

HOLY REDEEMER

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(Summer Hours)

First Sunday of the Month:

The Mass of Healing ...5:30 p.m.

MASS TIMES

Wed, Thurs, Fri . 9:00 a.m.

Saturday . 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

- Jn 20:21

Are You Interested in the Catholic Faith?

If you are non-baptized or baptized in another denomination and are interested in exploring our faith, please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Contact DRE for more information.

Holy Orders and Religious Life

For information on the Sacrament of Holy Orders and/or Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jonathan Wallis, Director of Vocations, 817-945-9321 or email vocations@fwdioc.org.

Adoration for Vocations

The first Sunday of each month, for one hour, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for the bulletin should be submitted a week in advance. Friday is the deadline. Phone the parish office or email the office.

Parish Registration

Welcome to our parish! Please pick up a welcome packet located in the Narthex and complete the registration form inside and return to the office.

Sacrament of Baptism

You must be registered parishioner for 3 months prior to baptism. Private baptisms are on the first Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. Baptisms during Mass are on the first weekend of the month at rotating Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is a two year program beginning in 9th grade. Contact the DRE for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact the parish office to schedule an initial meeting with the Pastor or Deacon 9-12 months before the wedding date. Pre-Cana and NFP must be completed before the wedding date.

Marriage Tribunal

If you were previously married and wish to inquire about an annulment or would like your current marriage blessed, please call Deacon Scott France.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins

If you or a member of your family is unable to receive communion at Mass due to sickness or other disability, please call the parish office.

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 31

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass & LIVE STREAM

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/
Jn 19:25-34

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14
and 16/Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

NO Mass

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/
Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

NO Mass

2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

NO Mass

2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168/Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

5:30 p.m. Mass

2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17,
22/Mk 12:38-44

THE HOLY SPIRIT

This week we celebrate Pentecost, the feast of the Church's birth. With a roaring of the heavens and in tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit comes and enlightens the Apostles. Peter begins to preach with boldness and authority what Christ's life and Death truly means. From that moment, the great mission of the Church begins.

The Apostles were emboldened to spread the Gospel, not on their own, but through the power of the Holy Spirit who descended on the upper room that spring day.

Who and what is the Holy Spirit? In many ways, the Holy Spirit is the most difficult of the three Persons of the Trinity for us to comprehend, yet he is fully and truly God, co-equal with the Father and Son. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the bond of love between the Father and the Son. The mutual, eternal, perfect love of the Father and the Son is the third Person of the Holy Trinity—the Holy Spirit.

When we are baptized, the Holy Spirit is breathed into our souls, but the Spirit's work within us is intensified in the Sacrament of Confirmation. When we are confirmed, like the Apostles, we are strengthened to give greater witness to the faith. The Holy Spirit comes to each of us, bestowing his gifts. He directs us in a particular way, as a member of the Body of Christ, for the common good of the entire Church.



HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in our prayer intention book.

We encourage you to visit our Holy Redeemer website for any and **ALL** updates for our Parish events, information and **schedule** of the Mass.

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Father Venerable Michael McGivney to be Beatified!

ROME – The Vatican (May 27) **announced** that Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

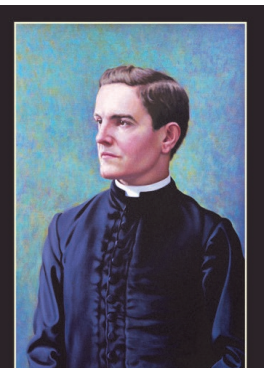
McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney. A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

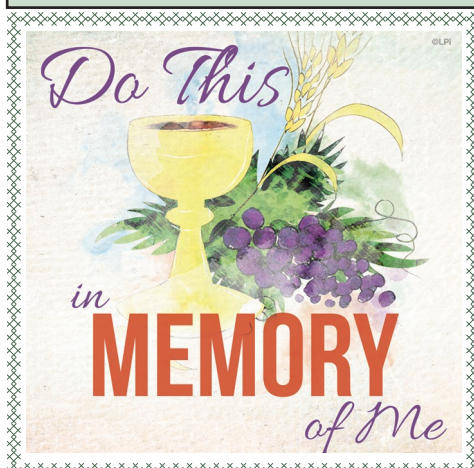
"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

Father McGivney spent his entire priesthood in parish ministry and died of pneumonia on August 14, 1890—two days after his 38th birthday—after falling ill amid a pandemic. Recent scientific evidence indicates that that pandemic—like the current one—may have been caused by a coronavirus.

