



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Solemnity of Pentecost, Descent of the Holy Spirit ♦ May 31, 2020

*The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.* —Romans 8:26

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### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 am, 11 am,  
3 pm (*español*)

\* also streamed on Facebook page

### **Weekday Masses**

Mon/Tues/Wed: 6:30 pm  
Thurs/Fri/Sat: 9 am

\* also streamed on Facebook page

### **Confessions**

\* Saturday 3-4 pm (drive-by)  
and by appointment

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of each month,  
9:30 am-4:30 pm

### **Marriages**

Contact Fr Kyle at least six  
months prior to anticipated date.

### **Baptisms**

Contact Fr Kyle: 985-839-4040

### **Charitable Outreach**

Friends of St Francis: 985-201-5882

### **Religious Education**

Renée Herbert: 985-630-1121

### **Youth Ministry**

Eddie Boudreaux: 985-630-9997

### **Bulletin Deadline**

Tuesday, noon.

### **May They Be Drawn Ever Closer to the Heart of Christ!**

With love and prayers, we congratulate our Communion class, who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this Saturday:

Adrian Andrade  
Maximilian Becnel  
Lucas Boquet  
Jacqueline Castro  
Sophia Garcia  
Christopher Gonzalez  
Alexandra Morales  
Daniel Morse

We pray that we will always be for you what God wants us to be: a true family, always there, to be strong and to lean on. And may Jesus, your Good Shepherd, always hold you close to His heart.



### **From Our Pastor**

#### **THE MAGNIFICAT AND THE WORD OF GOD, PART 8 REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT'S VERBUM DOMINI**

We have been spending a lot of time on the first seven verses of Mary's Magnificat as we try to see how Mary is "completely attuned to [the] word," and allowed "the word [to become] a way of life" (VD, 27). We've spent so much time on these verses because their sources and influences in the Old Testament are various, and required singular reflection. The next three verses have a single origin and influence, the prayer of Hannah in 1 Samuel 2.

A little background about Hannah would be in order. She lived two generations before King David. The Ark of the Covenant was in Shiloh and had yet to be moved to Jerusalem. Hannah was one of two wives of Elkanah, and had been barren. Each year, Elkanah would travel with his family to Shiloh to offer sacrifice. One year while there, after an evening of rejoicing Hannah snuck out and prayed before God, that he grant her a son, and that if he would, she would dedicate her son to him. Eli, the priest there, thought she was drunk, but she was praying silently (people prayed out loud in those days). Soon after, she became pregnant and they had a son, whom they named Samuel. Samuel, if

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you remember, was the one God called while sleeping who said, "Here I am." He was also the prophet who anointed David as king. When Hannah returned to Shiloh to give Samuel over to service at the altar, she prayed out loud this time before the Lord. This is what she prayed:

My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in the LORD.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation  
There is none like the LORD, there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were empty have ceased to hunger.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts up the needy from the dung heap,  
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,  
and on them he has set the world.  
He will guard the feet of his faithful ones;  
but the wicked shall be cut off in the darkness;  
for not by might shall man prevail.  
The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;  
against them he will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed. (1 Samuel 2:2-10)

There's a lot to unpack here, but I'll start with this: Hannah's prayer is one of the few times we hear a woman pray in the Old Testament. It's a safe assumption that Mary would have been familiar with such a famous female prayer. Hannah's prayer is full of hope as she hands her son over to service of God. She speaks powerfully about how God will turn things upside down, lifting up the lowly and humbling the high and mighty. Hannah is proclaiming that God looks out for the little guy like herself. He heard her prayer and blessed her with a child. Mary's Magnificat has a similar tone of hope in God's mercy as he exalts his handmaiden. Mary too is overjoyed at becoming a mother. These are just comparable themes between Mary's prayer and Hannah's; as we will see next week, Mary's prayer mirrors and fulfills Hannah's prayer.

PRAYER TO THE  
(PENTECOST



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter!  
¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡Sí, él ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Feliz Pascua!

## HOLY SPIRIT SEQUENCE)

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,  
And from thy celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, thou Father of the poor!  
Come, thou source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine!

Thou, of comforters the best,  
Thou, the soul's most welcome guest,  
Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet,  
Grateful coolness in the heat,  
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill!

Where thou art not, man hath naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew,  
On our dryness, pour thy dew,  
Wash the stains of guilt away;

Bend the stubborn heart and will,  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill,  
Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful who adore  
and confess thee, evermore  
In thy sev'nfold gifts descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward,  
Give them thy salvation, Lord,  
Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia!

*I don't believe I must confess my sins to a priest for God to forgive me; it's between me and God! When I tell God I'm sorry, I feel forgiven.*

Let's look again at this line from today's Gospel: "Jesus breathed on the disciples and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them'" (John 20:23).

