

MAY 23, 2021
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by the Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later it was celebrated to remember God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai

On the day of Pentecost 1) The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and Blessed Virgin Mary as fiery tongues. 2) The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. 3) The audience experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit with the gift of tongues, hearing Peter speaking in their languages. 4) The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for faith.

The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life: 1) As an indwelling God, He makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). 2) As a strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by transparent Christian lives. 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the sacraments: a) He makes us children of God and heirs of heaven through Baptism. b) He makes us temples of God, warriors and defenders of faith, through Confirmation. c) He enables us to be reconciled to God by pardoning our sins through Reconciliation. d) He gives us spiritual nourishment via the Holy Eucharist by converting bread and wine into Jesus' body and blood through Epiclesis. 4) As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings. 5) As a listening and talking God, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us mainly through the Bible. 6) As a giver of gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits and charisms. We need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives: 1) By constantly remembering His holy presence and behaving well. 2) By praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits and addictions. 3) By asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading and talking to Him. 4) By asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled to God and others every day.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday May 22
5:00 PM Mass: Claire Sabourin (RIP)

Sunday May 23
8:00 AM Mass:
9:15 AM Rosary
10:00 AM Mass: Anthony Lena (RIP)

Monday May 24
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass: Intentions of Robert Nadeau, Jr. and for the Souls of Robert Nadeau, Sr. & Charles Forrest (RIP)

Wednesday May 26
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass: William Sabourin (RIP)

Friday May 28
8:35 AM Rosary
9:00 AM Mass: Souls in Purgatory

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM Open for your Intentions
10:00 AM Mass: Nancy Garvey (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 23 is the Solemn Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the fiftieth day of Easter. We, the Church, are called to the mission of Christ and share his Gospel—the good news of God’s love and mercy with all people. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit transformed the frightened Apostles into fervent witnesses of the Gospel. Can we too be open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit? With the Holy Spirit’s help we can become emboldened to share our faith and God’s mercy by our words and actions.

Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 6, is The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ focuses our attention on Jesus’ gift of himself in the Eucharist to his people—the Church. In the Eucharist Jesus is in a real sense physically present among us.

As part of this Solemnity of Corpus Christi at the end of the 10:00AM Mass, we will have the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction.

Fifth Sunday Rosary for Families

The St. Paul Council, Knights of Columbus invites all families to join us and our families in praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament after the 10AM Mass on **Sunday, May 30, 2021** followed by Benediction. Either LIVE STREAMED or in St. Paul’s Church. Please join us in asking for Mary’s intercession for an end to abortion in our country and the world, for peace in our families and country, for an end to the pandemic and healing of all affected.

St. Paul’s Council 95 KANDI Drive

The weekend of **June 19/20** after all Masses, members of our Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations for their Annual Kandi Drive to benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities. All funds raised will go directly to local organizations and programs that directly help these special individuals.

BAPTISM

Please welcome into the family of God’s People, **Addison Reagan Rotondo**, who was baptized Saturday afternoon. She is the newest member of Christ’s Body—the Church.



Please pray that she and her family be strengthened by the Holy Spirit’s gifts of faith, hope and love.

Calendar Raffle Winners

May 15 Texas Roadhouse Susan Girard
May 16 Cheesecake Factory Sarah Chabot
May 17 Williams Sonoma Claire Riquier
May 18 King Arthur Flour Lori Adamo
May 19 Pub 99 Donna Boucher
May 20 Dave’s Marketplace Art Chabot
May 21 Kohl’s Donna & Blaise Boucher

Congratulations to all Winners!

Support St. Paul’s

Set up a reoccurring donation (or make a gift at anytime) using our secure, online giving tool by ParishSOFT.

Visit our website at stpaulsfoster.org, and click the “Donate Now” button.

Commitment to Sunday Offertory

To help the parish meet its financial obligations, we ask that you remain committed to the weekly offertory.

Please consider using the parish envelopes and mailing your weekly/monthly offertory contribution. Or consider the convenient option of setting up an automatic contribution online. Details above.

2021 Catholic Charity Appeal

Our parish goal was reduced to **\$15,000 for this year. To date, we have \$6,895 so far.** Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support the 2021 Appeal. Thank you.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection - May 15/16
\$ 2,977.00

Thank you for your support!

Letter from Bishop Tobin

Bishop Tobin has now signed a formal decree restoring the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in the Diocese of Providence, effective **Sunday, June 6, 2021**, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This means that Catholics, in observance of the Lord’s Day and in fulfillment of the law of the Church, are once again obliged to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, unless they are otherwise dispensed for some serious reason such as health conditions. Attending Holy Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist Sacramentally are serious obligations.

Update: Normal Liturgical Practice

In light of updated health guidelines by the CDC, the Governor & RI Dept of Health, the following changes in procedure should be considered in our parishes. Visit stpaulsfoster.org.

Indoor Seating Capacity

Seating **increased from 80% to 100%**

Face Masks

Fully vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear a facemask indoors and outdoors.

Those who are not fully vaccinated should be asked to continue to wear a facemask indoors.

However, any form of discrimination should be avoided against those who are not fully vaccinated and those who do not use a facemask.

Continue to Observe the Following

Sufficient hand sanitizing dispensers should be made available at the vestibule of the church which can be used by parishioners upon entering. Parishioners should continually be encouraged to practice proper hygiene.

The distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Communion to the lay faithful should remain suspended.

Livestreamed Mass

The 10:00 AM Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook at facebook.com/foster.Catholic

Listen from your car

We will broadcast the Mass on 107.90 FM on car radios. Those who participate from the outside will be brought Communion if they choose to receive.