



PENTECOST SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, along with the whole Church, we solemnly celebrate Pentecost Sunday - the day on which we earnestly and devotedly ask God to continue to RENEW the “face of the earth” by the gifts of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit has been with the Church, in the Church, and worked through the Church since the first Pentecost. Since then the Holy Spirit has never left the Church and its members. Those who do not want to accept His guidance, His truth, His wisdom, and His reminding us of the teachings of Jesus Christ....., have left Him.

For example, in today’s gospel Jesus gives the Church - the Apostles - the Spirit (the authority) to forgive and retain sins. Now let us ask yourselves: how many Catholics (or do you) want to accept that Spirit from the Church or to believe in the power to forgive and retain sin of the Church? Look deep into your soul. You know the answer. There is not a long line before the confessional anymore! It seems that many Catholics have canonized themselves! The Spirit, which was given to the Church to forgive and retain sins by Jesus Christ, has been left in the corner and forgotten.

Those who do not want to accept the forgiveness of God through the Church put themselves in a situation that cannot be justified before God for their unbelief or non-acceptance. Jesus knows what we, the sinners, need: His mercy and forgiveness.

Here I want to clarify one thing that I think many have misunderstood about the penitential rite that we recite at the beginning of Mass. This rite *does not forgive* our sins. It just reminds us of our sinfulness, calls us to repentance, and asks God to forgive us (May Almighty God forgive us our sins). Therefore, anyone who carries with him/her grave/mortal sin(s) **SHOULD NOT** come to receive the Eucharist. If he/she does so, he/she commits another mortal sin - sacrilege.

Mortal sin (most of the mortal sins are the sins of the flesh, the sins against the dignity of human being) is the sin that *separates the person completely from God, the sin that cuts him/her off completely from the inheritance of Heaven*, unless he/she reconciles with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance. Only in this sacrament when we hear clearly the absolution: “I *absolve* you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” will we know for certain that our sins are forgiven.

May the Holy Spirit come to renew the Church and all of Her children. Amen.

May we listen and follow with promptness the voice of the Holy Spirit in our daily life. Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit. Purify and sanctify the Church.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Tien

In Loving Memory

Our condolences are extended to Carolyn Shaw on the death of her husband and long-time parishioner, Bill. His funeral Mass will be this Friday, May 29th at 11:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day. There will still be Mass that day at 9:00 a.m.



The Women's Guild will have representatives at each door with sign-up sheets if you would like to provide a dessert for Fr. Tien's Jubilee Celebration.

The next Women's Guild meeting on June 8th at 6:30 p.m. will be a Membership Drive and an opportunity to volunteer to help with the Good Stuff Sale which will be held August 7 & 8th.



Please remember to keep Saint Francis Parish in your will.

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Prayers for healing: Donna Barbaro, Dolores Botti, Chad Cook, William Crunkleton, Susan Darby, Lillianne Duong Davis, Tony Frede, Dariel Hellerer, Wayne Hirsch, Guyla Ivers, Anette ML Jigla, Sandra Kanter, Georgette Lee, Terry McConnell, Michelle Mercer, Dee Moffitt, Delphine Moss, Monica Moya, John Ontiveros, Freeman Robinson, Josette Roisin, Kathleen Rogers, Mike Scarborough, Bill Shaw, Roxanne Lumia Smith, Wanda Stamey, Irene Tisdale, Art Todesco, Alan Tucker, Ruby Christina Tucker, Joe and Charlene Youdell, Rosalie Perreault, David Ramsey, Susie Lopez Pineda, Kamri Peck, Kathy Tallent, Denise Burkart, Steve Keener, Connie Blackburn, Sharon Beals, Josephine Jennings, Dominga Feria Lopez, Bill Garbinski, Nick Birchard



Please pray for our parishioners and all men and women in the armed forces: Angel Avila, Stephen Fox, Lauren Richards, Christopher Richards, Jesus Rodriquez and Elizabeth Scoon



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 23

5:00 P.M. † Betty and Carl Gels, † Bill Shaw
† Bill Holten by Pat Tuscany

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 A.M. † Damaso Daniel Acevedo
† Jonathan Uriel Cruz, † Bill Shaw
† Michael John Farrell by Shawn Farrell
11:30 A.M. † Alfonso Trujillo, † Guillermina Nunez
† Jose Ferral Deleon, † Luisa Cruz Vasquez

Monday, May 25

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00 A.M. † Bill and Anna Nemeth by Bill and Cindy
† Randy Field, † Mike Krone & Emily Potts

Tuesday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest
NO MASS

Wednesday, May 27

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

5:30 P.M. For all Priests

Thursday, May 28

9:00 A.M. For all Priests

Friday, May 29

Pope Paul VI, Pope

9:00 A.M. Evangeline Kibel, Josette Roisin
† Joseph & Stephanie Uebelher
† Mark & Barbara Chudzicki

Saturday, May 30

5:00 P.M. † Bill Shaw

Sunday, May 31

The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 A.M. † Damaso Daniel Acevedo
† Jonathan Uriel Cruz
Mary Swanson by Charlene
11:30 A.M. † Alfonso Trujillo, † Guillermina Nunez
† Antonio Cruz Arango

Rosary is prayed ½ hour before every Mass.

Adoration every Friday after our 9:00 a.m. Mass with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 11:30 a.m. and benediction till noon.
Reconciliation ½ hour before Vigil Mass and Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.