

# PENTECOST SUNDAY — MAY 23, 2021

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 12:4*

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## HOLY MASS

Saturday (Christ the King) ..... 5:00 PM  
Sunday ..... 9:00 AM; 12:00 PM (Español)

## CONFESSION

Saturday (Christ the King) ..... 4:15-4:45 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:15-8:45 AM



*Lord, send out your spirit*

In today's responsorial psalm the Church sings out: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." All three readings describe how God has answered that prayer already.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel passage from John, we read of astonishing events that called cowering disciples to step out of hiding and proclaim news that would condemn them and change the world forever! In the second reading Paul's words reach out into the future to us: "we were all given to drink of one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

It is our task to truly pray today's psalm response. Let us together beg the Holy Spirit to renew the earth by renewing the Church, sending many more men and women to serve in its various ministries.

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

*No Daily Mass this week.*

### Sunday, May 23

8:15 AM ..... Confession (SM)  
9:00 AM ..... Mass (+Jack Grafing) (SM)  
11:20 AM ..... Rosary (SM)  
12:00 PM ..... Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)  
2:30 PM ..... Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers for Father Kottar (SM)

### Monday, May 24

9:00 AM ..... Legion of Mary (SM Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM ..... Emaús Group (SM Parish Hall)

### Tuesday-Friday, May 25-28

No events scheduled

### Saturday, May 29

9:30 AM ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class (SM Parish Hall)  
2:00 PM ..... Victoria Martinez Quinceañera (SM)  
4:15 PM ..... Confession (CK)  
5:00 PM ..... Mass (+Jim Bowen) (CK)

### Sunday, May 30

8:15 AM ..... Confession (SM)  
9:00 AM ..... Mass (+Jimmy Dean Robbs) (SM)  
10:20 AM ..... Confirmation Class (SM Parish Hall)  
11:20 AM ..... Rosary (SM)  
12:00 PM ..... Mass (Pro Populo) (Español - SM)  
2:30 PM ..... Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers for Father Kottar (SM)



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## LEGION OF MARY - PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

*How beautiful that the Mother of the Lord Jesus has come to this home!*

The Legion of Mary invites you to bring our Lady of Fatima - the Pilgrim Virgin - into your home for a 2-week visit. You will enjoy praying the Holy Rosary with her and bringing your family together to share in the special time of prayer to deepen your faith, hope, and charity. Due to COVID-19, we deliver and pick up the Pilgrim Virgin, but we do not come into your home. Visit [www.SaintMaryShelby.org](http://www.SaintMaryShelby.org) and follow the sign up link, then contact Peggy Collins at 704-300-5136 to arrange the visitation.

**The Pilgrim Virgin home visitation schedule has been extended until December. If you don't have access to a computer please call Peggy to set up an appointment!**

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### STEWARDSHIP

*Stewardship of time, talent and treasure faces certain obstacles: greed, selfishness, irresponsibility and a lack of trust.*

- Monthly Offertory:

	<u>March 2021</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>March 2020</u>
SM	\$13,015	\$20,215	\$24,777
CK	\$3,954	\$4,510	\$1,709
- Diocesan Support Appeal: The DSA helps provide annual funding for 50 ministries and programs necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese. Our parish's assessed goals are \$26,181 at St. Mary and \$2,741 at Christ the King. Please be as generous as possible. Thanks to those who have given already.
- Upcoming Special Collections: 5/30 - Debt Reduction (CK only);
- The second collection this weekend combines five collections into one. This International/National Combined Collection contributes toward the Catholic Relief Services Collection, the Collection for the Holy Land, the Collection for the Works of the Holy Father, the Catholic Communications Campaign, and the Catholic University of America. Please be generous to these programs.
- Cleaners THANKYOU: 5/23 - Heliodoro, Graciela T.; 5/30 - Armando, Amaya Family
- Please bring donations of non-perishable food (see suggestions below) and Boost & Ensure and leave them in the barrels at St. Mary or Christ the King. Thank you for your generosity! Food needed for May and June: Canned Fruit and Veggies. Boost & Ensure are always needed.
- Online Giving: Please consider using online giving for your weekly tithe to St. Mary or Christ the King. You can use credit or debit cards, or your bank account. Text giving is now available at both churches. Learn more at [SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving](http://SaintMaryShelby.org/online-giving).
- Parishioner in need: A longtime St. Mary parishioner from the Latino community suffered a stroke leaving him paralyzed on one side and unable to work, and does not receive government assistance. The parish is helping him with a few basic needs. If you would like to help defray the cost, please contribute to the Poor Box or place a check in the collection basket with "Poor Box" on the memo line. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Father's Day Masses - Father's Day is June 20: the Masses that weekend will be offered for the intentions of all Fathers (living and deceased) who are enrolled, and their names will be listed in the bulletin. The deadline to return envelopes for Father's Day Masses is June 14. The envelopes are part of the envelope packs mailed to your homes. Contact the office if you need an extra one, or if you need to begin envelope delivery.