Now consider the beautiful words of absolution: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

This prayer by the priest reminds us that reconciliation is the plan of the Father in heaven when it says, "God, the Father of mercies...has reconciled the world to himself." That is, the Church did not invent the plan of salvation; it only proclaims what God has done. And further, this plan is accomplished "through the death and resurrection of his Son." The priest's prayer of absolution wishes peace on the sinner with the words, "May God give you pardon and peace"—echoing Jesus' words in John 20:19 and 21, "Peace be with you." Jesus wished peace on his followers, actually bestowed that peace on them by giving them the Holy Spirit. This is what it means in John 20: 22, "He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" The absolution prayer states this important role of the Holy Spirit when it says that God "sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins." The Spirit is the active agent of bringing the forgiveness of Christ to sinners.

Note how in verse 21 Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." In other words, Jesus gives his apostles the same authority that he received from his Father. To which authority do we refer? We see elsewhere (cf. Mark 2:10) that he had the authority *to forgive sins*. Jesus brought the power of forgiveness from heaven to earth; now he gives that same authority to his apostles and their successors. And he is explicit about what he gives them, "Whoever's sins you forgive, they are forgiven."

Though a priest is not God, he does have the authority to convey the forgiveness of God—not by assuming this power for himself but by receiving, at his ordination, the same power Jesus conferred on his apostles that day. By the action of the Holy Spirit, the priest stands in the place of Christ to declare the sinner forgiven.

So, in absolving sins, the priest says "I" because he acts in the place of Christ. The prayer of absolution uses the pronoun "I" because Christ is speaking through the priest. If Jesus had not come to earth, if he had not conferred on the apostles this "ministry of reconciliation" (2 Cor 5: 18), we would have no forgiveness today. But we can thank God that Christ did indeed come and that he passed on his authority to his Church and its priests to reconcile sinners to God.

## Mass Intentions

5/30 9 am First Communion Class  
 5/30 5 pm †Harold Carriles  
 †Craig Estave  
 †Toni Carriles Hedrick  
 †Shirley LeBlanc  
 Jean Lugo  
 5/31 8:30 am Our Parishioners  
 5/31 11 am Anne Marie Bettencourt  
 †Jerry Cancienne  
 †Cruz Cardenas  
 †Erole and Hilda Kreamer  
 †Urban Larroque  
 5/31 3 pm Aidan Ibarra  
 6/1 6:30 pm †Fr Horace L. Brignac  
 6/2 6:30 pm Fr Kyle Sanders  
 6/3 6:30 pm †Jarrel Tullos  
 6/4 9 am †Fr Horace L. Brignac  
 6/5 9 am †Brandi Sander  
 6/6 9 am †Richard Baglow



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn  
 May 31-June 6 in memory of

**Hilda Kreamer**

by request of  
 Debby Gennusa

## Please pray for:

Robert Boudreaux, Jim Bradle, Flo Clemons, Beverly Creel, Juliette Daly, Paula Davis, Estave Family, Lisa Falcon, June Gonsoulin Georgusis, Wayne and Miriam Gonsoulin, Betty Jane Henry, Keaton Family, Jan LaBorde, Larry Lambremont, Henry and Tina Lirette, Jean Lugo, Adele Johnson Mendel, Yvonne Newcomb, Marie Oswald, Mickey Power, Linda Schomburg, Al Triche, Nick Tullier, Lawrence Williams, Jackie Wright, Fr Otis Young  
 Military (deployed): Cody Westmoreland.

Names stay on the list for three months.

To add someone, call 839-4040 or email [holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org](mailto:holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org).

## Ever wished you could make a meaningful difference?

### The Help Center Food Bank badly needs volunteer help.

Demand for services has grown exponentially due to the quarantine-related economic downturn. The same quarantine has led to many longtime volunteers stepping down. The volunteers who remain are working very hard to cover the increased work and the shortage of staff. Can you help?

The primary needs are for people to unload deliveries and pack the food boxes. Some teens work there, more teens are always welcome; service hour forms will be attested to.

### When we need you:

**Tuesdays, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Fridays, 7:30 - 11 am**

**Any portion of these hours you can give is needed and greatly appreciated.**

Interested in making a difference? Call / text Director Geary Molony: 504-231-1399.

## This week's special collection

### PETER'S PENCE

Provides funds for Pope Francis to disburse at his discretion, anywhere he believes there is need. Envelopes are on the bookshelf in church.

## This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 6/1</u>	Genesis 3:9-15
Mary	Psalms 87:1-3,5-7
Mother of the Church	Acts 1:12-14
	John 19:25-34
<u>Tues 6/2</u>	2 Peter 3:12-15,17-18
Marcellinus, Peter Martyrs	Psalms 90:2-4,10,14,16
	Mark 12:13-17
<u>Wed 6/3</u>	2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12
Charles Lwanga, et al Martyrs	Psalms 123:1-2
	Mark 12:18-27
<u>Thurs 6/4</u>	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Ordinary Time Weekday	Psalms 25:4-5,8-10,14
	Mark 12:28-34
<u>Fri 6/5</u>	Acts 26:19-23
Boniface Bishop, Martyr	Psalms 119:157,160-168
	John 10:11-16
<u>Sat 6/6</u>	2 Timothy 4:1-8
Norbert Bishop	Psalms 71:8-9,14-17,22
	Mark 12:38-44
<u>Sun 6/7</u>	Exodus 34:4-6,8-9
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Daniel 3:52-55
	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
	John 3:16-18

## Stewardship Report

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building fund \$ 125.00

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