



## ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

# Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021



## Our Newest Soldiers of Christ

Samson *Joseph* England

Benjamin *Alphonsus* Harlow

Andrew *David* Mann

Frank *Bruno* Plucker

Isaac *Martin* Smith

Catherine *Rose* Alter

Lily *Rose* Kamphaus

Eleanora *Mary* McGinnis

Madalyn *Veronica* McKnight

Cecilia *Therese* Miller

Adalaide *Philomena* Patt

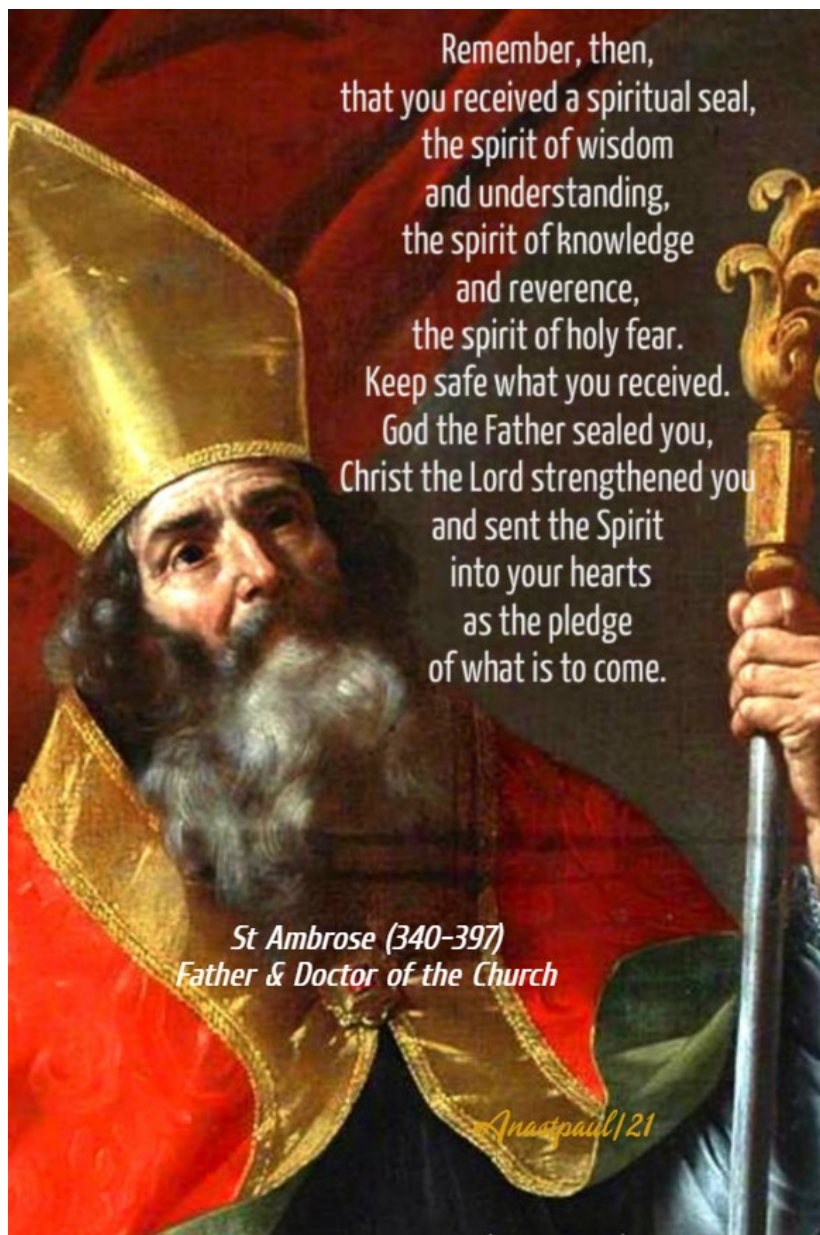
Mary *Teresa* Patt

Naomi *Mary Magdalene* Patt

Clara *Rose* Plucker

Molly *Catherine* Plucker

Clara *Sophia* Young



## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ¶ PENTECOST

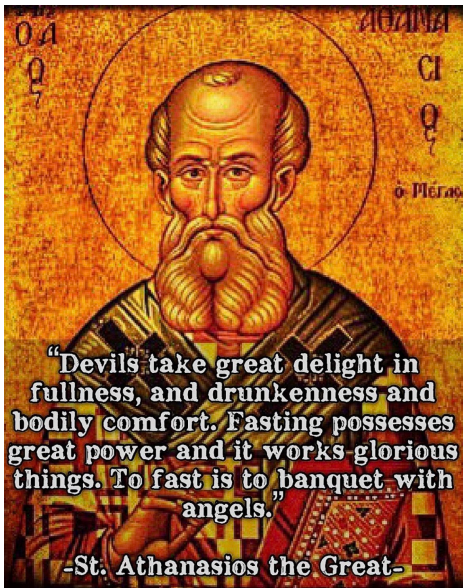
Today is Pentecost Sunday, after Easter the greatest feast of the year, for it marks the completion of the liturgical cycle with the Descent of the Holy Ghost. There are no Catechism Classes today. Pentecost Vespers with Benediction and May Devotions are at 4:45 PM.

### ¶ PENTECOST MONDAY & TUESDAY

Monday and Tuesday are feasts of devotion, formerly holy days. Try especially to assist at Mass on those days. Masses are at 8 and 11:25 AM on Monday; 7, 8 and 11:25 AM on Tuesday.

### ¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the summer Ember Days. All Catholics age seven and older must observe partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday. All those between the ages 21 and 59 inclusive are obliged to follow the church laws of fast—one full meal a day. The Ember Days were instituted to beg God's blessings upon those to be ordained and for the new season of the year.



### ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY

Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Trinity Sunday, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost I. Trinity Preface.

### ¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, one week from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices this next week for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

### ¶ GIRLS' CAMP

Girls' Camp is less than a month away! Please be sure to contact the church office ([parishoffice@sgg.org](mailto:parishoffice@sgg.org)) or Cecilia Simpson ([charles.simpson@fuse.net](mailto:charles.simpson@fuse.net)) with the names and ages of your girls attending. For your convenience there will be a sign-up sheet in the bookstore if this method is easier for you. Thank you!

### ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

**Corpus Christi:** Thursday, June 3

**Fatima Rosary Procession:** Sunday, June 13

**First Communions:** Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 6

**Girls' Camp:** June 15-17

**2020 YAG:** July 9-11

**Boys' Camp:** July 27-29

### ¶ STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE!

Want to give a memorable gift for Confirmation or First Holy Communion? We have new diamond art kits available to the left of the bookstore door for the crafty person on your list. These kits come in different sizes but all beautiful pictures of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Make a 3D picture to enjoy.

We have crusader pocketknives, military combat rosaries, books, statues, and Catholic essentials. A crucifix makes a great gift for any occasion. More concrete statues have been added.

The gift shop is small but you will be amazed at the amount of items we carry!

### Collection Report

Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.....\$3,227.00

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.....\$6,087.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

## ✠ THE POETRY CORNER

### PENTECOST

In simple wise the revelation came—  
Upon a day of grief, and blind despair  
Wherein the thorn-wreathed brow  
and wounded hands  
Flashed into sudden meaning; then  
and there  
The distant Christ drew close—a  
Friend new found!  
“Lo—and thou, also!” sang the  
shining air!

— Laura Simmons



### IN PALESTINE

Have the rocks on the hillside  
voices—  
And the clods under trampling feet?  
Do the cobblestones utter a message,  
And the pebbles tell secrets sweet?

Yes, the hills and the vales have  
voices,  
The rocks by the wayside speak:  
They tell of the march of the ages,  
And of Him whom the nations seek.

— George W. Carlin  
*Jew and Moslem perpetually fight for Palestine, nor will either submit to the Prince of Peace.*

### ¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Kyle McGuire, Mary Mason, Theresa Osterhaus, Jackie Montalto, and the repose of the soul of †PeterMaria Ugwu of Nigeria.

Great Pentecost has come, and with the Fiftieth Day the full sun, now strong and high in the sky. Sweet gentle Spring has given way to Summer's blast, **Fr. McGuire's** favorite season. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, from the North, prefers the Winter, dark and cold. But each season in its turn has its glory, and all are called upon to bless the Lord. That's how the priest makes his daily Thanksgiving for Mass and Holy Communion.



