

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak! — Father John Muir

May 28th, 2023

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Mass Schedule

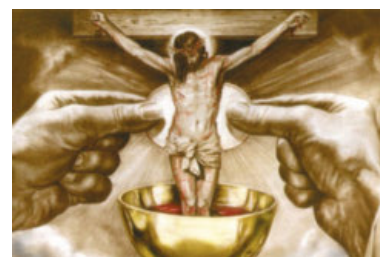
Saturday (vigil) 5pm, St. Helena
Sunday 8:30am (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
10:30am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Tue 7pm
Wed-Fri 8:00am

Confession Schedule

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Sunday Before 8:30 am mass
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Tuesday 6:30-6:50pm
Wed-Fri Before 8:00 am daily Mass
Or by appointment, call parish office

Adoration

Wed 5pm-8pm



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30am
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
8:30 am (2nd, 4th Sundays)
Thursday 9:00am

Confession Schedule

Sundays after 10:30 am Mass
By appointment - call parish office

FROM OUR PASTOR : A Tour Cont: Our Lady of Knock Ireland

The Marian apparition at Knock is notable for many reasons. The first is that it occurred in an Ireland that was still feeling the social and political ramifications of the famine years of the 1840s. The second is that of all the Marian apparitions, this was the first and only time when Mary did not appear by herself. Lastly—and most notably of all—unlike the other apparitions, Mary did not speak one word. She was silent.

The fact that it was raining did not deter the small group from gathering, amazed at what they saw. In a way, they were like the Wise Men and the shepherds on Christmas night when they beheld something special. Praying the Rosary, the 15 people that gathered that night would remember what happened for the rest of their lives. The eldest of the group was a 74-year-old woman and the youngest was John Curry. While young John was held up by his 11-year-old cousin to get a better look, Patrick Walsh simply stood there in the middle of his field—just a mile away—staring in wonder.

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In time, everyone who was present at the apparition presented testimonies as to what happened and what they saw. Fourteen gave their testimony in English and one was given in Irish. Even John Curry was asked to give his impressions. As the official report said: “The child says he saw images, beautiful images, the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. He could state no more than that he saw the fine images and the light, and heard the people talk of them, and went upon the wall to see the nice things and the lights.”

Some 10 days after the apparition, the first miracle was recorded: a 12-year-old girl from nearby Claremorris, Delia Gordon, was cured from deafness and violent pains in her left ear. From then on, faith in Knock and what happened there grew. John Curry was a simple laborer who never married but held on to the faith he grew up in.

Today, the simple village church has been incorporated into the modern-day Basilica of Knock. The basilica, completed in 1976, is a focal point of Irish faith and belief. During the anniversary of the apparition every August, pilgrims from all over come to pray, worship and beg for healing. But that is not the end of the story. What happened to



the youngest of the witnesses, John Curry?

Though he beheld a miraculous sight, he led an inconspicuous life. Like many an Irish person before and after him, John Curry emigrated, first to England, then to America to seek a better life. He was a simple laborer who never married but held on to the faith he grew up in. His working life was spent as an attendant at City Hospital on Welfare Island, later known as Roosevelt Island. In his later years, he lived in the Sacred Heart Home, a group home for older indigents run by the Little Sisters of the Poor on East 70th Street in New York.

He humbly served as a sacristan, lighting the altar candles without anyone ever knowing his having been a witness to a heavenly sight (except for the time he gave further testimony in 1937 for an Irish commission). He would charm others with stories, told in his thick Irish brogue, and delight when coming across anyone from his home county of Mayo. He was 68 when he died in 1943 and was buried in the Cemetery of the Resurrection, in Farmingdale, Long Island, owned by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

However, he was not to be forever buried in obscurity in an unmarked grave. When Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York led a pilgrimage in 2015 to Knock, he was told the story of John Curry by the pastor of Knock parish, Father Richard Gibbons, and John's long forgotten grave site. People in the land of his birth and the land of his adoption set about to right a neglect. Eventually, the remains of John Curry were removed from his grave on Long Island and reinterred in Old St. Patrick's Cathedral in lower Manhattan, with Cardinal Dolan presiding. Making sure that his memory was honored, a distinctive memorial slab recalling his presence at the apparition was unveiled.

