



A Gift for All People of All Times

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today’s passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? “Parthians, Medes, and Elamites.” Where is “Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia”? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God’s protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God’s law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such far-away, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●



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COMMUNITY

Reflect

***Do I often remember that the Church encompasses people of every nation:
those gone before us and those to come?***



[The Jews] were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?”

ACTS 2:7–8

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

411 N. Missouri St., West Memphis, AR 72301

Mass Times

- **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** 10:30 a.m.

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SACRED HEART– Crawfordsville, AR

Mission Church

216 S. Main St., Crawfordsville, AR

- **Sunday Mass:** 8:30 a.m.

Pastor: Fr. Gilbert Tairo, CSSp

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PRE Classes: **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (Grades K–12)**

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TUESDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SATURDAY: 4:00 - 5:00 PM

SACRED HEART

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

"Come adore the Lord truly present in the most blessed sacrament"

Fr Gilbert will be
traveling home
to *Tanzania*



on **May 26th**.

Please keep Fr Gilbert in your prayers for safe travels and a blessed time with his family and loved ones.

Asante sana, Fr. Gilbert!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION
AND FAITHFUL SERVICE.


Welcome back
FR. SIMON!

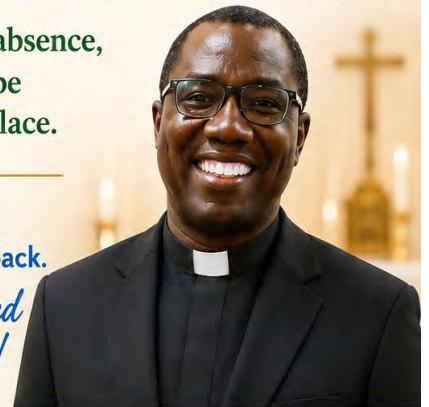
➤ FR. SIMON FROM PITTSBURGH ⇐

In Fr Gilbert's absence,
Fr. Simon will be
serving in his place.



Please join us in
welcoming him back.

*We are blessed
to have you!*





St. Michael's
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THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE

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ON **MAY 25TH**

IN OBSERVANCE OF

Memorial Day



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LASTING
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PLEASE KEEP
ANGELINA MARCONI
in prayer

MAY 24 – JULY 5

as she journeys across the country with
the other Perpetual Pilgrims for the
2026 *National Eucharistic Pilgrimage*.

May she and all nine pilgrims have
safe travels, strength, peace,
and many *grace-filled encounters*
along the way.



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2026

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The Eucharist is the highway to heaven. – St. Carlo Acutis

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Inspiring Futures.*

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR THE
**LEARNS ACT IS
JUNE 1ST.**



— ST MICHAEL'S / — SACRED HEART

NIGHT *at the* REDBIRDS GAME



✝ FAITH. COMMUNITY. TRADITION. TOGETHER.

SUMMER CAMP 2026

**Adventure based camp for boys
ages 9-13 on the campus of Subiaco
Abbey and Academy**

WEEK 1 JUNE 14-20

or

WEEK 2 JUNE 21-27



**Limited number of
campers will be
accepted**

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BINGO NIGHT!

**Join us for Bingo every Tuesday night
in the School Cafeteria!**

Games Start at: 7:00 PM **Doors Open at: 6:00 PM**

**We now have TWO Jackpots worth \$1,000 each,
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★ 50 numbers called & 58 numbers called

Raffle Prize is now up to: \$ 1,500

Bring your friends, family, and lucky charms!

We can't wait to see you there!




**SCAN FOR
THE LATEST
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**IS COMMITTED TO
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AND YOUNG PEOPLE.**

If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact:


 STATE OF ARKANSAS HOTLINE FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN
1-800-482-5964

 CHANCELLOR | GENERAL COUNSEL
Dcn. Matthew A. Glover
(501) 664-0340 ext. 361

 FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE
please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock:
**Laura Gottspomer
(501) 499-9110**



Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
— Mark 10:14



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**DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA DE
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LA DIÓCESIS CATÓLICA DE LITTLE ROCK *está comprometida a* PROTEGER A LOS NIÑOS Y JÓVENES.