In any case Summer has competition from the calendar, and the Sacred Liturgy, the devotions of the season. What an antidote to secular worldly living. They're at the beach. We're still in church. Pentecost is actually greatest after Easter itself, as yesterday's Vigil Mass and today's second Pontifical bear witness. Children with a sprinkling of adults were confirmed, sixteen in all, so that they too might bear witness.

But so do we all give testimony to our Faith in the conscientious keeping of the great feasts which follow each other in due sequence, regardless of weather: The Pentecost Octave with its Ember Fast Days, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi and First Communion. May finishes with Mary's Queenship, and comes June with the Sacred Heart and All Night Adoration.

It's graduation season too, in more ways than one. Let us know of any graduates among us, so we can congratulate them at this milestone.

We could congratulate ourselves, or rather thank God, that it appears now our masters will allow the slaves to unmask. For those who follow the trail of lies (and tears!) they call the media, there is no rhyme nor reason. The constant changes and contradictions seem custom-made to keep us on our guard, off balance, wearied and distressed. The party line changes more than the weather.

Who knows what tomorrow will bring? Well, unless Christ returns in glory, the now strong sun will probably rise, and we'll get on with our Pentecost Monday. Regardless, God's providential care continues, as does our confident trust and devout daily prayer.

These feast days and devout celebrations are always work. Thanks to new helpers and old who make it happen. You have our grateful prayers. But may God reward you, and grant us all perseverance, at Pentecost and always.

Don't forget Easter Duty by next Sunday. May the Holy Ghost, when He comes, find a pure dwelling place in your soul.

– Bishop Dolan

*May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our senses and our hearts.*

*(500 days)*



## PENTECOST

Easter and Pentecost, with the forty-eight days between them, used to be regarded as a single feast of fifty days. The Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost are all part of the Paschal mystery. As St. Augustine says, Easter is the beginning of grace and Pentecost is its crown since the Holy Ghost then completes the work accomplished by Christ. Pentecost is not merely an anniversary; it is also a source of life—the descent of the Holy Ghost into our hearts. Devotion to the Holy Ghost is the measure of our sanctity.

On the fiftieth day after the passing over of the destroying Angel and the crossing of the Red Sea, almighty God with great solemnity promulgated His Law to the Hebrews encamped at the foot of Sinai. The Jewish feasts of the Passover, which recalled the passing over, and of Pentecost, which was purely a harvest feast, were the most important in the year. Sixteen centuries later the feast of the Passover was marked by the death and Resurrection of Christ, and that of Pentecost fifty days after, as the name implies, by the descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles. These two feasts, having become Christian in character, are the most ancient of the liturgical cycle, which owes its origin to them. Wherefore, **after Easter, Pentecost is the greatest feast of the whole year**, having an equally privileged vigil and octave.



### Lumen Christi

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament during the next fortnight for the following intention:*

**Conversion of family out of Novus Ordo** (Neil Schwab)

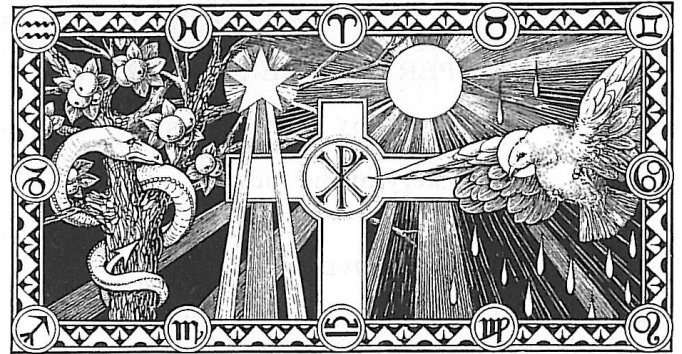


*It is the Sacrament of Confirmation which fully equips the member of Christ, incorporated into Him by Baptism, for this work of molding society. This Sacrament brings him to the perfect age of spiritual life by conferring an interior strength of soul, as St. Thomas points out. When a man has attained to full development, he must work not for himself alone but for others and the whole Mystical Body. The forehead of the person being confirmed is marked with the sign of the Cross to signify his being equipped to do battle for the supernatural organization of society, not only against invisible enemies, but against those who are visibly banded together for its overthrow. – Fr. Fabey*

