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**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Tues. through Sat.: 8:30 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION:** Wed. & Sat.: 9:00 a.m.

**ADORATION** 

Fridays: 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.



## May 25, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter

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#### **Mission Statement**

Professing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired by the example of our patron Saint Paul, educating our children, serving others and supporting one another as loving witnesses for the Lord.

#### 6th Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025

#### Deacon's Corner

#### Ruach and Feminine Side of God

I have often wondered why the Holy Spirit is typically referred as "he" rather than "she." In Genesis 1:26 God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." (ESV). The use of the "man" in Genesis is understood not as a single male individual but mankind or humanity in general or collectively. So when God, in Genesis says let us make "man" or "humanity" in our image, I think it is reasonable to consider that the plurality of God is both male and female and that this plurality is a foreshadowing of the Holy Trinity; God (plural in gender), Jesus (clearly masculine), and the Holy Spirit (feminine).

The Hebrew word in the Old Testament, ruach, for "spirit" is grammatically feminine. For instance, "the Spirit of God" is ruach Elohim; a feminine noun. In the New Testament, the word for "spirit" is translated from the Greek as pneuma, a grammatically neuter word suggesting a lack of gender. In the Latin translation of the Bible or the Vulgate, the word for "spirit" is spiritus. The English translation . . .

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#### **Liturgical Volunteers** May 31 & June 1, 2025

**Greeters** 

Sat: 4:30p-Knights Sun: 8:00a-Blake Sun: 10:30a-Ray

Lectors

Sat: 4:30p-Randel Sun: 8:00a-Virgil Sun: 10:30a-Janet

**EMHC** 

Sat 4:30p-Knights

Sun:8:00a-Phoebe, Blake, Terri Sun:10:30a-Zeny, Theresa, Linda

#### Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday May 24

The Coddington Family 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. St. Paul Parishioners &

Guests

Sunday May 25

8:00 a.m. Carmel of Maria Regina 10:30 a.m.

Jamie Phillipo

Monday May 26

Deceased Loved Ones † 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday May 27 8:30 a.m. Lois Fisher †

May 28 Wednesday

Mary N. Pham † 8:30 a.m.

Thursday

Alfredo Montes † 8:30 a.m.

Friday May 30

8:30 a.m. Thomas Yackley †

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Emilio Antonio Duarte † 4:30 p.m. Archdiocese of Portland

t = Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

## Pray for the sick.

If you would like to be included on our

**Bob Simon** Colleen Bushmaker William Thompson Timothy McDonald Faline Sikes Cheryl Suzuki Judah Sikes Ray Miller Raini Nelson Larry Wade Gracie Guardino Sharon Wade Ella

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#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday May 25

9:00 a.m. Steubenville Bake Sale

9:30 a.m. **RCIA** 

11:30 a.m. Steubenville Bake Sale

Monday May 26 Memorial Day Office Closed

Tuesday May 27 9:00 a.m. Koffee Klatch 9:30 a.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery

Wednesday May 28

9:30 a.m. Reconciliation 1:30 p.m. Craft and Coffee

4:30p-7p Adoration 5:30 p.m. **RCIA** 

Friday May 30 9:00 a.m. Adoration

Saturday May 31

9 a.m.-10 a.m. Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Snack & Chat

# Thank you for your Suppoint

#### **Weekly Financial Report** May 18, 2025

Identified 9,005.02 Unidentified 1,109.14 Maintenance \$ 25.00 4,775.00 eGiving **TOTAL** 14.914.16

#### Readings for June 1, 2025 The Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9

Reading 2: Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Communion Antiphon: Hebrews 10:12

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Celebrate our youth at Mass on June 1 at 1 p.m. as they receive their First Communion.

High School Youth Group: Senior Night and YG Talent Show June 1, 7:15-9:15 (8th graders welcome)

Middle School Youth Group: Have a great summer! Stay tuned for fun activi-

Contact Religious Education Coordinator, Kristin White (kwhite@archdpdx.org), with questions about Religious Education at St. Paul Catholic Church.

