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PENTECOST SUNDAY — JUNE 5, 2022

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**Mass Schedule**  
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:  
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

**Confession**  
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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**Welcome, Father Francis!** Fr. Francis Fordjour Dartey, a priest of the Diocese of Sunyani (Fr. John's home) will be with us for the summer for a bit of vacation and to help us with Masses. Many thanks to Bishop Matthew Gyamfi for sending him to us! Fr. Francis is currently the Pastor of St Anthony of Padua in Drobo. He was ordained in 2003. Akwaba (welcome), Father Francis!

The **Summer Sandwich program** is back! Each Sunday the St. Marianne Cope Outreach provides 60 sandwiches to the homeless. We rely on the Junior Catholic Daughters, the Youth Group, and parish families to help during the year. With summer coming and vacations, we need families to fill the gaps. Pick the week, one hour on a Sunday morning, have quality family time, and feed the hungry. To volunteer, send an email to [outreach@stmariannecope.com](mailto:outreach@stmariannecope.com).

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is looking for people who can knit, crochet, quilt, embroider, etc. and are willing to make shawls which will be used to comfort the ill and/or bereaved. The next meeting is Monday, June 6th at 10 am in the St. Thomas old school building.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Rita Upcoming Events:

~ The Spiritual Adoption Committee invites all parishioners to a **Pro-Life Movie Night** on Saturday, June 11th at 6 pm. The movie "Unplanned" (R-rated) will be shown in the St. Thomas School gym. Free admission/donations accepted. Visit [unplanned.com](http://unplanned.com) for more details about the movie.

~ June 19th, after all Masses: **Drop Off Baby Shower**. All new baby items gratefully accepted, especially diapers. Donations will be distributed to the Sisters of Life, Beacon of Light, and Good Counsel.

~ June 19th at 11 am at our Lady of Fatima statue: **Pray the Rosary** with the CDA to celebrate the birth of the 170 spiritually adopted babies!

**Father's Day** is Sunday, June 19th. Envelopes to remember your father, grandfather, father-figure, etc. (living or deceased) are in your envelope packet and in the back of the church. All will be remembered in a novena of Masses beginning on June 18th.

**Altar Server Call!** Children in fourth grade and above are invited to serve as an altar server at Sunday Masses. Email Father Doughty at [pastor@stmariannecope.com](mailto:pastor@stmariannecope.com) and include your child's full name and age and a parent's telephone number.



**VICTORIA LOUISE CUMMINGS**

was baptized  
on May 29, 2022.

**Faith Formation Classes** begin in first grade. To register your child for classes, contact Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at (845) 534-2547 (option 2) or [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com).

**Inquiry and the Rite of Christian Initiation** for Adults (RCIA) and Teens (RCIT): Formal classes begin in the fall, but this is a time for "inquiry". For information, email [metiernan@stmariannecope.com](mailto:metiernan@stmariannecope.com).

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## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

# RESTORED ORDER #3: “The Age of Reason”

**A**S THE PARISH MOVES TOWARD restoring the order in which the Sacraments of Initiation are given - Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist - it would be helpful to remember the primacy of grace in the life of the Christian. If we have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, it is because of a gift (grace) that is beyond any merit we can claim. “We love because He first loved us,” wrote the evangelist (1 John 4:19). Confirmation through the gifts of the Holy Spirit enables “a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit - his actions, gifts and biddings.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1308). Therefore, she teaches that the appropriate age of Confirmation is at the “age of discretion” or the “age of reason.”

That this gift of relationship with God, both an invitation and the bestowal of a helping hand toward that relationship, is without condition is especially clear from the Church’s practice of baptizing infants. It seems probable that the apostles, in baptizing whole “households,” baptized infants and small children as well (cf. Acts 16: 15, 33; 18:8).

The earliest testimony of an explicit ritual for baptizing infants can be seen in an early Christian treatise, the *Apostolic Tradition* (early 3rd century A.D.) which instructed: “First baptize the children. Those of them who can speak for themselves should do so. The parents or someone of their family should speak for the others.” At a synod of African Bishops, St. Cyprian of Carthage (d. 258 A.D.) said that “God’s mercy and grace should not be refused to anyone born,” and the Synod, recalling that “all human beings” are “equal,” whatever be “their size or age,” declared it lawful to baptize children “by the second or third day after their birth.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church says there is a grave obligation for the parents to confer Baptism shortly after birth so not to deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God (CCC 1250). (What a sad awareness of grace when some parents decide to let the child decide for themselves when they are older!)

Nevertheless, a post-baptismal instruction is called for in the case of infant baptism. This suggests a catechesis some time around the age of discretion or reason, when the child moves beyond his/her

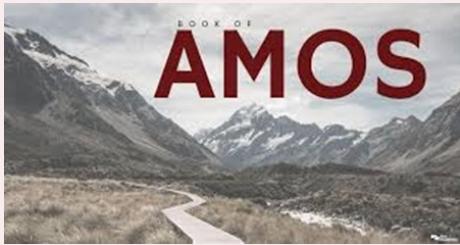
protected environment of home and family and begins to recognize others as different. It seems that the child (typically at age 7 or 8) has reached a more social (or pre-social) stage, marked by a growth in personal consciousness and discernment. (Yves Congar, *I believe in the Holy Spirit*, Crossroad Herder, Vol III, p. 222). Then, she/he begins to learn about baptismal graces already received, and prepares for the completion of the sacraments of initiation in Confirmation and Eucharist.

