



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

2739 STINSON BOULEVARD, ST. ANTHONY, MN 55418

May 23, 2021

Pentecost



**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

- V.** Let us ask God to grant more holy vocations to His Church.
- R.** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers, and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved.
- V.** Bless our families, bless our children.
- R.** Choose from our homes those needed for your work.
- V.** Mary, Queen of the Clergy,
- R.** Pray for us, pray for our priests, deacons, and religious. Obtain for us many more.

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**INTROIT**

*"The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia."*

**GREETING**

- V.** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
- R.** Amen.

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

- V.** The Lord be with you.
- R.** And with your spirit.
- V.** Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I** confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
*(Striking the breast three times)*  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**V.** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R.** Amen.

**KYRIE**

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**GLORIA**

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**THE FIRST READING**

*Acts 2:1-11*

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. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They 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 native language? 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 hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

**V.** The Word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM**

**R.** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

*Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

*O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!*

*How manifold are your works, O LORD!*

*the earth is full of your creatures.*

*May the glory of the LORD endure forever;*

*may the LORD be glad in his works!*

*Pleasing to him be my theme;*

*I will be glad in the LORD.*

*If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.*

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.*

**R.** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**THE SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

**V.** The Word of the Lord.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

**THE SEQUENCE**

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

**THE ALLELUIA**

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**V.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R.** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the

Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

**V.** The Gospel of the Lord.

**R.** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### *THE HOMILY*

### *THE CREED*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
(Here profoundly bowing)  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**(Rising)**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy,  
catholic and apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### *PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL*

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

### *OFFERTORY*

### *INVITATION*

**V.** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty  
Father.

**R.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your  
hands for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy  
Church.

### *SURSUM CORDA*

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

**V.** Lift up your hearts.

**R.** We lift them up to the Lord.

**V.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R.** It is right and just.

**...The Proper Preface...**

### *SANCTUS*

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### *MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION*

**V.** The mystery of faith.

**R.** We proclaim your death O Lord,  
and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.

**The Eucharistic Prayer continues...**

### *DOXOLOGY AND AMEN*

**V.** Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,



All glory and honor is yours,  
For ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**V.** At the Savior's command  
And formed by divine teaching,  
We dare to say:

**R. Our Father, Who art in heaven...**

**V.** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
...  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R. For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

### THE PEACE

**V.** Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

**V.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

### THE AGNUS DEI

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### ECCE AGNUS DEI

**V.** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away  
the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called  
to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should  
enter under my roof, but only say the  
word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNIO

*"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the  
marvels of God, alleluia."*

### RECEIVING COMMUNION

*Distribution will begin with the middle two sections followed by  
the side sections.*

**On the hand:** While maintaining social distancing in the

*Communion line, the communicant approaches the priest or  
deacon who will say "the Body of Christ," then with the mask  
on, respond, "Amen." Then remove the mask, receive and  
consume, then replace the mask and return to your pew.*

**On the tongue:** Please wait for those who receive on the hand  
to go first. Then, while maintaining social distancing, proceed to  
the altar rail, starting with the Mary's altar side. The priest or  
deacon will come to you and say, "The Body of Christ." Then  
respond with the mask on, "Amen." Then remove the mask,  
receive, replace the mask and return to your pew.

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

**V.** The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

**V.** May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and **✠** the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

