

Look What Blew into Town

Did it really happen the way the story is told? Who would not give anything to have been there? But maybe we *have* been there. Maybe we have met people who were so open to the mysterious power of the Spirit of God that they were able to accomplish things they never thought they could. Maybe at times even we, too, have been so moved by that mysterious Spirit. Is it possible that we are mistaken about what is truly mysterious or Spirit-driven? Is it possible that we fail to see the mystery of God in everyday life?

This is not to say that nothing extraordinary happened on that Pentecost day. It certainly did! People who kept a low profile out of fear of facing the same deadly fate as their leader seemed to rush out onto the street and proclaim that leader's mighty acts. What has happened to them? How is such a reversal of behavior to be described? It happens that when something wondrous occurs we often use exaggerated images and superlative language in an attempt to capture the astounding character of the event. To embellish language does not mean that the event was not amazing. It means that it was so amazing that we are at a loss to describe or explain it. We are, after all, talking about the dynamic Spirit of God that can completely change people. This is the same Spirit we received at baptism. Are we open to have it change us?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Pray that you might be open to the Spirit working in the world through you.
- * What mighty works has God worked in you?

Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and...Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire.

ACTS 2:2-3



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MAY 31TH

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Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

W, TH, F 1:00pm -5:00pm
Closed on M, TU and Church & Civil Holidays

Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm
Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration (Holy Hour): Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00


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Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM

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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 June 2020*

*+ All the Deceased Parishioner's & Family Members*

*SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **We now have Giving online**

Accessed to web site

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st115261>

**Online Giving Access for Offerings, Donations,  
Requests and more.....**

### Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)

ACA Annual Goal—\$13,500

Amount Received to date - \$8100

Amount Short of Goal—\$5400

I know times are uncertain & not good, please  
consider giving to the ACA.

So we don't have to pay the penalty.

### Lectors-Sanitizing after Masses

Sat, June 6 Jack Chovig - 5:00pm Rose Alford

Sun, June 7 Craig Reeves -10:30am Joann Padilla

Sun, June 7 Sammie Wood-1:00pm Sammie Wood

### COLLECTION ENVELOPES

There are several envelopes that have not been  
picked up. You can come by the Parish Office  
(CCD Building) to pick up.

W-T-F 1:00pm—5:00pm.

Please Prayerfully consider your pledge/gift to  
the **ACA**. **Check:** please make check payable  
to Annual Catholic Appeal.

**Online:** Visit [www.acaarchdiosf.org](http://www.acaarchdiosf.org) to pay  
online by credit/debit card or echeck.

*As required by the Archdiocese, All members of  
all Ministries of the Church, and All volunteers of  
the Church are required to Certify in the Abuse  
Awareness Training class. This class can be taken  
online at [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/  
index.cfm](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm)? (When completed please provide a copy  
of your training certificate for the Parish Office)  
Our church staff can also assist with accessing the  
program.*

### **Weekly Collections Summary: May 2020**

|           | <u>SFX</u>             | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| May 23-34 | \$ 2,488.00            | \$ 434.60   |
|           | <u>Weekly Donation</u> |             |
| May 22    | \$415.00               | \$355.00    |
| May 16    | \$1,493.75             | \$50.00     |
| May 8     | \$1,495.00             | \$25.00     |

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[www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

[w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

[www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly  
and posted on the church website.

If you need to know when you serve, check  
**[www.sfxclayton.org!!](http://www.sfxclayton.org!!)**

# Dear Padre,

**I look forward to every Pentecost Sunday, when I am renewed in God's spirit. Recently I read an article that said the Holy Spirit is a she. Is the Holy Spirit female?**

**T**he third person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit. The word *spirit* is a translation of the Hebrew word *ruah*, which can mean "breath," "air," or "wind." This is the wind that God first sent to create the world, it is the breath that God breathed into Adam and Eve, and it is the tongues of fire that the apostles experienced on the first Pentecost.

In Hebrew, the word used for the Holy Spirit is feminine. In Greek, the word used is neuter, and in Latin, the word used is masculine. Not surprisingly, this caused a few problems for the early Church, which included many Hebrew, Greek, and Latin speakers. In areas where Hebrew or another Semitic language, such as Syriac, was spoken, the Holy Spirit was thought of as feminine, and so images of the Holy Spirit as mother were common. These various images of the Holy Spirit were openly expressed until about the fourth century, when Latin took over as the dominant language in the West.

We believe that in the life of the Trinity, God the Creator begets the Son. The expression of the love between God and the Son is the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we shouldn't think of the Holy Spirit as being either gender. Saint John describes the Holy Spirit as being God's love (see 1 John 4:7-13).

On this Pentecost and always, I wish you God's Spirit of love.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*As he did on Pentecost, the Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today. And he wants to build that world with you.*

—PRAYER VIGIL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, JULY 30, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

JUNE 1

*Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church*  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or  
Acts 1:12-14  
Jn 19:25-34

### Tuesday

JUNE 2

*Weekday*  
2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18  
Mk 12:13-17

### Wednesday

JUNE 3

*St. Charles Lwanga  
and Companions,  
Martyrs*  
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12  
Mk 12:18-27

### Thursday

JUNE 4

*Weekday*  
2 Tm 2:8-15  
Mk 12:28-34

### Friday

JUNE 5

*St. Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr*  
2 Tm 3:10-17  
Mk 12:35-37

### Saturday

JUNE 6

*Weekday*  
2 Tm 4:1-8  
Mk 12:38-44

### Sunday

JUNE 7

*Most Holy Trinity*  
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9  
2 Cor 13:11-13  
Jn 3:16-18

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