

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST



Come, Dwell in Us!

Come,
God our Liberator,
send your Spirit to dwell in us,
so that we can proclaim
your mighty acts.
Come,
help us live by your Spirit,
to turn away from a life dictated
by sinful desires.

Come,
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Come,
renew the face of the earth!
May we be glorified with Jesus,
our Redeemer.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Receive the Spirit



Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Romans 8:8–17; John 14:15–16, 23b–26 or John 20:19–23. In the Gospel from John 20, we hear that the disciples had locked themselves up, for fear of those who were persecuting Jesus' followers. After Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples were lost, unsure of what to do next. Despite the locked doors, Jesus appears to them and says: "Peace be with you." They rejoice when they see his wounds, indeed confirming what Mary Magdalene announced to them: "I have seen the Lord" (20:18, just prior to today's reading). Jesus sends the disciples out, breathing on them: "Receive the holy Spirit." After receiving the

Spirit, the disciples have the courage to come out of hiding; they understand their mission to share the Good News and are equipped with what they need to do so.

The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates God's sending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his resurrection. This solemnity marks the end of the Easter season. On this day, we are reminded to call on the Holy Spirit every day. The Holy Spirit emboldens us to respond to our call to go out and share the truth of life after death in Christ. Let us pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive the courage, wisdom, and patience needed to listen to the ways God moves in our lives.



THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Monday, June 9

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, is celebrated the Monday after Pentecost. Mary has the title “Mother of the Church” because she gave birth to Jesus, who is the Head of the Church. This evening, pray the Rosary or the Magnificat. Ask Mary to intercede for you. *Today’s readings: Genesis 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14; Psalm 87:1–2, 3 and 5, 6–7; John 19:25–34.*

Monday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

St. Kateri is the first North American native to be canonized. When she was four, her family died during a smallpox epidemic; she was left disfigured and half blind. Kateri was adopted by an uncle who did not approve of her interest in Catholicism, but she still converted to the faith at age nineteen. To celebrate St. Kateri, spend time learning about her dedication to her faith. How can you be a witness to her example? *Today’s readings: Exodus 1:8–14, 22; Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23; Matthew 10:34–11:1.*

Tuesday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus’ disciples, accompanied the Lord in his darkest time, during his crucifixion. Mary Magdalene was one of the witnesses chosen to announce the resurrection to the apostles; because of this, she is known as the “apostle to the apostles.” Today, prayerfully read John 20:1–2, 11–18. How are you, like Mary Magdalene, a witness to the resurrection of our Savior? How can you tell others that you have “seen the Lord?” *Today’s readings: Song of Songs 3:1–4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14–17; Psalm 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9; John 20:1–2, 11–18.*

Tuesday, July 29

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jesus visits Martha and Mary after Lazarus, their brother, died. Martha and Mary, at different times in John 11, approach Jesus and say to him: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Later in John 11, we read that Jesus weeps when he sees Lazarus’ body. Jesus weeps with us in our times of grief and sadness. This evening, learn about Ignatian contemplation, also known as imaginative prayer or Gospel contemplation. After learning about this form of prayer, practice it while reading of the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1–44). *Today’s readings: Exodus 33:7–11, 34:5b–9; Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9, 10–11; John 11:19–27.*

Friday, August 8

St. Dominic

St. Dominic, a Spanish priest, was known for his preaching. He founded the Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominicans. The Dominicans follow four pillars: prayer, study, community, and preaching. After Dominic’s example, they dedicate themselves to balancing these four pillars in their lives to proclaim the Good News. How can you dedicate yourself to prayerfully study your faith? Consider joining a Bible study at a parish near you. *Today’s readings: Deuteronomy 4:32–40; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 7–8a, 10; Matthew 16:24–28.*

Wednesday, August 27

St. Monica

Monica was St. Augustine of Hippo’s mother. Most of what we know about her comes from Augustine’s writings. In his *Confessions*, Augustine describes himself as a wayward son. St. Monica had a vision that assured her he would return to the faith, so she dedicated herself to praying and fasting for him. St. Monica teaches us the importance of patient, disciplined prayer. Today, ask St. Monica to join you as you bring your intentions to God. *Today’s readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13; Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Matthew 23:27–32.*