Please continue to pray the Rosary daily for Father Kottar and his family, and if possible participate in the novenas and prayers that will be shared daily with the parish on Facebook. In this year of St. Joseph we particularly recommend the prayers found at [yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/](http://yearofstjoseph.org/devotions/prayers/). If you don't have internet access, the daily novena Prayer to St. Joseph can be found on the back page of this bulletin.

The Legion of Mary invites you to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for him this Sunday, May 23 at 2:30 PM at St. Mary.

At this time Father's family requests that you do not visit, call, email, or write. They are extremely grateful for the outpouring of love, but it has been overwhelming. They ask that you respect their privacy in this extremely difficult time. Thank you and God Bless you.

### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Carol Annette, Mary Baxter, Jerome Bickimer, Eric Bilow, Sally Currie, Bridget Custer, Adam Gehring, Claudio Ginebra, Patrice Hammitt, Evelyn Hill, Sean Hobart, Fred Hunt, Lonnie Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Fr. Michael Kottar, Gary Lyncosky, Jimmy Marks, Pat Mullen, Gerri O'Mallan, John Reynolds, Declan Richardson, Audrey Russo, Bea Stroupe, Jim & Mary Zeunik, and for the repose of the soul of Jesus Claudio Ginebra.

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### PRAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH THE PENTECOST SEQUENCE

*The feast of Pentecost has a special sequence that is a beautiful work of prayer.*

On various feasts throughout the year, the Church has a tradition to recite or sing a special "sequence." On Pentecost, the sequence is entitled *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* and invokes the Holy Spirit, asking for the Spirit to come and refresh our weary hearts. The sequence dates back to at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century and has been used in the liturgy on the feast of Pentecost ever since. While often these hymns can go by quickly during the liturgy, in truth these are prayers and can be prayed privately as well, opening our hearts to the dwelling of the Spirit.

—Philip Kosloski. *Published in Aleteia on 5/18/21*

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

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

*You, of comforters the best;  
You, 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,  
May that light within us shine  
And our inmost being fill!*

*Where you are not, we have naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
Nothing free from taint and ill.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour your 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 you, evermore  
In your sevenfold gift descend;*

*Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end.*

*Amen. Alleluia.*

## *Vocations Camps for Young Men & Women*

**Attention all Catholic young men and women ages 15-19!** Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend Quo Vadis Days camp for men or Duc In Altum camp for women to spend time with other young people your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun and strengthening your prayer life. QVD and DIA are led by priests, religious, and seminarians of the diocese and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 14-18** and Duc In Altum camp will be held **June 21-25** both at Belmont Abbey College. The cost of the camps is \$150. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 9 for QVD and Wednesday, June 16 for DIA**, but don't delay as these could sell out.

- **QVD:** Visit [charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days](http://charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days) or contact Father Brian Becker, Diocesan Promoter of Vocations at [bjbecker@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bjbecker@charlottediocese.org).
- **DIA:** Visit [charlottevocations.org](http://charlottevocations.org), or contact Sister Mary Raphael at 704-370-3402 or [mraphael@charlottediocese.org](mailto:mraphael@charlottediocese.org) or Lainie Lord at 704- 370-3401 or [ldlord@charlottediocese.org](mailto:ldlord@charlottediocese.org).

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on August 27-29 in Hickory and November 5-7 in Atlantic Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more info visit [NCMarriageDiscovery.org](http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

## **DAILY NOVENA PRAYER to St. JOSEPH**

○ Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head from me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.



Pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of Knights of Columbus Council 11946:

**Anibal Angel  
Bill Campbell  
Berney Gehring  
Karl Giffin  
Bill Hill  
Rev. Michael Hoban  
Dave Hobart  
Joe Izzi  
Paul Judge  
Marty Kane**

**Bob Kingery  
Butch Lowery  
Joe McNamara  
Dick Nann  
Conway Pagett  
Paul Pasco  
Ibrahim Sara  
Paul Territo  
Ed Vito**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.