

*And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind, and it  
filled the entire house in which they were.*

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2

## Tongues of Fire

**W**hen I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✱ *Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?*
- ✱ *How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?*





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Thursday 5:30-6pm

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Please call the office if you know of  
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### **Mass times:**

**Sunday 10:30am**

**4:00pm Spanish**

**Wednesday 6pm**

**Thursday 6pm**

**Confession 5:30 on Thurs**



### *PENTECOST SUNDAY*

#### **READINGS:**

**Acts 2: 1-11 Galatians 5:16-25 Psalm 104**  
**John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS TODAY—**

10:30am..... Harold Wilson

**Thursday, May 27.....Paul Breiner**

**May 30.....Nick & Edna Breiner**

**May 3.....James & Edna Fields - Wedding**  
Anniversary

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:** 23-Ronaldo Enrique Cruz, Gisselle Enriquez  
26-Betty Barnard 29-Lynn Parsons, Maria Vargas

#### **MAY Wedding ANNIVERSARIES**

**23- Ismael & Maria Lopez**

**28-Jacob & Kelli Stewart**

**29- George & Joan Atkins**

**30-Joe & Lynn Ann King, Frank & Peggy Ballard**

#### **WORD OF LIFE – *Intercessions for Life***

May the Holy Spirit strengthen God's people to embrace and protect the  
precious gift of human life;

*We pray to the Lord:*

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I  
am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He  
speaks these words not as one who  
merely observes our pain, but as one  
who experienced immense suffering.  
And the very wounds that bear  
witness to his suffering indicate  
the essence of our identity and  
worth: we are loved by God.  
Reflecting on the healed wounds of  
the Risen Christ, we see that even

our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his  
victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." --  
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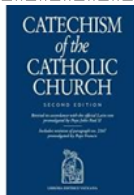
Holy Spirit, Sweet Guest of  
My Soul, Abide In Me and  
Grant That I May Ever  
Abide In Thee.

**Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church**

**Sunday, May 23**

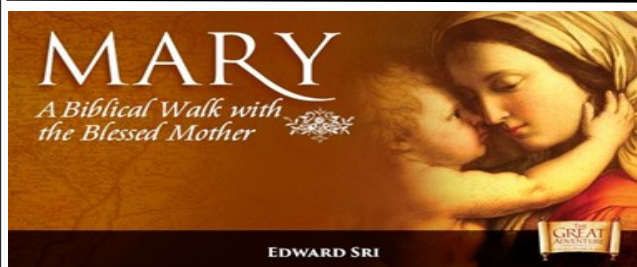
**Feast of Pentecost**





Do you **KNOW** what the Church teaches & **WHY** she teaches it? How can we share it if we don't know it? **Join us after 10:30**

**Mass this Sunday, May 23.**



**The Biblical View of Mary—**  
Please join us for the next session  
**this Thurs 6:30-8pm led by**  
**Deacon Larry.**



The family of Paul Breiner would like to thank our St. Patrick family for all your care, prayers and help during this difficult time. God bless you all.

**St. Agatha Academy** is hiring after-care workers for their summer camp. The position is Monday through Friday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and the pay is \$10.50/hr. The camp lasts from May 31st to August 6th. Applicants must be 18 years old or older. Please email our principal Deacon Ron Allen at [rallen@cdlex.org](mailto:rallen@cdlex.org) to request an interview.

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#### PRAYER REQUESTS:



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The Duzyk family, The Breiner family, The Lee Family, Katherine King, Ann Bonfield, Roseanne Ackermann, Doug Stamm, James Walker, Edna Fields, Jodi Ortiz, Lillie Harkness & Family, Paulett Hedge, Ernestine Jeffries, Linda Martin & Family, Janet Wilson, the Pecina Family: (Trina, Jose, Rita) Perry Joe Sr., & Perry Joe Jr. Norris, Erika Janeth

Garcia, Blanca & Isabel Valdez, Elizabeth Munoz, Maria de los Ajeles Pecina Rameres, Ampelio Silva, Estevan Gonzalez Salazar— All those in our parish who are unemployed. **Please pray daily: 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory Be for Fr. Frank & all those who are sick.**

**Message for the Year of the Family from Pope Francis speaks of marriage as a lifelong project along a path of personal growth and development, a beautiful testament of enduring love:**

