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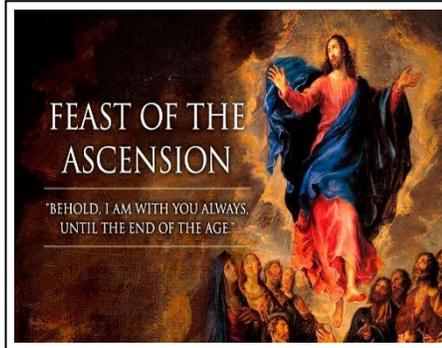
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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS SATURDAY, MAY 15

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 16

9:30 AM

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MISSA PRO POPULO

+JOSEPH PHAN VAN PHONG

Tuesday, May 18,

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No Mass

No Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, May 19, at 9:30 AM

+Joseph Bui

Thursday, May 20, at 9:30 AM

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Friday, May 21, at 9:30 AM

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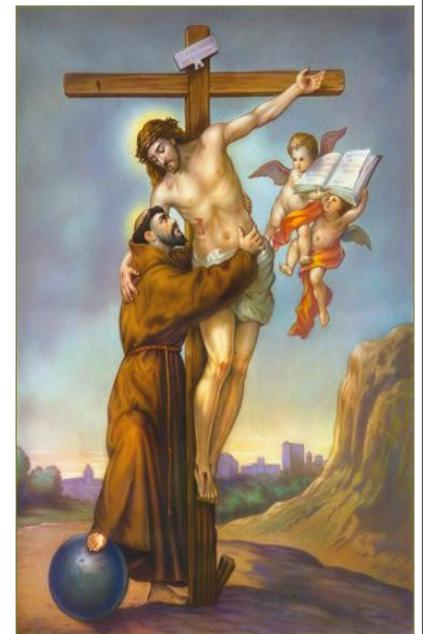
Pentecost Sunday: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, May 22, at 5:00 PM

Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, May 23, at 9:30 AM

+Joseph Phan Van Phong



May 2021 LECTORS' SCHEDULE

MAY 15	KATHY RUSSELL
MAY 16	CLIFF EBEL
MAY 22	RON ZAJAC
MAY 23	BENITA EBEL
MAY 29	JOE LABUDA
MAY 30	BRIGID BREAZEALE



Lectors



“For it is in giving that we receive.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

May 2 weekend:

Church: \$4047.00

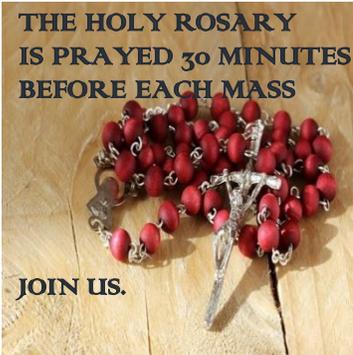
Building Fund: \$125.00

May 9 weekend:

Church: \$3192.00

Building Fund: \$40.00

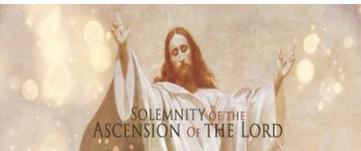
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The Spring Gun Raffle tickets
Are available now.

Contact Stephen Blair or
any Knight here at St. Francis,
tickets are \$10 per ticket or
6 tickets for \$50 proceeds go
toward the KC scholarship
and the general fund.
Thank you for your support.

Catholic Social Teaching
Corner



On this Sunday we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, which marks the time when he turned over the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel to us, his disciples. As Jesus' disciples today, what is the witness we give? What is the evidence that we show others that we are deeply and completely committed to Jesus and his way of life, his way of love?

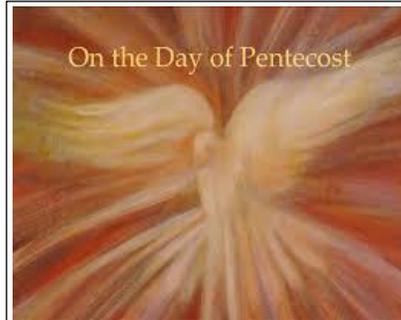


Join us for a special day of the celebration of the Word and of the Eucharist honoring our grads to send them forth with our prayers and love.

May 23 at the 9:30 AM Holy

Seniors, please wear your cap and you have them.

Have not I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the



Next weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. Here's what you need to know about the feast day:

The timing and origins of Pentecost

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in

Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, **the Church prays the Novena** to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost.

The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th.

What happens at Pentecost?

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

Where's that in the bible?

The main event of Pentecost (the strong driving wind and tongues of fire) takes place in **Acts 2:13**, though the events immediately following (Peter's homily, the baptism of thousands) continue through verse 41. Happy Birthday, Church.

It was right after Pentecost that Peter, inspired by the Holy Spirit, preached his first homily to Jews and other non-believers, in which he opened the scriptures of the Old Testament, showing how the prophet Joel prophesied events and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

He also told the people that the Jesus they crucified is the Lord and was raised from the dead, which "cut them to the heart." When they asked what they should do, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins and to be baptized. According to the account in Acts, about 3,000 people were baptized following Peter's sermon. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church - Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers. The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Pentecost vestments and customs around the world

Typically, priests will wear red vestments on Pentecost, symbolic of the burning fire of God's love and the tongues of fire that descended on the apostles.

However, in some parts of the world, Pentecost is also referred to as "Whitsunday", or White Sunday, referring to the white vestments that are typically worn in Britain and Ireland. The white is symbolic of the dove of the Holy Spirit, and typical of the vestments that catechumens desiring baptism wear on that day.

An Italian Pentecost tradition is to scatter rose leaves from the ceiling of the churches to recall the miracle of the fiery tongues, and so in some places in Italy, Pentecost is sometimes called Pascha Rosatum (Easter roses).

In France, it is tradition to blow trumpets during Mass to recall the sound of the driving wind of the Holy Spirit.

In Asia, it is typical to have an extra service, called genuflection, during which long poems and prayers are recited. In Russia, Mass goers often carry flowers or green branches during Pentecost services.

Here at St. Francis of Assisi in Franklin Texas, we wear red on Pentecost Sunday. So, dig through your closet and find your red Sunday best and join us for Pentecost Holy Mass.