**V.** Go in peace.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

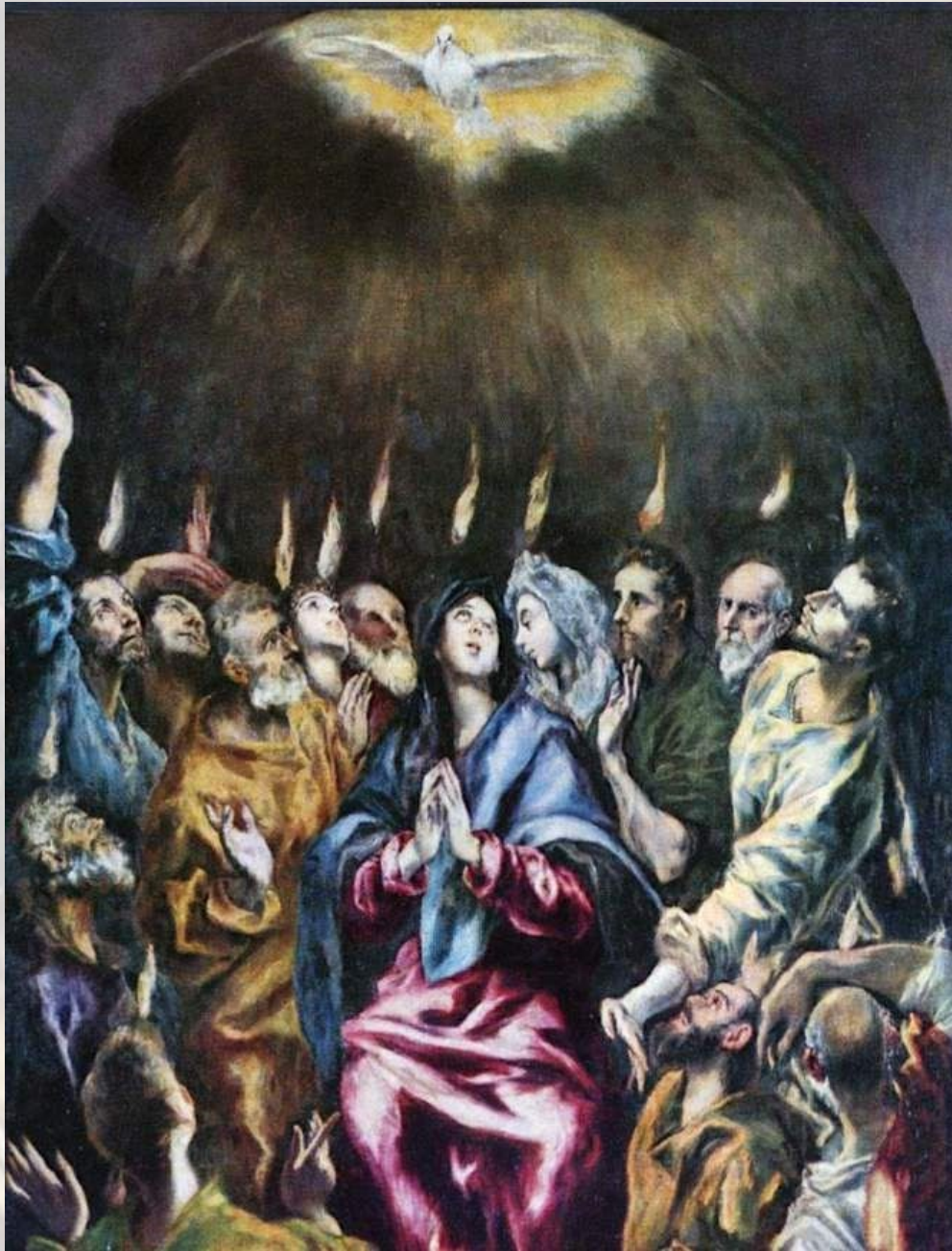
Saint Michael Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God, cast into hell  
Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### POSTLUDE

*Fugue in D major BWV 532 - J.S. Bach*

*We encourage you to say a prayer of thanksgiving and then  
slowly make your way out of the Church, avoiding congestion  
at the exits. Please do not congregate in the Atrium.*

*The Mission of St. Charles Borromeo parish is to make and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.*



**SUNDAY MASSES**

5:00 PM Saturday  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**DAILY MASS**

8:00 AM Monday through Saturday

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 to 9:00 AM  
Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30 PM  
Wednesdays 5:00 to 5:30 PM  
At Parish Office by appointment.

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**School Website: [www.stchbschool.org](http://www.stchbschool.org)**





## From the Pastor's Desk

**From a catechetical instruction by St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

*The living water of the Holy Spirit*

**T**he water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of living water, welling up into eternal life. This is a new kind of water, a living, leaping water, welling up for those who are worthy. But why did Christ call the grace of the Spirit water? Because all things are dependent on water; plants and animals have their origin in water. Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. It does not come down, now as one thing, now as another, but while remaining essentially the same, it adapts itself to the needs of every creature that receives it.

In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as he wills. Like a dry tree which puts forth shoots when watered, the soul bears the fruit of holiness when repentance has made it worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit. Although the Spirit never changes, the effects of this action, by the will of God and in the name of Christ, are both many and marvelous.

The Spirit makes one man a teacher of divine truth, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devils, enables another to interpret holy Scripture. The Spirit

strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people, but the Spirit himself is always the same. In each person, Scripture says, the Spirit reveals his presence in a particular way for the common good.

The Spirit comes gently and makes himself known by his fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for he is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before him as he approaches. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit comes to enlighten the mind first of the one who receives him, and then, through him, the minds of others as well.