"Long life spans now mean that close and exclusive relationships must last for four, five or even six decades; consequently, the initial decision has to be frequently renewed... [one] has a 'partner' with whom everything in life is shared. He or she is a companion on life's journey, one with whom to face life's difficulties and enjoy its pleasures. This satisfaction is part of the affection proper to conjugal love. There is no guarantee that we will feel the same way all through life. Yet if a couple can come up with a shared and lasting life project, they can love one another and live as one until death do them part, enjoying an enriching intimacy. The love they pledge is greater than any emotion, feeling or state of mind... It is a deeper love, a lifelong decision of the heart. Even amid unresolved conflicts & confused emotional situations, they daily reaffirm their decision to love, to belong to one another, to share their lives and to continue loving and forgiving. (*Amoris Laetitia* #163)



**SAINT FOR THE WEEK — St. Philip Neri (1515-1595), Priest, Founder of an order of Priests.** "He who wishes for anything but Christ, does not know what he wishes; he who asks for anything but Christ, does not know what he is asking; he who works, and not for Christ, does not know what he is doing." **Feast Day Wednesday, May 26**



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES  
WITH A MASS INTENTION

MAY 2021 Pope Francis' Universal

*Prayer Intention:* **THE WORLD OF FINANCE**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

*"In the  
darkness  
new always  
to life  
or  
produces*



*midst of  
something  
springs  
and sooner  
later  
fruit."*

— Pope Francis



# Dear Padre,

## Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

**T**he eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary’s name appears in the New Testament. In Luke’s Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. “Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body” (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

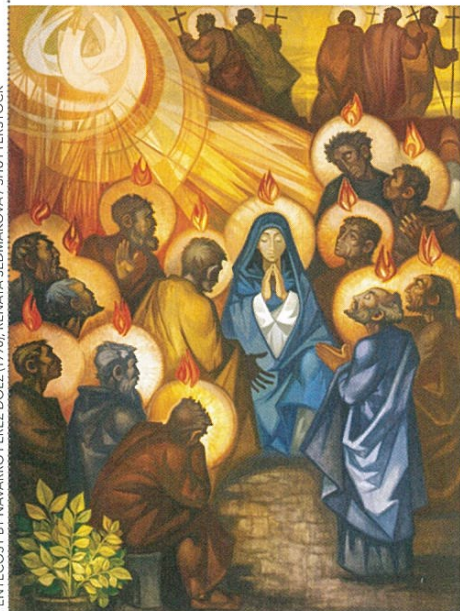
Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. “Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church,” wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22–23).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!*

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday MAY 24

Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20

or Acts 1:12–14

Jn 19:25–34

### Tuesday MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12

Mk 10:28–31

### Wednesday MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17

Mk 10:32–45

### Thursday MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15–25

Mk 10:46–52

### Friday

MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9–13

Mk 11:11–26

### Saturday

MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd–20

Mk 11:27–33

### Sunday

MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32–34, 39–40

Rom 8:14–17

Mt 28:16–20

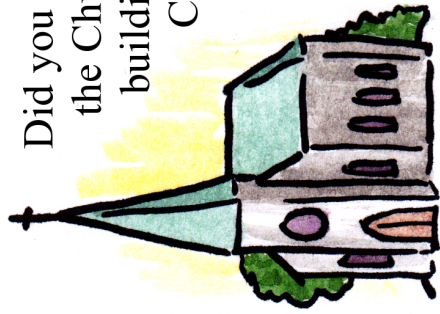
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# Happy Birthday, Church!

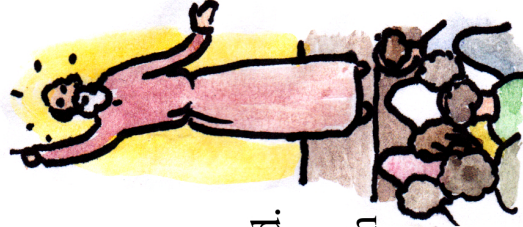


Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.