Every Marian apparition has a purpose and a meaning. Perhaps the silence of Knock has a message for our turbulent times, especially for the Catholic Church today, which is roiling from its own sins. When Mary, St. Joseph and St. John appeared, they did so to a people who were clinging to their faith despite a time of hardship, suffering and deprivation. It symbolized something important and concrete: the everlasting accompaniment and solidarity between God and man, one which does not need words or speech—the belief that despite everything, God is with us.

PARISH EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5/29 - Memorial Day Mass at St. Helena at 9:00 am
- 5/30 - Adoration after Mass with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary for World Peace
- 6/4 - St. Helena Altar Society Meeting after 8:30 Mass



May is the month of Mary.

Please join us for Marian prayers and devotions at 3pm on the Sundays of May. The prayers will last about 40 minutes.

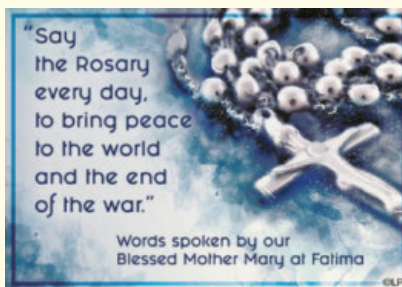
All are invited to attend.

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, and tender Mother of men, in accordance with Thy ardent wish made known at Fatima, I consecrate to Thy Immaculate Heart

myself, my brethren, my country and the whole human race. Reign over us, Most Holy Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ reign and triumph in us even as It has reigned and triumphed in Thee.

Reign over us, Most Blessed Virgin, that we may be Thine in prosperity and in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in life and in death.

O most compassionate Heart of Mary, Queen of Heaven, watch over



our minds and hearts and preserve them from the impurity which Thou didst lament so sorrowfully at Fatima. Assist us in imitating You in all things, especially purity. Help us to

call down upon our country and upon the whole world the peace of God in justice and charity. Therefore, Most Gracious Virgin and Mother, I hereby promise to imitate Thy virtues by the practice of a true Christian life without regard to human respect.

I resolve to receive Holy Communion regularly and to offer to Thee five decades of the Rosary each day, together with my sacrifices, in the spirit of reparation and penance.

Amen. (Catholic Online)



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ASAP or no later than June 10th.



Extending our Prayers and Sympathy to the family of Robert Lacina.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

ST HELENA MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 3/4	5:00 pm	8:30 am
Usher	Volunteer	Vincent Carruth
Collection		Dave Eberle Charlotte Graves
Lector	Volunteer	Daryl Monette
EMHC		Daryl Monette
Gift Bearers	Volunteer	Paul Wald Fam
Altar Servers		Isaiah

Breakfast servers for June

First one on the list contact the others

June 4	Amanda T., Amber M., Sonja B., Keely F.
June 18	Mary J, Darcy S, Kristi G, Angilette V

WEEKLY GIVING

Sunday May 21

Adult	\$1022.00
Children	\$3.00
Plate	\$109.00
Total	\$1134.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday June 4 (10:30am)

Lector	Ruby
Gift Carriers	Pat and Allen
Altar Servers	Liam, Beckett

For the Month of June

Breakfast Server	Alan and Christy
Collection Counters	Amy A & Ruby
Church Cleaners	Corrine and Kyle Glynn Fam
Altar Society Meeting	None this month

God's Gift Appeal 2023

This is MY BODY that is for you

Report as of 5/19/23

St. Helena's: \$7500. 40.79% participation, 39.6% of goal
St. Patrick's: \$10,925. 35.71% participation, 165.04% of goal

Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. May 29 Memorial Day

9:00 am (St H) +Thomas Kelly

Tues. May 30

7:00 pm (St H) Sr Therese

Wed. May 31

8:00 am (St H) +Paul Merkel

Thur. June 1

8:00 am (St H) +Aloys and Angela Mastel

9:00 am (St P) +Sylvester & Marie Radermacher

Fri. June 2

8:00am (St H) Priscilla Brandenburger

5:15pm (St P) Eric Gramlow

Sat. June 3

5:00pm (St H) +Mayme Linder

Sun. June 4

8:30am (St. H) John Beckius

10:30am (St P) All Parishioners

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