 Si usted está enterado de algún abuso o ha sido abusado por Clérigos, voluntarios o funcionarios de la Iglesia, por favor comuníquese a la Línea de Ayuda del Estado de Arkansas para Crímenes contra Niños al
(800) 482-5964

 y con el Canciller | Asesor General,
Diác. Matthew A. Glover
(501) 664-0340, ext. 361

 Para asistencia pastoral, por favor comuníquese con la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas de la Diócesis de Little Rock
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LITURGICAL

 MINISTRIES



Week of	May 30, 2026	May 31, 2026
Lector	Grace Reece	Becky Rushing
Linens	Dorothy Foster	
Communion	Shelley Pugh	Melissa Morphis
	Margie McCain	Jessica Galtelli
	Sandy G. Williford	Katie Reese
Offertory	Allyssa Franks	Jacob Wray Family
	Kaden McKinnon	
Greeters	Ginger Creel	Volunteer



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & FELLOWSHIP



INFANT OF PRAGUE GUILD: Meetings are held quarterly in the school cafeteria. *Please watch here for announcements*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: First Sunday of each month · 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council - Thursday, Aug. 20th · 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Council- Thursday, Aug. 20th · 6:15 p.m.

❖ **PARISH FELLOWSHIP** ❖

SACRED HEART BRUNCH - First Sunday — June 7th *Following Mass*

ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH- Second Sunday — June 14th *Following Mass - PC*

LITURGY SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday	May	23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Betty & Etta Kelly†
Sunday	May	24	8:30 am 10:30 am	Hilda Phillips Ernest Miller Sr.†
Monday	May	25	NO MASS	
Tuesday	May	26	6:00 pm	Margaret Henson
Wednesday	May	27	8:00 am	Angelina Marconi
Thursday	May	28	8:00 am	Suzy McAuley
Friday	May	29	8:00 am	Melissa Morphis
Saturday	May	30	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Adoration Pauline Sibley†
Sunday	May	31	8:30 am 10:30 am	Ester Mejia Ruiz† John Halling†



REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Patsy & Danny Haynes, James Bell, Charlie Dabbs, Ginny Kimbrell, Carlton Coveny, Carla Sanderson, Kathleen Alparo, Baby Arabella, Ward Roberts, Melanie Beyer, Fairley Vega, Olivia Vega, Richard Gunter, Steve Marasco, Illuminata Wilhelmi, Nancy Ellis Hays, Cathy Stockbridge, Theresa Black, Mary Ann Tyrone, Donald Turlich, Vickey Stanford, John Baioni, Carol Burdison, Will Hutcherson, Mandi Tacker, Matthew Bain, Edna Alpuente, Joan McCarty, Jane Rice, Neil Sponer, Tracey Tyrone Cox, Grace Pulliam, Alaina Goldsby, Nancy Jackson, Janet Long, Jim Pugh, Jose Cantu, Balthasar Arellano, Joe Alvarez, Jay Guiltner, Scott Goldsmith, Ruben Saldivar, Joanna Kim, Mayson Hall, Walter Smith, Freddy Crabtree, Richard Batkey, Leroy England, Gloria Anderson, Cindy Dabbs, Juan Perez, Jr., Lillie Clark, Eric Densford, Joan White, Tina Imboden, Kay Loney, Johnny McMullin, Victims of War and Violence in our country and throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine. All persons serving in our Military, The Seminarians of the Diocese of Little Rock, and the Religious Men and Women of Arkansas.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:

May 17, 2026 St. Michael \$4,023.00

Sacred Heart \$887.00

Dear Padre,

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

At Pentecost, the apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

May 25

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Gn 3:9–15, 20 or
Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
1 Pt 1:10–16
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

May 27

Weekday
1 Pt 1:18–25
Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

May 28

Weekday
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
Mk 10:46–52

Friday

May 29

Weekday
1 Pt 4:7–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

May 30

Weekday
Jude 17, 20b–25
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

May 31

The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18