As light strikes the eyes of a man who comes out of darkness into the sunshine and enables him to see clearly things he could not discern before, so light floods the soul of the man counted worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit and enables him to see things beyond the range of human vision, things hitherto undreamed of.



## Sacred Art on FORMED.org

On Formed.org, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss different, liturgically timely pieces of sacred art. For Pentecost, they look at the above painting, *Pentecost*, by Jean Restout (1692). Check it out! <https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/sacred-art-pentecost>



## SAINT CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Dear St. Charles Parishioners,  
As we creep closer to the end of the year and graduation I'm filled with gratitude for the support our school has received from parishioners this year. I can't count the number of people have passed me in the atrium or parking lot, waived and said, "We're praying for our school!" If you are

reading this you care about our school and you probably also agree that prayers make a difference! So please continue them as we end this school year and look forward to a brighter future at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School and the world.

God bless you,

Danny Kieffer  
Principal, St. Charles School

## TUESDAYS AT 1PM, LIVE!



Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text **stchb** to 84576 OR visit

**flocknote.com/stchb**

Make sure to respond to the verification email after you sign up, and add

**mail@flocknote.com** to your contacts list!

## Sacraments & Liturgy

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

#### SUNDAY

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 /Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 /1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/**Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

#### MONDAY

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/**Jn 19:25-34**

#### TUESDAY

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

#### WEDNESDAY

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11,13 [Sir 36:1b]/**Mk 10:32-45**

#### THURSDAY

Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/**Mk 10:46-52**

#### FRIDAY

Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/**Mk 11:11-26**

#### SATURDAY

Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/**Mk 11:27-33**

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 /Rom 8:14-17/  
**Mt 28:16-20**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

10:00 AM Mass or Following Mass.

For more info: **stchb.org/baptism** or contact the parish office at 612-781-6529.

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Contact one of our clergy at least six months prior to date of marriage to begin marriage preparation.

For more info: **stchb.org/marriage**.

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

#### SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday

#### MONDAY

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

#### TUESDAY

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

#### WEDNESDAY

St. Philip Neri, Priest

#### THURSDAY

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

#### SATURDAY

St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM

#### NEXT SUNDAY

The Most Holy Trinity

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

#### Sunday

23—8 am Roy Bergquist

#### Monday

24—8 am Tony & Marsha Floeder and Rick & Mary Perrin  
35th Wedding anniversaries

#### Tuesday

25—8 am Helen Kuduk

#### Wednesday

26—8 am Rev. Paul La Fontaine

#### Thursday

27—8 am Claude Zabinski

#### Friday

28—8 am Nora Prom

#### Saturday

29—8 am American Servicemembers  
5 pm Thomas Lynch

#### Sunday

30—8 am Emmett & David Fitzgerald





**Thank you!** dear people of St. Charles, for you **VERY GENEROUS** response to the Bridging Towel drive. We brought in an enormous amount of towels that are sure to be greatly appreciated by many in need. Thank you!

## Blood Drive TOMORROW

**Monday May 24**

**1:30—6:30 pm**

**Doran Hall**

**Sign up at**

**[stchb.org/blood-drive](http://stchb.org/blood-drive)**



## Eastside Meals on Wheels

serving up smiles

Eastside Meals on wheels is hiring! The position is part time, about 25 hours a week (around 8:30am—2pm) and starts at \$15 an hour. The job posting may be found at

**<https://bit.ly/3egengR>**

They are also looking for volunteers to pack lunch bags. See **[www.eastsidemeals.org](http://www.eastsidemeals.org)**.

Anyone interested in getting on the St. Charles Meals on Wheels driver list should contact Nina Novitzki ([mnnovitzki@comcast.net](mailto:mnnovitzki@comcast.net)) or Becky Sharkey ([beckysharpkey@yahoo.com](mailto:beckysharpkey@yahoo.com)). They need drivers on Thursdays and Fridays of the second full week of each month.

## Stewardship Update

The Church's Seven Holy Sacraments, are well summarized by the USCCB in this excerpt:

The saving words and deeds of Jesus Christ are the foundation of what he would communicate in the Sacraments through the ministers of the Church. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church recognizes the existence of Seven Sacraments instituted by the Lord. They are the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist), the Sacraments of Healing (Penance and the Anointing of the Sick), and the Sacraments at the Service of Communion (Marriage and Holy Orders). Through the Sacraments, God shares his holiness with us so that we, in turn, can make the world holier.

