

## The Wind and Fire of Pentecost *Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday (Year A)*

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." [John 20:21-23](#)

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which took place fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. Today's Gospel recounts Jesus' first appearance to the Apostles as a group—Thomas being absent—on the evening of the Resurrection. During this appearance, Jesus conferred on them the authority to forgive sins, a power foundational to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This gift anticipates the fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the Apostles were empowered to carry out their mission with boldness and divine strength.

By breathing on the Apostles, Jesus recalls the creation account in Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam ([Genesis 2:7](#)). Now Christ, the New Adam, breathes new life—the divine life of grace—into His Apostles. While this breathing conveys the Holy Spirit in an anticipatory manner, Pentecost represents the full bestowal of the Spirit upon the Church, sanctifying and empowering the Apostles and all disciples.

Our knowledge of Pentecost comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke's continuation of his Gospel in which he details the beginning of the Church: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" ([Acts 2:2-3](#)).

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, there were physical manifestations. God often accompanies significant biblical actions with visible signs to reveal the invisible reality of His presence and activity. Though the transforming reality of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the accompanying signs teach us about the Spirit's nature and work.

The "strong driving wind" that "filled the entire house" symbolizes the ongoing, life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Like the wind, the Spirit is unseen yet powerful, moving where He wills and producing visible effects in the lives of believers. Though we understand the natural causes of wind today, its mystery and uncontrollable nature remain, reflecting the Holy Spirit's divine origin and unstoppable work in the world. He comes from God's hidden presence, unseen but active, bringing about a new creation in the Church and in every soul He touches.

The "tongues as of fire" signify the Spirit's purifying and transforming action, burning away sin and igniting hearts with zeal for God's mission. Together, these signs reveal the Spirit as the powerful, life-giving, and sanctifying presence of God, animating the Church and guiding her to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Before Pentecost, the disciples hid in the Upper Room, fearful and uncertain. Though Jesus had taught them, performed miracles, and revealed His perfect love, their hearts were not yet fully transformed. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a divine fire, emboldening them to become fearless witnesses.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gift bestowed upon the disciples at Pentecost. We might not feel a strong driving wind or see tongues of fire descend from Heaven, but the reality is the same. The signs at Pentecost were not only for the disciples, they were also for us, revealing the Holy Spirit's workings and power in our lives.

Reflect today on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the Spirit's presence in your life? Like the first disciples, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you with power from on high, emboldening you, purifying you, and setting you on fire with zeal to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to you? The Holy Spirit will transform us—if we let Him—setting our feet on the path to eternal glory.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.*

# Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

May 24th 2026

## Pentecost Sunday



### Holy Mass and Sacraments Schedule

**Sunday Mass:** 10:30 am  
12:30 pm English Mass

**Reconciliation:** Sundays at 12:00 am

#### **Baptism and Holy Matrimony:**

The family should be registered and active members at Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish for a least three months prior to Baptism or Holy Matrimony. Couples are engaged to marry need to contact Fr. Ishida at least four months prior to the wedding date for marriage preparation.

#### **Anointing of the Sick:**

Please contact Father Ishida. **509-998-7093**

#### **Parish Office:**

Please email or leave voice message.

#### Parish Staff:

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## Welcome to Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish

To all visitors who are joining us  
for worship today. May your  
time with us be grace-filled and  
may the Lord Jesus bless you  
and your loved ones today and  
every day.



### Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Let us pray:

O God, Who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that, by the gift of the same Spirit, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation.

### Prayer For the Twelve Fruits of the Spirit

Holy Spirit, eternal Love of the Father and the Son, kindly bestow on us the fruit of charity, that we may be united to You by divine Love; the fruit of joy, that we may be fulfilled with holy consolation; the fruit of peace, that we may enjoy tranquility of soul; and the fruit of patience, that we may endure humbly everything that may be opposed to our own desires.

Divine Spirit, be pleased to infuse in us the fruit of benignity, that we may willingly relieve our neighbors' necessities; the fruit of goodness, that we may be benevolent towards all; the fruit of longanimity, that we may not be discouraged by delay but may persevere in prayer; and the fruit of mildness, that we may subdue every rising of ill temper, stifle every murmur, and repress the susceptibilities of our nature in all our dealings with our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, graciously impart to us the fruit of fidelity, that we may rely with assured confidence on the word of God; the fruit of modesty, that we may act becomingly; and the fruits of continence and chastity, that we may keep our bodies in such holiness as befits Your temple, so that having by Your assistance preserved our hearts pure on earth, we may merit in Jesus

### Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Spirit

by St. Bonaventure

O Lord Jesus, through You I humbly beg our merciful Father to send the Holy Spirit of grace, that He may bestow upon us His sevenfold gifts.

May He send us the gift of wisdom which will make us relish the Tree of Life that is none other than Yourself; the gift of understanding which will enlighten us; the gift of counsel which will guide us in the way of righteousness; and the gift of fortitude which will give us the strength the vanquish the enemies of our sanctification and salvation.

May He impart to us the gift of knowledge which will enable us to discern Your teaching and distinguish good from evil; the gift of piety which will make us enjoy true peace; and the gift of fear which will make us shun all iniquity and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty.