The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



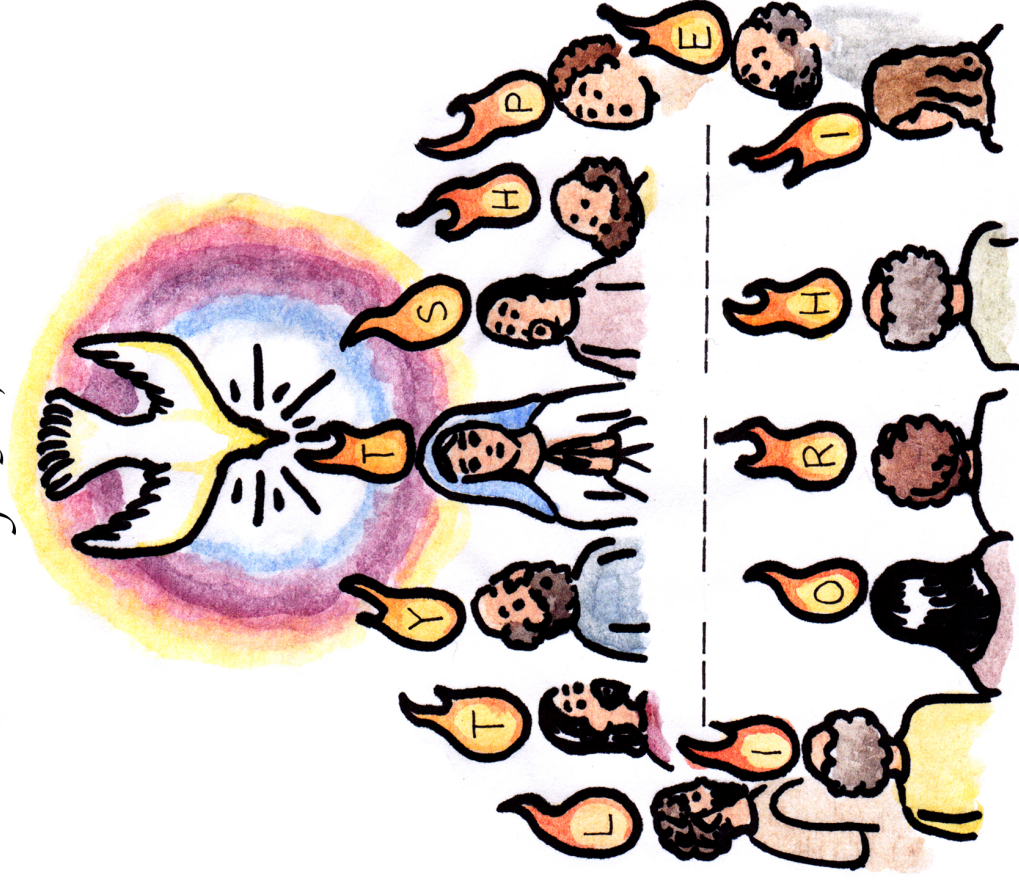
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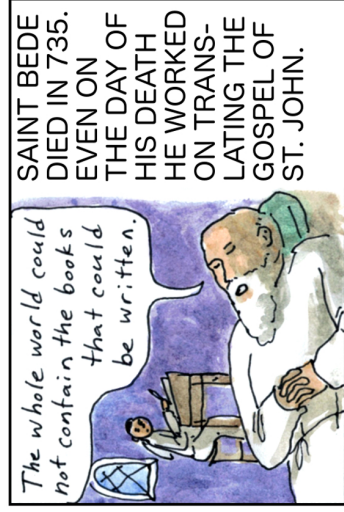
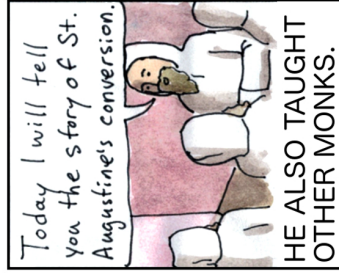
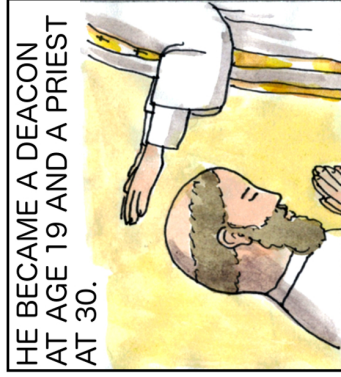


Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday?  
Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames:  
go around the Apostles clockwise,  
skipping every other letter. Start at Mary's.



# Saint Bede the Venerable

## May 25



## Pentecost Word-Find

M N C Y R E N E A T  
E L A M I T E S I A  
S V P R O M E E L S  
O A P H R Y G I A I  
P P A M P H Y L I A  
O J D N G U P A G M  
T E O P O N T U S E  
A W C R E T A N S D  
M S I J U D E A E E  
I P A R T H I A N S  
A R A B S L I B Y A

PARTHIANS  
MEDES  
ELAMITES  
MESOPOTAMIA  
JUDEA  
CAPPADOCIA  
PONTUS  
ASIA  
PHRYGIA  
PAMPHYLIA  
EGYPT  
LIBYA  
CYRENE  
ROME  
JEWS  
CRETANS  
ARABS

On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. So they began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different kinds of people who were in the city listening to them.



**All these people heard the apostles speaking in their**

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