

Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

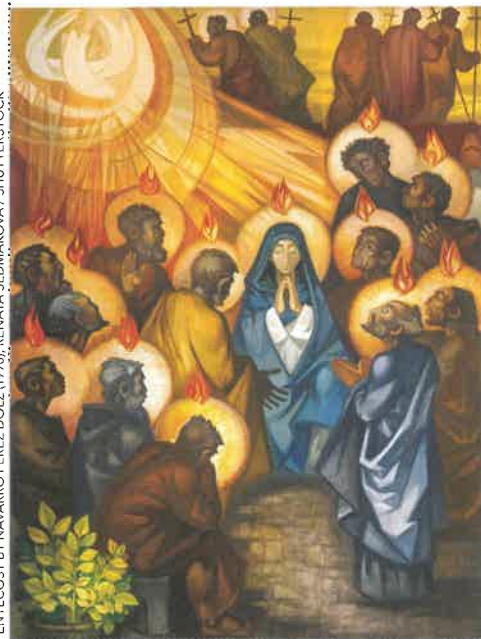
The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13-14; 2:1-13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. 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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Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday (B)

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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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This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM

Sunday Mass at St Terence: 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Canceled for this Week

Sunday May 23rd

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:30 PM Youth Group Meets

Tuesday May 25th

6:00 PM Anniversary Committee Meets

Wednesday, May 26th

8:30AM-6:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday May 27th

6:00 PM Choir Practice

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 22nd

- 4:00PM
- + Sidney Jacobs
 - + Ben Partida
 - + Peter, Maria Hoa & Maria Loan Nguyen
 - + Chris & Eunice Ebarb
 - + Father Kenneth Williams

Sunday May 23rd

- 8:00AM
- The Parish Family
 - + Christy Wriborg
 - Norma Bergeron (SI)
- 11:00AM
- + Walter Lee
 - + Johnny Hungerford
 - + Ann & Phillip Rivers
 - + Kim Bedsole
 - + Soy Augustine
 - + Randy Richter

Please Note: There will be no daily Mass this week. Mass will resume on **Saturday, May 29th at 4PM.**

Reminder: The 2021 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal continues. Please take time now to offer your appeal gift if you have not already done so.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

The Saint John's Anniversary Planning Committee will meet on **Tuesday, May 25th at 6PM.**

Historical Marker Funded

We are happy to announce that the proposed historical marker for Saint John the Baptist has been funded in its entirety. More details concerning the marker will be forthcoming.

The Sanctuary Candle

Week of May 23rd -29th, 2021

St. John + Walter Lee

St. Terence + Corine LeClercq

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

May 15th-16th, 2021

St John	\$	4383.00
St Terence	\$	2175.00

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or Saint Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped with or supported our Youth Group and Society of St Vincent de Paul Rummage Sale.

Altar Server Practice

There will be an altar server practice on **Saturday, May 29th, at 10AM.** Lunch will be served afterwards. All altar servers are asked to attend.

Lector Training

Anyone interested in becoming a lector for Saint John or Saint Terence is invited to attend the new lector training on **Wednesday, May 26th at 6PM** at Saint John's Church.

150th Anniversary Celebration 1871-2021

Our 150th Anniversary celebration is nearing and we need everyone's help! We are currently accepting donations to fund the various activities that will be taking place over the next few months. If you would like to contribute, you may place your donation in the collection and designate it as "Anniversary Expenses." If you would like to volunteer by helping in other ways, please leave your name at the church office. There is some task that each person can do to help.

We are honored that the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre will be with us for the Mass of Thanksgiving on **June 27th at 11AM**, officially kicking off our anniversary celebration.

Saint Terence Rummage Sale

Saint Terence will be hosting a Rummage Sale in the Saint John Cafeteria on **June 4th and 5th** to benefit The Lyke Community's Seminarians in Kenya. This is the religious order that Father Francis is a member of. Items for the Rummage Sale may be brought to Saint John the Baptist on **Thursday, June 3 from 8AM-3PM.** (no clothes please). We appreciate the help and support of everyone.

Anniversary T-shirts on Sale

The commemorative t-shirt for our 150th anniversary is now on sale! T-shirts cost \$17.66 and can be ordered online with a credit card. The link can be found on our Facebook page and will be available on our website next week. Your family's shirts will be shipped directly to your home. If you do not have a computer and would like to order a shirt, please call the church office for assistance. The deadline to order is **June 4.**

With Deepest Appreciation

On behalf of Rosie, Adam, Ashley, John and Ava Sullivan, we appreciate the prayers, texts, phone calls and words of comfort during the recent sickness and death of our Godly husband, father and grandfather. Mike loved God and he loved serving our church and community. His death creates a Big void in our hearts. Our family is grateful for your kindness and compassion in this difficult time. Please continue to pray for us as we will continue to keep all of you in our prayers.

Love, *The Michael Drain Sullivan Family*

Information Search

For our anniversary souvenir booklet, we are trying to track those who entered the religious life through St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Many. If you know of any besides the following persons, please let us know: Monsignor Norman Buvens, Monsignor John Vandegaer, Rev. Andrew Andries, Sister Clotilda Vandegaer, Sister Theresa Vandegaer, Sister Mary Eulalie Vandegaer and Sister Paula Vandegaer.

We are also in need of any old pictures related to Saint John the Baptist Church or School. We especially need pictures of the following former pastors: Father William Louis Lambertz (1897-1898); Father John A Schritz (April 1926— June 1926); Father John Nolan (1926—1929); and Father Martin Ludger Plauche (1933—1935).

Please Note: We're inviting all former parishioners to come back to St. John's and join us for our 150th anniversary. If you know someone who should receive an invitation, please call or email the church office with their name and address.

New Directives from Bishop Malone

The Bishop has updated his directives concerning the COVID 19 pandemic in order to keep each of our parishes safe. ~Masks are no longer required but are still recommended during Mass.

~Parishes may not have receptions.

~Bishop Malone has indicated that the dispensation concerning Mass attendance will end on the Feast of Corpus Christi which will be held on **Saturday, June 5, 2021.** Thus beginning on Corpus Christi, Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation. For a serious reason, such as being sick and caring for an infant, individuals can still be dispensed of their obligation to attend Mass. Those who are sick should not attend Mass during the pandemic.