We've been told often that stewardship involves the giving of our time, talent and treasure. While true, I like to look at it in light of how well we, the laity, support our Pastor and Deacon in the administering of these Holy Sacraments for those who live in the parish boundaries of St. Charles Borromeo. If you think about it that way, their accomplishments during these past 15 months have been nothing short of a miracle – which was made possible by you! If you have not done so lately, please take a few minutes each day to pray about how much more you can personally do to help our Pastor and Deacon, every day.

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Pt 4:10).*

## Women's Council Bake Sale THIS WEEKEND!

Pick up some delicious treats at the Women's Council Bake Sale in Doran Hall after all Masses this weekend, while supplies last!







## Opportunities to Pray & Serve

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23</b> — Rev. Kevin Manthey
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24</b> — Rev. Thomas Margevics
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b> — Rev. Luke Marquard
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b> — Rev. Bill Martin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27</b> — Rev. Joshy Mathew, MSFS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b> — Rev. Thomas McCabe
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29</b> — Rev. J. Michael McCellan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30</b> — Rev. James McConville

Be sure to check [scb.weadorehim.com](http://scb.weadorehim.com) for the most up-to-date schedule and adorer needs.

Contact Tom or Bonnie Brever 612-789-6318 or [bonnitamom@gmail.com](mailto:bonnitamom@gmail.com) with any chapel-related concerns or questions.

Adoration is currently in the main Church.

*Thanks for adoring Our Lord!*



*Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength. ~St. Philip Neri, Feast Day May 26*

## visit [stchb.formed.org](http://stchb.formed.org)

### 25 POPE ST. GREGORY VII

Read, The Young People's Book of Saints by Hugh Ross Williamson

Listen, Answering Common Objections: The Pope

### 26 ST. PHILIP NERI

Study, True Reformers, Session 3: Saint Philip Neri: The Apostle of Joy

Study, True Reformers, Saint Session 4: Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

### 30 ST. JOAN OF ARC

Watch, Joan of Arc

Read, Joan of Arc by Mark Twain

Read, The Retrial of Joan of Arc by Regine Pernoud

Read, Golden Legend of Young Saints by Henri Daniel-Rops

Read, The Young People's Book of Saints by Hugh Ross Williamson

Read, Christians Courageous by Aloysius Roche

### 31 THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

Study, Lectio: Evangelization, Session 2: Clothed with Power

Study, Lectio: Peter, Session 8: Peter and Pentecost

Study, Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 7: The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

Study, Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 8: Why Do I Need the Church

Study, Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 1: The Sacraments

Study, YDisciple: The Church

Study, YDisciple: Confirmation

Study, YDisciple: Who is God? Session 4: Is the Holy Spirit Really a Person?

Study, YDisciple: The Creed, Session 7: The Holy Spirit

Study, YDisciple: The Creed, Session 8: Why Do I Need the Church?

Study, The Wild Goose

Read, The Year and Our Children

Listen, Right Here, Right Now

Listen, We Must Go Out

Listen, Contemporary Sainthood

### VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Study, Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9:

Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother & the Communion of Saints

Study, The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Lesson 5, The Ark of the New Covenant

Watch, Cat Chat Session 1: Celebrating Mary: Learning About Our Blessed Mother



**The Indwelling Spirit by St. John Henry Cardinal Newman on the Feast of Pentecost**

**T**he indwelling of the Holy Ghost raises the soul, not only to the thought of God, but of Christ also. St. John says, "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." And our Lord Himself, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (1 Jn 1:3, Jn 14:23).

Now, not to speak of other and higher ways in which these texts are fulfilled, one surely consists in that exercise of faith and love in the thought of the Father and Son, which the Gospel, and the Spirit revealing it, furnish to the Christian. The Spirit came especially to "glorify" Christ; and vouchsafes to be a shining light within the Church and the individual Christian, reflecting the Saviour of the world in all His perfections, all His offices, all His works. He came for the purpose of unfolding what was yet hidden, whilst Christ was on earth; and speaks on the house-tops what was delivered in closets, disclosing Him in the glories of His transfiguration, who once had no comeliness in His outward form, and was but a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

First, He inspired the Holy Evangelists to record the life of Christ, and directed them which of His words and works to select, which to omit; next, He commented (as it were) upon these, and unfolded their meaning in the Apostolic Epistles. The birth, the life, the death and resurrection of Christ, has been the text which He has illuminated. He has made history to be doctrine; telling us plainly, whether by St. John or St. Paul, that Christ's conception and birth was the real Incarnation of the Eternal Word,—His life, "God manifest in the Flesh,"—His death and resurrection, the Atonement for sin, and the Justification of all believers.