To the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit be given all glory and thanksgiving forever.

happy  
Birthday  
may your wish  
come true



### Solemnity of Pentecost

Liturgical color: red

Lectionary #62 and #63 (see the Lectionary Supplement, #62 for the extended Vigil readings)

#### Vigil:

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30

Rom 8:22-27

Jn 7:37-39

#### Extended Vigil:

Gn 11:1-9 / Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (vol. II, 339)

Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (164) or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Ez 37:1-14

Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (vol. III, 423)

Jl 3:1-5 / Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30

Rom 8:22-27

Jn 7:37-39

#### Day:

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

"Veni, Sancte Spiritus"

Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

Gloria

Creed



### PRAYER CHAIN INTENTIONS

can be emailed and kept anonymous if requested or needed. Please call Pam Harper 509-496-5930 to request prayers. or email

[stanneprayer-chain@yahoo.com](mailto:stanneprayer-chain@yahoo.com)



**Please note:** Mass Intentions take approximately 2 weeks to get processed and on the calendar. Please note this when giving your stipends for Intentions.

### MASS INTENTIONS

17	Sunday	Pro Populo
18	Monday	
19	Tuesday	
20	Wednesday	
21	Thursday	
22	Friday	
23	Saturday	
24	Sunday	Pro Populo

**Mary, Queen of Heaven ... Pray for us!**  
**St. Anne ... Pray for us!**

Starts: May 26th **Corpus Christi** Feastday June 4th Patron saint of Blessed Sacrament, Eucharist, Real Presence

Starts: June 3rd **Sacred Heart** Feastday June 12th Patron saint of the Apostleship of Prayer

Starts: June 4th **Immaculate Heart of Mary** Feastday June 13th Patron saint of Apostleship of Prayer Alliance of Sacred Hearts

Starts: June 4th **St Anthony** Feastday June 13th Patron saint of finding one's spouse, lost items, people, and souls

Starts: June 6th **St Germaine Cousin** Feastday June 15th Patron saint of abused children, abandoned and disabled people, loss of parents

Starts: June 12th **St Aloysius Gonzaga** Feastday June 21st Patron saint of students, young people, the blind, purity, plague victims and against epidemics

Starts: June 13th **St Thomas More** Feastday June 22nd Patron saint of adopted children, lawyers, civil servants

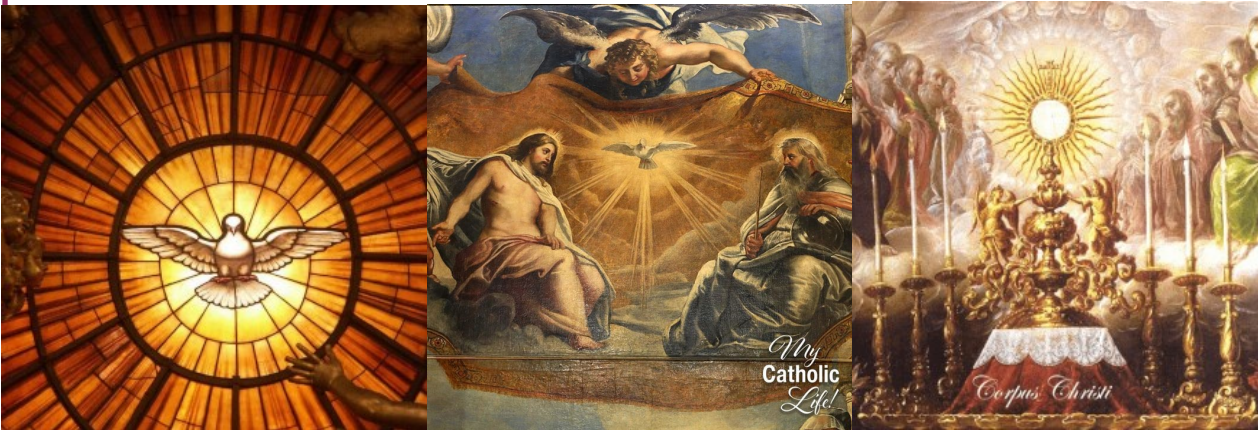
Starts: June 15th **St John the Baptist** Feastday June 24th Patron saint of countless dioceses, cities, and causes

Starts: June 17th **St Josemaria Escriva** Feastday June 26th Patron saint of diabetes

Starts: June 18th **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Feastday June 27th Patron saint of great needs

Starts: June 20th **St Peter and Paul** Feastday June 29th Patron saint of Greece, evangelization, the church

Starts: June 22nd **Precious Blood** Feastday July 1st Patron saint of Salvation



## Mary Queen Calendar May—June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	25 <b>Memorial Day</b>	26	27	28	29	30 St Anne Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
31 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>The Most Holy Trinity</b>	1 June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart	2	3	4	5 <b>First Friday</b>	6 St Anne Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm <b>First Saturday</b>
7 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> <b>Corpus Christ</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13 St Anne Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm
14 Mass 10:30 am Mass 12:30 English <b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20 St Anne Vigil Mass @ 5:00 pm

**Are you sick, preparing for a surgery, or homebound? Is someone you know very ill?**

And would like a to receive communion and the anointing of the sick from Fr. Ishida. For these urgent needs call, (509) 998-7093