 7pm**
- Wednesday Bilingual Mass 12:10pm**
- Friday Mass 12:10pm**

The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind."

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, May 29– Sammie Wood
- Sun, May 30– Lackyn Wagner
- Sat, June 5– Ross Carter
- Sun, June 6–Raymond Saccoccia

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check **www.sfxclayton.org!!**

# Dear Padre,

## Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

**T**he 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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