

And suddenly there came from the sky
a noise like a strong driving wind, and it
filled the entire house in which they were.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2



HOLY FIRE CHICAGO / CNS PHOTO, KAREN CALLAWAY, CHICAGO CATHOLIC

Tongues of Fire

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?*
- ★ *How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?*

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May 23, 2021 – Pentecost Sunday

Please call Fr. Schmitter to make appointments for: Baptism, Anointing of Sick, Confession, parish registration, Communion to homebound, marriage preparations (9 months in advance), jail visits, and house blessings and information about the Church.

Please call or have someone call Fr. Phil if you or a loved one is in the hospital or is incarcerated.

Office Hours: Currently closed to the public

MASS SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m.: Public Welcome!

Live Streamed via website: Fr.Schmitter's FB Page

WELCOME ~ CELEBRATE

NOON MASS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Friday MASS: 9:00 am

Mass Intention & Candle Remembrance Today

STEPHEN KELLY

Requested by Sue Kelly

05/30 – The children and youth of Christ the King
during the summer – Req. by Fr. Phil Schmitter

Introduction to the Celebration

Today we celebrate the birth of the Church through the Holy Spirit, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery. Alleluia!

Stewardship

Not only have we received the gift of the Holy Spirit, but also Paul reminds us that we have been given the gift of the Spirit for the common good. Do we, as good stewards, use our gifts for the common good?

Catholic Charities ~ Hope in A Box

Need of the Month: May 2021

Bar and Hand Soap



WITHOUT PRAYER, WE ARE NOTHING



Please hold these brothers and sisters in prayer for healing:

Camille Turner, Bob and Linda Davison, Barbara Logan, Bill W., Barbara Staton, Jennie, Robert and Aurelia LaValley, Patricia Gardner, Lorene Ferguson, Eula Collier, Irene Tomlinson, Tamara Crupi, Sherri Woodard, Dorothy Swift, Nina Poole, Tracy French, Scott Baker, Sue Kelly, Jason Rogers, Judy Ridley, Michelle Cwiklinski, Lia Jensen- Abbatt, Roberta Rouse, Mary Yaklin, Amber Donajkowski, Kathleen Lyon, Dr Joan Martin, Joe Rowler, Mama Sol, Rose Murphy, Lynn Steelman, Sr Joanne Fedewa, Virginia Rochelle, Douglas Bland, Nancy White, Baby Hazel McKenzie, Carolyn Shannon, Kristen Smith, Jim Ryan, Michael Raymond Garland, Stevie Hoffman, Evan Little, Lamar Hill, Wanda Nichols, Fr Patrick Isichai, Nancy May, Joan Renard, John Prince, Robert DuLong, Mike, Darlene Verdun, Carl Weiskittel, Rudy Verdun, Ray Jenrow, Debra Tinsley, Minerva Witt, Tom Blondin, Peter Arquin, David Eccles, Joe Forlenza, Mary Ann Wheeler, Judy Garrison, Ollie Brown, Hilda Mitchell, Eric Dellenbech, Mark Frases, Robert Hartfield, Loretta Washburn, Luther Evans, Debroah Metcalfe, Erika Badour, Monika Gauthier Crystal Mayfield, Ryan O' Connor, Bob Arnold, Robert Carrizales, Michael Haas, Sam Weller, Sherry Rhinegans, Pauline Pinazzo, Berdie Wright, Rev Billy Jones, Fr Mathias Thelen, Msgr Dick Groschek, Nilah Ellis Cromie, Anita Myles, Miton Tucker and Charles Metcalfe.

Mass Intention & Candle Remembrance

Tuesday, May 25th at Noon

Mass is live steamed, not Adoration/Confession

**"For Peace and Justice in the Middle East
between Israel and the Palestinians."**

2021 Diocesan Services Appeal - DSA

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Church Schedule for this week:

- **Mon., May 24th:** **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church: As Mary gave thanks and praise to God for the privilege of bearing the Christ, so we join with her in this celebration.**
- **Tues., May 25th:** NOON MASS – Adoration/Confession
- **Wed., May 26th:** NOON MASS
- **Thurs., May 27th:** NOON MASS
- **Fri., May 28th:** 9:00 am MASS

My Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ the King,

Last week we reflected on our Christian journey. It has two components: The path of suffering, loss, grief, sin, and death; also, there is the path of victory won through the Power of the Trinity: Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost. We see it in our faith that death is not the end, but a time of transition to eternal life. We see it in repentance from sin to live a life of love and virtue. We celebrated last Sunday the Ascension of Jesus to the Father, his particular personal mission having been fulfilled. Today we celebrate Pentecost, the time when the Spirit was poured upon the Church to further Christ's mission of Salvation and Victory through the Holy Spirit. The first dimension of our journey is our *via dolorosa*; the second aspect of our journey is the *via gloriosa*!

