



# ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH MISSION OF ST. DOMINIC

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## **Pentecost Sunday**

**May 23, 2021**

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this month of Mary on this Pentecost Sunday, let us reflect on the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. In the Gospel account of the announcement of the birth of Jesus, an angel appears to Mary and says to her,

*“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”*

Mary asked the angel, *“How can this be since I do not have relations with a man?”* The Virgin’s question reveals her awareness and her intention to remain a virgin. The Archangel Gabriel responds to the holy Virgin clarifying the Lord’s intentions and how she will become the mother of God.

*“And the angel said to her in reply, “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)*

The archangel’s words reveal to us the unique relationship that the Virgin has with the Holy Spirit within God the Father’s plan to send his Son to become a man like us in all things but sin. She who by her Immaculate Conception and perfect cooperation with God’s will in all things is a temple of purity from which the Son of God would receive his human nature. She has the privilege and was given the responsibility to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in a spousal relationship.

How remarkable is the plan of God that He would establish such a relationship with a mere creature!

St. Maximilian Kolbe reflected in this prodigy just hours before he was arrested by the Gestapo, *“In the Holy Spirit’s union with Mary we observe more than the love of two beings; in one there is all the love of the Blessed Trinity; in the other, all of creation’s love. So it is that in this union heaven and earth are joined; all of heaven with all the earth, the totality of eternal love with the totality of created love. It is truly the summit of love.”*

It is important for us as followers of Christ to reverence the relationship that the Holy Trinity established with the perfect disciple of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary. True to her original gift of being created totally free from the taint of original sin, she loves her divine Spouse, the Holy Spirit with a unique fullness. ***Come Holy Spirit, Fr. Martin Flum***

## **Our Lady's Example**

At the end of May, the Church celebrates the Feast of Visitation. This feast commemorates the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth, who are pregnant with Jesus and John the Baptist, respectively. Scripture tells us that when Mary discovered that her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant, she *“set out and traveled to the hill country in haste” (Lk 1:39)*.

**A Novena for Life**  
honoring the Feast of the Visitation

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Join us in prayer May 22-30.

**Sign up:**  
[respectlife.org/visitation](http://respectlife.org/visitation)



Despite the challenging circumstances of her own pregnancy, Mary does not hesitate to go to Elizabeth in her time of need. May we be willing to act with the same urgency to help pregnant and parenting mothers in our own communities.

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**“Indeed, since the Eucharistic Mystery was instituted out of love, and makes Christ sacramentally present, it is worthy of thanksgiving and worship.” (On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist, #3)**

Please consider committing to one of these hours: **Monday: 6-7 PM**  
**Thursday: 12-1 PM, 7-8 PM**  
**Saturday: 11-12 PM, 12-1 PM, 1-2 PM, 6-7 PM**  
**Sunday: 4-5 PM, 5-6 PM, 6-7 PM**



Our goal is for each family to have one hour each week to which they are committed. If you would like to be on our substitute list, call the office (240) 681-3551.

## **As we begin to prepare for the jubilee of the parish...**

**“Be the apostle of the divine Eucharist, like a flame which enlightens and warms, like the angel of his Heart who will go to proclaim Him to those who don’t know Him and will encourage those who love Him and are suffering.” (St. Peter Julian Eymard to Mme. Antoinette de Grandville, July 4, 1859)**

**Please PRAY for our SICK**

**Please notify us if you are able to come off of the list**

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Arlene Bonds, Madison Brady, James Brown, Keith Brown & Family, Lynn Brown, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Reiss Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Robert Flum, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Margaret Kramer, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Vaughn Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Michael Proctor, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Lorrie Riess, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Mary Savoy, Preston Savoy, Frances N. Sewell, Blanche Simms, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Lillian Stewart, Savannah Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Juanita Wilson, Ken Wilson, Terry Wilson, Louis Wimbish, Belinda Windsor, Beverly Windsor, Caroline & Peter Yashinski, Carmelita, Cheryl Young, Lewis Young, Theodore Young. Jesus, Divine Mercy, heal and console us! I trust in You! Stay with us!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	05/22/21	5 PM	Deacon Roberto Salgado +
Sunday	05/23/21	8 AM	Parishioners
Sunday	05/23/21	10 AM	Merle David Maines +
Sunday	05/23/21	11:30 AM	Donna Cranford +
Monday	05/24/21	7 AM	Shirley Watson +
Tuesday	05/25/21	8 AM	Donna Cranford +
Wednesday	05/26/21	7 AM	Michael Swink
Thursday	05/27/21	8 AM	Shirley & Roland Provencher +
Friday	05/28/21	7 AM	Rev. William F. Goode +
Saturday	05/29/21	8 AM	Billy Underwood +

**Corpus Christi Procession**

**On Sunday, June 6, after the 11:30am Mass at St. Michael we will have a Corpus Christi Procession.** The history of the feast of Corpus Christi is very fascinating. For many years there were various mystics who were asking for a liturgical feast to honor the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. One of those mystics was St. Juliana of Liege. Orphaned at the age of five, she was taken in by the Augustinian nuns who taught her. She eventually became a nun of that monastery and the superior. After a vision from our Lord, she with two other women religious began a holy alliance pleading with the Lord to establish a feast in honor of his Presence in the holy Eucharist.

In answer to their prayers, the Lord revealed Himself through a Eucharistic miracle in which during Mass, the host bled on the altar. This moved the Pope at the time to establish the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (which means the Body of Christ).

**St. Basil the Great, On the Holy Spirit (Cap. 9, 22-23)**

*The titles given to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them and make him realize that they speak of nothing less than the Supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, the steadfast Spirit, the guiding Spirit? But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.*

*To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end.*

*The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. By nature, the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself only to those who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith.*

*Simple in himself, the Spirit is manifold in his mighty works.*

*The whole of his being is present to each individual; the whole of his being is present everywhere. Though shared in by many, he remains unchanged; his self-giving is no loss to himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive him. To all creatures that share in him he gives a delight limited only by their own nature, not by his ability to give.*

*The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with himself.*

*As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shine with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit, become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others.*

*From the Spirit comes foreknowledge of the future, understanding of the mysteries of faith, insight into the hidden meaning of Scripture, and other special gifts. Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we enter into eternal happiness, and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations – we become God.*

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – May 16, 2021**

<b>St. Michael</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 3619.00
<b>St. Dominic</b>	Offertory Collection	\$ 1792.00