Nor was this all: he continued His sacred comment in the formation of the Church, superintending and overruling its human instruments, and bringing out our Saviour's words and works, and the Apostles' illustrations of them, into acts of obedience and permanent Ordinances, by the ministry of Saints and Martyrs.

Lastly, He completes His gracious work by conveying this system of Truth, thus varied and expanded, to the heart of each individual Christian in whom He dwells. Thus He vouchsafes to edify the whole man in faith and holiness: "casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor 10:5.) By His wonder-working grace all things tend to perfection. Every faculty of the mind, every design, pursuit, subject of thought, is hallowed in its degree by the abiding vision of Christ, as Lord, Saviour, and Judge. All solemn, reverent, thankful, and devoted feelings, all that is noble, all that is choice in the regenerate soul, all that is self-denying in conduct, and zealous in action, is drawn forth and offered up by the Spirit as a living sacrifice to the Son of God. And, though the Christian is taught not to think of himself above his measure, and dare not boast, yet he is also taught that the consciousness of the sin which remains in him, and infects his best services, should not separate him from God, but lead him to Him who can save. He reasons with St. Peter, "To whom should he go?" and, without daring to decide, or being impatient to be told how far he is able to consider as his own every Gospel privilege in its fulness, he gazes on them all with deep thought as the Church's possession, joins her triumphant hymns in honour of Christ, and listens wistfully to her voice in inspired Scripture, the voice of the Bride calling upon and blest in the Beloved.

St. John adds, after speaking of "our fellowship with the Father and His Son:" "These things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." What is fulness of joy but peace? Joy is tumultuous only when it is not full; but peace is the privilege of those who are "filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." [Is 26:3.] It is peace, springing from trust and innocence, and then overflowing in love towards all around him. What is the effect of mere animal ease and enjoyment, but to make a man pleased with everything which happens? "A merry heart is a perpetual feast;" and such is peculiarly the blessing of a soul rejoicing in the faith and fear of God. He who is anxious, thinks of himself, is suspicious of danger, speaks hurriedly, and has no time for the interests of others; he who lives in peace is at leisure, wherever his lot is cast.

Such is the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart, whether in Jew or Greek, bond or free. He Himself perchance in His mysterious nature, is the Eternal Love whereby the Father and the Son have dwelt in each other, as ancient writers have believed; and what He is in heaven, that He is abundantly on earth. He lives in the Christian's heart, as the never-failing fount of charity, which is the very sweetness of the living waters. For where He is, "there is liberty" from the tyranny of sin, from the dread, which the natural man feels, of an offended, unreconciled Creator. Doubt, gloom, impatience have been expelled; joy in the Gospel has taken their place, the hope of heaven and the harmony of a pure heart, the triumph of self-mastery, sober thoughts, and a contented mind. How can charity towards all men fail to follow, being the mere affectionateness of innocence and peace? Thus the Spirit of God creates in us the simplicity and warmth of heart which children have, nay, rather the perfections of His heavenly hosts, high and low being joined together in His mysterious work; for what are implicit trust, ardent love, abiding purity, but the mind both of little children and of the adoring Seraphim!



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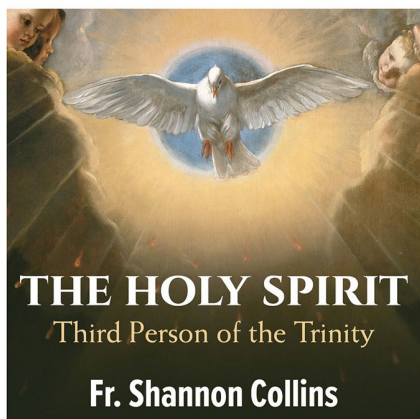
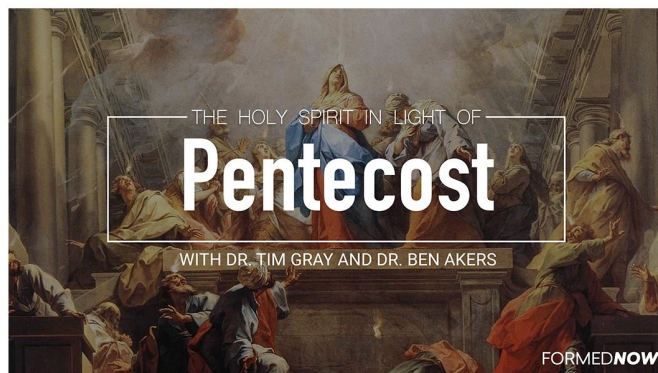
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