On this feast of Pentecost, we recall the birthday of the Church. We celebrate the humble group of imperfect human beings who went forth to announce the Good News of Jesus victory to be shared with all humanity. Our call is a continuation of that mission. Even enemies of our faith like Saul were converted by the Risen Lord to join the mission. St Paul became a great and holy evangelizer. That is our call too. Some today have never heard of Jesus; some today have never been in a church; some have never had a chance to hear of the love of God, especially for the lost sheep.

Each of us needs to discern our particular call to evangelize. Each of us is called to be the Good News. Sr Katharine Drexel was a woman who inherited a large sum of money from her parents. She founded a religious community to minister in the Black community and the Native American community. She started Xavier University in New Orleans as the first Black Catholic College and many schools for African Americans. She was a very vigorous and resourceful woman. She established 145 missions, 50 schools for African Americans, 12 schools for Native Americans. In 1935, Sr Katharine suffered a major heart attack. Although she gave up leadership of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters, she continued a life dedicated to prayer and reflection. When she died in 1955, she had modeled how one can evangelize as a healthy active person and how to evangelize through prayer even when physically disabled.

This Sunday we have our prayer candles to burn 1 hour a day for 8 days, starting today. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you during this time to pray for the whole church and the church in our diocese. God bless Fr. Paul Donnelly and Christ the King as we answer our call from the Holy Spirit. Transform each of us and all of us into evangelizers!

Yours in Christ's Heart,

Fr Phil

Mission Statement: Christ the King Flint Roman Catholic Church is a faith community founded in the African American culture to answer God's "Call" to be a guiding light and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our gifts and talents, we strive to evangelize and minister to our entire multi-ethnic community.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH FLINT: MASS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH



Catholic Community of Flint Welcome Back Mass

As our dispensation from the Sunday and Holyday obligation ends, the Flint parishes (Christ the King, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John Vianney, St. Matthew, St. Pius X) are celebrating the great gift of the Mass in our lives. To do this, these parishes will be celebrating an outdoor Mass on Sunday, June 13, at 11:00 a.m. at Powers Catholic High School to celebrate our faith, witness our joy at the gift of the Eucharist, and enjoy fellowship with each other. After Mass there will be lunch and music to continue the celebration.

This will be the **only** Mass for those parishes on June 13th.
(Saturday evening Masses will be held as usual).
Please mark your calendars to join in this festive event!

Welcome Back Mass Details

Date: Sunday, June 13, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Powers Catholic High School, 1505 W. Court St., Flint 48503
Outdoor Mass

Note: This will be the **ONLY** Sunday Mass at Flint parishes on this date.
Fellowship, lunch and music to follow.

LET US COME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE!



Our Knights of Peter Claver/Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Virtual Northern States District Conference was held Thursday May 13-Sunday May 16, 2021.

We are pleased to announce that the Christ the King Parish Food Pantry was awarded a \$800.00 Finance-Charity grant from the Northern States Districts Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. Additionally, The Wellness HIV Services Inc of Flint, MI was awarded a \$500.00 grant. We the Ladies of Court 90 were pleased to sponsor both of these groups/organizations and we wish them continued success in their endeavors.

Junior Daughter Grand Lady Destiny Jones was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship and will be attending the University of Kentucky in the Fall, majoring in Psychology.

Our very own Grand Lady Robin L. Stewart- Johnson received the Claver Lady of the Year award. She was recognized for her exemplary leadership and service to the church, organization, and community. This award was well deserved. Congratulations Grand Lady you made us proud.

We all are truly blessed to be able to continue our ministry during this pandemic. We give all praise and honor to the Lord.



Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23).

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PENTECOST BY NAVARRO PEREZ DOLZ (1990). RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 24

Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20
or Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

MAY 25

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17
Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

MAY 27

Weekday

Sir 42:15–25
Mk 10:46–52

Friday

MAY 28

Weekday

Sir 44:1, 9–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

MAY 29

Weekday

Sir 51:12cd–20
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32–34, 39–40
Rom 8:14–17
Mt 28:16–20

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