



Saint Peter Catholic Parish



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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Weekday:
Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
Saturday: 8:30— 10:00 a.m.
And by appointment

*Information on Sacraments of
Baptism, Matrimony and
Anointing of the Sick may be
obtained at
www.stpeter.ptdiocese.org*

PARISH OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

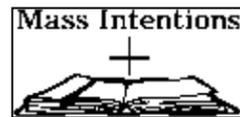
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

The people of
Saint Peter Parish
are committed to
serve Christ as faithful
stewards centered
on the
Eucharist bringing
His Word to life
in the
community
leading all people
to a closer
relationship
with God.



Recognizable Offering.....	\$6,805.00
Loose Cash.....	\$418.00
Total Weekly Offering.....	\$7,223.00
Shepherds Trust.....	\$100.00
2021 World Mission.....	\$20.00
Mass Attendance May 15/16.....	172



May 24 - 30

Monday.....	Peggy Pilgrim(+)
Wednesday.....	Mary Horton(+)
Thursday.....	Paul Livoti(liv)
Friday.....	Philip Walpole(liv)
Saturday.....	Brenda Wambough(+)
Sunday.....	Patricia Ross(+)(9:30 a.m.)

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Lois Lange*, Karen Chasteen,

Tuesday Danny Labatte, Stacy Brooks, Tom Blossman*, Cathy Zaleske*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Aurora Beard, Robert Tinney, Paul Livoti

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Lucille Kesler, Shoko Labatte

Friday Doug Babiak*, Jane Day*, Cheryl Darby

Saturday Harper Spear, Angela Zangerle*

Sunday Donna Fetter*, Grace Farrell*, Karen Clayton*, Cynthia Dixon

*Indicates our parishioners.

The Lay Formation Institute is designed to offer quality spiritual, intellectual and human formation to lay people so that they are equipped to live out their vocation in the world. This program is geared to make you a more effective disciple of Jesus right where God has placed you in the world. The curriculum is focused on sanctifying the cultural spaces outside the usual reach of the institutional Church. Those who are passionate about bringing the presence of Christ to their families, neighborhoods, social circles, workplace and local community are ideal candidates for this program. A new cohort will begin in August of 2021. If you are interested go to ptdiocese.org/layformationinstitute or contact 850-435-3523 or layformation@ptdiocese.org

Knights of Columbus Council 8910 Baby Bottle Campaign

The K of C Council 8910 will be collecting donations during the month of June. There will be 2 ways to donate:
1)The Online Giving link of our Parish Website - www.stpeter.ptdiocese.org. Use the Miscellaneous option and please annotate "Baby Bottle".
2)Cash/Check donations before or after weekend masses. Please make checks payable to: K of C Council 8910.
All proceeds will be donated to: Navarre Pregnancy Resource Center which provides services to women in South Santa Rosa Co to help with unplanned pregnancies; providing answers to tough questions and help finding solutions for each situation. For more info: www.prcofnavarre.com

Covid 19 Updated Protocol for Mass

A few weeks ago, Bishop Bill announced in a letter to pastors that due to the number of people who have been fully vaccinated and the lower incidence of COVID in our diocese, we are in a position to celebrate Mass with fewer restrictions. We have posted it on our main webpage.

After his letter, the CDC issued new guidelines for choosing safer activities for those who are fully vaccinated, and recently have updated the guidelines even more lifting the mask requirement for those who are fully vaccinated.

Last weekend we returned to self-seating and using all pews inside the church, allowing some social distance between groups and/or individuals and reinstated Communion lines.

Mass times will remain the same (Sat. 5 p.m. & Sun. 9:30 a.m.) until the time comes when we are no longer able to accommodate the parish between the two services.

Parishioners who are uncomfortable with the new changes are invited to use the seating in the Parish Center where six foot distancing will still be observed for now.

Changes will continue to be assessed as we move forward to returning to a more normal Mass experience.



May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday (B)
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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?

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).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

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Calendar

Monday MAY 24 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday MAY 25 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 35:1-12 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday MAY 26 <i>St. Philip Neri, Priest</i> Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday MAY 27 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 42:15-25 Mk 10:46-52
Friday MAY 28 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 44:1, 9-13 Mk 11:11-26
Saturday MAY 29 <i>Weekday</i> Sir 51:12cd-20 Mk 11:27-33
Sunday MAY 30 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20



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

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose sins you retain are retained."