The unity between these three sacraments must be safeguarded, the Catechism asserts (CCC 1285). For apart from the Sacrament of Confirmation, baptismal grace is not completed and the soul lacks grace that binds it more perfectly to the Church and prepares the Confirmandi with a special strength from the Holy Spirit to become a “true witness of Christ.” To be imperfectly in communion with the Church might mean that the person is less capable of discerning Christ’s presence in his people. Might it be said that the lack of grace from Confirmation hinders one from a fuller awareness of Christ present in the Holy Eucharist?

It is important that we not make the mistake of thinking that younger children are incapable of receiving Confirmation without being older. If the mystery of the Eucharist is a concept they can grasp enough to be able to say “Amen” when they are offered “The Body of Christ” at the sanctuary, so they should be able to grasp enough the gift of grace received in Confirmation. The sacrament is not the “sacrament of Christian maturity.” “We must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth, nor forget that the baptismal grace is a grace of free, unmerited election and does not need ‘ratification’ to become effective.” (CCC 1308). Indeed, modern psychology suggests the “moral compass” of children today is formed by the age of nine. So writes St. Thomas Aquinas:

*Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood man can attain spiritual maturity: as the book of Wisdom says: ‘For old age is not honored for length of time, or measure by number of years.’ Many children, thorough the strength of the Holy Spirit they have received, have bravely fought for Christ even to the shedding of their blood. (CCC 1308)*

# THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



**AMOS IS THE 37TH** (and, therefore, the middle) book we meet in our Catholic Bibles. Further—for those who have been reading a book a week—since the books in the first half of the Bible are longer (containing over 3/4 of the chapters of the Bible), we have yet to read less than 1/3 of the amount we've already read until we get to the end! Amos is the third to be found on the single scroll of the 12 Minor Prophets who complete the Old Testament.

Amos is an 8th century B.C. prophet from Judea in the South, yet he prophesies to the people of Israel in the North—just as Hosea (who himself was from the North) did earlier on this scroll. The first six chapters are a warning of judgment that shall come upon the people because they should have known better; the last three chapters are the judgment carried out.

In Amos' prophecy, we read of the judgment that will come upon Damascus, Gaza, Philistia, Tyre, Phoenicia, Edom, and Ammon (ch. 1); then we move on to the judgment for Judah and Israel themselves (ch. 2); we hear how those who are comfy on their divans in Damascus will not be spared (ch. 3); Amos then does not exactly make points with the women of Samaria whom he likens to the “cows of Bashan” (ch. 4); we then hear several important passages: a lament for Israel, the fact that there is no salvation without repentance, the reminder that we are to seek good and not evil, a preview of the Day of Yahweh, an encounter with a lion and a bear and then a snake, and the guideline that it is justice and not sacrifice that God desires most (ch. 5); we are told that complacent self-indulgence (more lying on divans) will be punished (ch. 6); we witness three visions: one of locusts, one of a drought, and one of a plumb-line (just as such a tool tells the builder that the wall is straight, so too was Amos to Israel regarding its moral straightness before the Lord) (ch. 7); then we have a 4th vision, one of a basket of fruit (ch. 8); and finally a 5th vision, one of the destruction of the sanctuary and of Israel when one will not be safe even in heaven or hell from the judgment of the Lord (ch. 9).

When you finish this book, you will have read 37 (50.7%) of the 73 books of the Bible, yet 1,034 (77.5%) of the 1,334 chapters of the Bible.

*Permission granted by Rev. Robert J. Schrader (based on Timothy Schehr's book, The Bible Made Easy: A Book-by-Book Introduction).*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Mon, June 6:** *The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

8:30 +Holy Souls in Purgatory by a donor

**Tues, June 7**

8:30 +Nicholas Corea by Pat and Steve Fuller

**Wed, June 8**

8:30 +Mamawal family by Linda Siner

**Thurs, June 9:** *St. Ephrem*

8:30 +Salvo family by Linda Siner

**Fri, June 10**

8:30 +Agana family by Linda Siner

**Sat, June 11:** *St. Barnabas*

8:30 +Margaret, James, and Kevin Hennessey by Hennessey and White families

4:30 +Eileen and Valentine Ries and family by Jean Ries

**Sun, June 12:** *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 +Joseph Hussey by Allen family

10:00 +Evelyn Hughes by Steve and Hannah Accilli

12:00 Pro Populo (for the people of the parish)

*The Sunday Mass at noon will ALWAYS be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass—\$15.*

## READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

### **Reading I – Acts 2:1-11**

St. Luke presents the dramatic miracle story of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Storm, wind, and fire manifest the heavenly origin of the Gift of the Spirit to the disciples.

### **Reading II – I Corinthians 12:3b-7**

Since the different spiritual gifts have the same origin, they share a common purpose. Like the parts of the human body, diversity is rooted in unity.

### **The Gospel – John 20:19-23**

The risen Jesus appears to the fearful disciples and greets them with a reassuring “Peace be with you”. Note the word “apostles” is absent, so the power of forgiveness means bestowing the Spirit upon believers, and not sacramental absolution.



Scan the QR code to visit the **Worship Aid** page for the readings, antiphons, and music for the Sunday Mass.

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