More information is also available at www.FatherMcGivney.org



Venerable Michael J. McGivney
1852 - 1890
Founder of the
Knights of Columbus





PENTECOST

Part One

Pentecost is the day when the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles. Jesus promised them before his Ascension into heaven: *"I will not leave you orphans. I will send you the Holy Spirit"*. Jn. 14:18. Then he told them what the Holy Spirit will do for them: *"He will guide you and remind you of the things I have commanded"*. Jn. 14:26. This is the role and the nature of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is a Greek word meaning fifty. It stands for the fifty days after Easter and has an Old Testament connection. It commemorates the fifty days after the Passover when Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Moses is the Old Testament figure of Jesus. As Moses ascended on Mt. Sinai and was in union with the Lord, the Lord told him: *"I will be their God and they shall be my people"* and went down the mountain with the divine promise and guidance until they would reach the promised land and beyond. So too Jesus ascended into heaven from Mount Olivet and told his disciples that he will send them the Holy Spirit and will be with them *"until the end of time"*. Mt. 28:20.

Who were those who received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?

"As Jesus had been taken up into heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet...when they entered the city they went to the upper room where they

were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers." Acts 1:12-14.

In pictures of Pentecost, we always see Mary, the mother of Jesus in the center. And John in the Acts mentioned her by name as he does with the other chosen eleven. She too received the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. John was taking good care of Mary. Jesus had given her to John at his crucifixion. John had fulfilled the wish of Jesus. Do you honor, love and accept your adopted parents as John did? Do you honor, love and accept your adopted children as Mary did?

".... all these devoted themselves with one accord in prayer..."

What do you think they were praying? The 'Our Father' for sure. When they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, he gave them the Our Father. What were they praying for? Guidance, peace, perseverance, unity, their family and many other needs. From Ascension to Pentecost, they waited and prayed for 10 days.

Pentecost concludes the cycle of events of the mission of Jesus on earth which included:

His birth - The Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, *"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary into your home. It is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus."* Mt. 1:20-21.

His Baptism - The Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove. And a voice came from the heavens. *"You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased."* Mk. 1:11.

Holy Thursday - Then he took the bread, and said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, *"This is my body"*...and likewise he took the cup, saying, *"This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be shed for you."* Lk. 22:19-20.

Good Friday - When he paid the price for our salvation through his passion and death. Mk. 15:22-39.

The Resurrection - The victory over sin and death. Mk. 16:1-8.

The Ascension - *"I am going to prepare a place for you. I will not leave you orphans."* Jn. 14:18.

Pentecost - I will send you the Holy Spirit. He will remind you of everything I have commanded you. *"While meeting with them, he encouraged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."* Acts 1:1-4.

How did the miracle of Pentecost happen?

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Acts 2:1-4.

Who from the whole world was in Jerusalem, and what was their experience as they heard the first sermon of Pentecost?

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we heard them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God. Acts 2:4-11. Two thousand years ago, there were fifteen nations on earth. Acts says 'under heaven'. They all heard them speaking in their own language. When the people of Babel wanted to reach heaven by building a tower, God made them speak different languages to confuse them in their pride. Now at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is uniting the whole world. From many languages one voice.

*The first miracle of Pentecost.
The first sermon of Pentecost.
The first fruit of the Holy Spirit.
The birth of the church.*

In Part Two, we will look at:

1. Hymn to the Holy Spirit.
2. Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
3. Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

Mgr. Publius Xuereb