#### **SCHOOL**

On Friday, May 30 our seventh and eighth grade students will host our annual school carnival. It will begin at 3:00pm and run until 5:00pm. It takes place on the blacktop by the upper wing and gym. Many creative booths will be filled with enjoyable challenges and activities. Please join us for this fun community experience.

#### **Parish News**





# "Behold this Heart which has so loved men."

This June we invite you to rediscover the love of Jesus. Our 4-week Sacred Heart study will take you deep into the history, theology, and devotion behind the image of Christ's Sacred Heart. We will meet weekly beginning on Sunday, June 1 at 9:15 a.m. or Thursday, June 5 at 6 p.m. Let His Heart change yours.



### Squeaky Clean Hygiene Drive

The Catholic Community Services Squeaky Clean Hygiene Drive embodies the "Loving Thy Neighbor" principle, enabling us to demonstrate care and compassion for our fellow community members. Please drop off items in the bin in the Church by Saturday, May 31. Thank you for supporting those in need in our area.

#### The Ascension of the Lord

In the Archdiocese of Portland the Ascension of The Lord is transferred to Sunday, June 1. Therefore, Thursday, May 29 is not a Holy Day of obligation.

#### **Parish News**



#### **Cooking Camp**

Who: Students in grades 6-12 What: Students will learn about food culture from a variety of countries as well as culinary skills. Limited spaces. When: July 21-25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### **Theater Camp**

Who: Students in grades 3-8
What: Students will learn all areas
related to theater production culminating in a final performance for family and friends on the last day of
camp.

When: August 4-8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration forms are in the Church Office. is June 2.



#### Steubenville Fundraiser

Our youth need your help getting to Steubenville this summer. Please prayerfully consider donating. They will be outside after Mass this Sunday, May 25 or you can make a donation on our website (be sure to write youth group in the comment section) or put the donation in an envelope labeled Youth Group and put it in the collection on Sunday. Thank you for supporting our youth.

#### **Memorial Day**

Join us for Mass this Monday, May 26 at 8:30 a.m. The Church and office will be closed following Mass in observance of Memorial Day.

Dear God, on this day of remembrance, we lift the families of those who have fallen. Strengthen them with Your love and grace, and provide them with the support they need.

#### **Community**

#### **Celebrate Our Faith**

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, proclaimed by our late Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Sample invites all clergy and lay faithful to publicly celebrate our Eucharistic faith through procession on the <u>Feast of Corpus</u> <u>Christi</u> June 22. The procession will be from St. Mary to St. Alice. More details will be available closer to the day of the event.

#### **Deacon's Corner** (cont'd)

of *spiritus* as "he" or masculine, is not based on grammar, but on theological interpretation and the traditional use of the word.

In early Christianity and later the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament was referred to as "Sophia," a Greek word for wisdom. In the Wisdom Literature, the name Sophia is likened to divine wisdom. In Proverbs 9:1-2, "Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven columns; She has prepared her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table." (NAB). From the Book of Wisdom 8:4 (written in the persona of Soloman), "For she leads us into the understanding of God, and chooses his works." (NAB) In both the books of Wisdom Literature and Sirach, feminine attributes are aligned with the Holy Spirit: pure, holy, all powerful, and present in all things. Proverbs suggests that all life is sustained by the Holy Spirit. (Job 33:4) ESV

This weekend's reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, who will teach us everything, and remind us of everything that Jesus has told us. Also, nuanced in the John's Gospel is the idea that the Holy Spirit will give us a peace, not of this world, so that our hearts will not be troubled or afraid. When I was a child and thought like a child; it was my mother I went to for comfort, for advice, and understanding.

I think ultimately the Holy Spirit or Advocate has been given to us as a teacher, a guide, to establish God's presence in our daily lives, a comforter, and to give us peace in a world filled with hatred, chaos, and discord. The Holy Spirit is a gift of grace to all the faithful from a loving God to help us in our journey of faith. So my prayer for us in this week's bulletin is: "May the Holy Spirit bless [us] and keep [us]; May the Spirit shine upon [us] and be gracious to [us]; May the Spirit look upon [us] with favor and give [us] peace." Amen?



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