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A NEW PENTECOST

PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 24, 2026

Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Gospel takes us to the Upper Room, where the apostles had taken refuge after the death of Jesus (*Jn* 20:19-23). On the evening of Passover, the Risen One presents himself precisely into that situation of fear and anguish and, breathing on them, says: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v. 22). In this way, with the gift of the Spirit, Jesus wishes to free the disciples from fear, from this fear that keeps them holed up at home, and he frees them so that they may be able to go out and become witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel. Let us dwell a little on what the Spirit does: he *frees from fear*.

The disciples had closed the doors, the Gospel says, "for fear" (v. 19). The death of Jesus had shocked them, their dreams had been shattered, their hopes had vanished. And they had closed themselves inside. Not only in that room, but within, in the heart. I would like to underline this: closed inside. How often do we too shut ourselves in? How often, because of some difficult situation, because of some personal or family problem, because of the suffering that marks us or the evil we breathe around us, do we risk slipping slowly into loss of hope and lack the courage to go on? This happens many times. And then, like the apostles, we shut ourselves in, barricading ourselves in the labyrinth of worries.

Brothers and sisters, this "shutting ourselves in" happens when, in the most difficult situations, we allow fear to take the upper hand and let its stern voice prevail within us. When fear enters, we close ourselves off. The cause, therefore, is fear: fear of not being able to cope, of having to face everyday battles alone, of risking and then being disappointed, of making the wrong choices. Brothers, sisters, fear blocks, fear paralyses. And it also isolates: let us think of the fear of others, of foreigners, of those who are different, who think in another way. And there can even be the fear of God: that he will punish me, that he will be angry with me... If we give space to these false fears, the doors close: the doors of the heart, the doors of society, and even the doors of the Church! Where there is fear, there is closure. And this is no good.

However, the Gospel offers us the remedy of the Risen One: the Holy Spirit. He frees us from the prisons of fear. When they receive the Spirit, the apostles — we celebrate this today — come out of the Upper Room and go out into the world to forgive sins and to proclaim the good news. Thanks to him, fears are overcome and doors open. Because this is what the Spirit does: he makes us feel God's closeness, and thus, his love casts out fear, illuminates the way, consoles, sustains in adversity. Faced with fears and closure, then, let us invoke the Holy Spirit for us, for the Church and for the whole world: let a new Pentecost cast out the fears that assail us and revive the flame of God's love. May Mary Most Holy, the first to be filled with the Holy Spirit, intercede for us.

POPE FRANCIS — May 28, 2023

First Friday of the Month, June 5

there will be no Eucharistic Adoration at 10am
neither Mass at 11am.

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be
exposed for adoration from 4 to 7 pm
concluding with Benediction.

Viernes Primero del Mes (5 de junio)

No habrá Misa de 12pm.

El Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto para
adoración de 4 a 7pm. Durante este tiempo se
ofrecerá el sacramento de Reconciliación

A las 6pm se tendrá una Hora Santa, que concluirá
con la Bendición con el Santísimo a las 7pm.

The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—the living sign of Christ's infinite love for humanity.

In the Heart of Jesus, we encounter both the source of Divine Mercy and the call to love as He loves. Rooted in the Gospel, devotion to the Sacred Heart draws us to contemplate the personal, healing, and transforming love of Christ. Join us in this [Morning Offering Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#).

Spring Tea Social: The Catholic Women's League would like to invite you to our Spring Tea Social that will be held in the church hall after the 5pm Mass on June 6th and after the 9am mass on June 7th. Come out to enjoy sandwiches, desserts, scones, tea, fellowship and more, all for just a free will donation. Hope to see you there!

ENGLISH SCHEDULE

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23 5:00 PM

+Dolores Sedlmeir +Karl Friedrich

Sunday, May 24 9:00 AM

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tuesday, May 26 *St. Philip Neri* 11:00 AM

+Cathy Mac Donald

Wednesday, May 27 11:00 AM

Thursday, May 28 11:00 AM

+Joyce Carlson

Friday, May 29 11:00 AM

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 30 5:00 PM

+Joyce Carlson

Sunday, May 31 9:00 AM

For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Prayer for the Pope

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant Leo XIV,
whom you have set at the head of your
Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom
he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted
to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

HORARIOS EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo de Pentecostés

Sabado 23 de mayo 7:00 PM

Domingo 24 de mayo 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Martes 26 de mayo *San Felipe Neri* 12:00 PM

Miércoles 27 de mayo 12:00 PM

Jueves 28 de mayo 12:00 PM

Viernes 29 de mayo 12:00 PM

Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

Sabado 30 de mayo 7:00 PM

Domingo 31 de mayo 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Por la Comunidad Parroquial

Oración por el Papa

Oh Dios, pastor y guía de todos los fieles,
mira con bondad a tu siervo León XIV,
a quien has puesto al frente de tu
Iglesia como su pastor;
concédenos, te rogamos, que con la palabra
y el ejemplo
sirva a todos aquellos sobre quienes
ejerce su gobierno
para que, junto con el rebaño confiado a su
cuidado, llegue a la vida eterna.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad
del Espíritu Santo,
Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.