



A Gift for All People of All Times

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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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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



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Mass Schedule – Forsyth

Pentecost Sunday

Mass Schedule – Hysham

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Sunday at 12:30 PM

Office hours: By appointment – call 406.853.5252 or come to the rectory.

Religious Education: Contact Diane Wyrick for Forsyth at 406.351.2845 and Amber for Hysham at 406.342.5448.

Confession: Saturdays @ 2 PM.

Baptism: Adults and children under 7 (please contact Father Rob.)

Anointing of the Sick: If you are having surgery or are sick, please contact Father Rob to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Funerals: When anticipating or planning a funeral, please contact Father Rob before finalizing the arrangements.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered and be listed in the bulletin, please contact Father Rob.

Homebound & Sick: If you or someone you know can no longer attend Mass due to physical inability, please contact Father Rob or Diane Wyrick at 406.351.2845 or Rosemary in Hysham at 406.740.1457 to receive Holy Communion and Anointing.

Immaculate Conception Prayer Chain: For requests, call Cherie Hesper at 406.351.9048.

Mass & Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday	05/24	8:30 AM	Mass Forsyth for Rick Scheidt from the Pester Family.
Sunday	05/24	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for the People of the Parish.
Tuesday	05/26	5:15 PM	Mass in Forsyth for Jeff Wigen from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Friday	05/29	9:00 AM	Mass in Forsyth for the Poor Souls in Purgatory from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Saturday	05/30	4:00 PM	Mass at the Nursing Home for the Wigen Family from Jon & Carol Wigen.
Sunday	05/31	10:30 AM	Mass in Forsyth for Rick Scheidt from the Pester Family.
Sunday	05/31	12:30 PM	Mass in Hysham for the People of the Parish.

- † Rosary every Monday at 8:15 AM, Tuesday at 4:45 PM and Friday at 8:30 AM.
- † Religious education for children Sunday at 9:30 AM.
- † Bible Study in Forsyth is Friday morning after Mass.
- † CCD & Sacramental Prep Classes on Sunday morning. Questions: Please contact Diane Wyrick in Forsyth and Amber in Hysham.
- † Mass times at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Colstrip Sunday 8:30 AM.
- † CCW meeting the 2nd Sunday after Mass.

Announcements:

We are still short of our goals for the Bishop's Annual Appeal - Forsyth has committed \$ 6,070 out of the needed \$ 8,000, and Hysham has committed \$ 2,550 out of the needed \$ 3,500. There have been 12 and 6 contributors, consecutively. Thank you to those who have given, and if you have not, please consider doing so!

A tri-parish meeting is tentatively scheduled at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, June 14th at 3 PM. It is for all council members but is open for anyone to attend. Thank you!

The Knights of Columbus will host the Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, June 2nd after the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The Silver Rose of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a powerful devotional tradition spearheaded by the Knights of Columbus. Commemorating the miracle of the roses, it travels across North America annually to pray for the sanctity of human life and the spiritual renewal of each nation.

At each parish stop, Knights and community members host rosary-centered prayer services, offering petitions and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Knights look forward to hosting the Silver Rose ceremony, with the parishioners, at that time. Thank you.

The Silver Rose will be in our parishes from June 1st to 3rd. Hysham will have a prayer service on Monday, June 1st at 5:30 PM, Forsyth will have the service after Tuesday evening Mass on June 2nd, and Colstrip will have the service at 5:30 PM on June 3rd (before evening Mass).

We will be hosting a seminarian, Randy Bebeau, in June and July this Summer. He will be staying at the rectory in Forsyth. Please reach out to make him feel welcome in our communities.

Finance Update: Last Sunday Collection: 05/17/2026

Immaculate Conception – Forsyth		St. Joseph – Hysham	
Loose Cash	125.00	Loose Cash	23.00
Loose Checks	65.00	Loose Checks	350.00
Envelope Cash	130.00	Envelope Cash	10.00
Envelope Checks	935.00	Envelope Checks	70.00
Other (Bathroom)	560.00	Other	0.00
Catholic Comm.	25.00	Building Fund	10.00
Special Collection	0.00	Special Collection	0.00
Capital Campaign	0.00	Capital Campaign	0.00
Current Operating Fund	0.00	Current Operating Fund	0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1840.00	TOTAL:	\$ 463.00

Forsyth & Hysham Ministry Schedule for next Sunday: 05/31/2026

Forsyth:	Time	Service	Names
	Mass at 10:30 AM	Eucharistic Ministers	Knights of Columbus
		Cross Bearer	Knights of Columbus
		Lector	Knights of Columbus
		Ushers	Knights of Columbus
		Gifts	Knights of Columbus
		Col. Counters	Diane Wyrick & Wayne Pester
		Sacristan	Diane Wyrick
Hysham:			
	Mass at 12:30 PM	Eucharistic Ministers	Mark Manning & Renee Zent
		Lector	Hope Manning

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. ●

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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.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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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