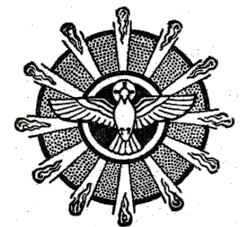
<b>MON</b>	<b>5/24/21</b>	<b>PENTECOST MONDAY</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Intentions of our fellow Catholics <i>(Kolenich Family)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Special Intention (AV) <i>(K/V)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
<b>TUE</b>	<b>5/25/21</b>	<b>PENTECOST TUESDAY</b>
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Isaac Smith <i>(Collin Smith)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Frank X. Beckerich <i>(Leo &amp; Jean Rauf)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Ronald A. Lotarski <i>(Mr. &amp; Mrs. Mark Lotarski &amp; family)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>5/26/21</b>	<b>EMBER WEDNESDAY • ST. PHILIP NERI, C ST. ELEUTHERIUS, PM</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Theresa Simpson – Birthday Blessings <i>(Giese Family)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Eldon Neukam <i>(From a grateful church)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Helen Kalian <i>(Kirby &amp; Jean Bischel)</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>5/27/21</b>	<b>PENTECOST THURSDAY</b>
		ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, CM • ST. JOHN I, PM
	<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Eldracher <i>(Theresa Simpson)</i>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> In honor of St. Matthew for the Poor Souls in Purgatory <i>(A.M. Omlor)</i>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Bernie & †Rita Brueggemann <i>(Patsy McConnell)</i>
	<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>May Devotions</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>5/28/21</b>	<b>EMBER FRIDAY</b>
		ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BPC
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Jim Soli <i>(Soli Family)</i>
	<b>11:06 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>11:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Father Cekada <i>(Patsy McConnell)</i>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Bishop Dolan <i>(Patrick Dunn)</i>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction</b>
<b>SAT</b>	<b>5/29/21</b>	<b>EMBER SATURDAY</b>
		ST. MARY MAGDALEN DE PAZZI, C
	<b>7:15 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Hilde Heminger <i>(William Herman)</i>
	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Regina Coeli &amp; Sermon</b>
	<b>8:25 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Eldon Neukam & all the Poor Souls <i>(Simpson family)</i>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>5/30/21</b>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY • ST. FELIX, PM</b>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Victor & Doloris Ritze <i>(Linda Maki)</i>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Catechism Classes</b>
	<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Birthdays – Elaine & Francis <i>(Diane Puglielli)</i>
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Fr. Cekada <i>(Patrick Dunn)</i>

**PENTECOST WEEK**

Among the works this week's Gospels mention the work of the Incarnation and Redemption, the mission of Christ as the Good Shepherd, the sanctifying action of grace especially through the Holy Eucharist, the spiritual bread, the forgiveness of sins, the miraculous healing of the sick and the casting out of devils. These miracles are visible proofs of the infinite love with which the Paraclete filed the divine Heart of Jesus in our behalf.



*May our hearts be cleansed, O Lord, by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit, and may He render them fruitful by watering them with His heavenly dew. (500 days)*



**CATECHISM CORNER**

As we are commanded to abstain from all deeds of lust and injustice, so are we also strictly obliged to restrain all desires of these kinds, and to resist the irregular motions of concupiscence. So far the Ten Commandments of God; which are a short abridgement of the whole eternal and natural law, which admits of no dispensation.



*Come, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier all powerful, God of love, Thou Who didst fill the Virgin Mary with grace, Thou Who didst wonderfully transform the hearts of the Apostles, Thou Who didst endow all Thy martyrs with miraculous heroism, come and sanctify us.*

*Illumine our minds, strengthen our wills, purify our consciences, rectify our judgments, set our hearts on fire, and preserve us from the misfortune of resisting Thine inspirations. Amen. (500 days)*

**Servers**

<b>SUN 5/30</b>	<b>7:30 AM LOW:</b> Brueggemann Bros.
	<b>9:00 AM HIGH: MC:</b> P. Omlor <b>CHAPLAINS:</b> J. Lacy, M. Simpson
	<b>TH:</b> T. Lawrence <b>ACs:</b> T. England, C. Arlinghaus <b>CROSS:</b> D. Simpson
	<b>TORCH:</b> B., J. & C. McGinnis, J. Stewart, D. Simpson, C. Vander Putten
	<b>11:30 AM LOW:</b> N. & A. McClorey
	<b>4:45 PM VESPERS &amp; BENEDICTION:</b> G. Miller
	<b>5:45 PM LOW:</b> G. Miller