

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

The Spirit of God dwells within us!



Masses For The Week

Sun 24 Pentecost Sunday

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Irene Moreno (Carlos & Teresa Cassiano)
+Laurencio Villarreal (Carlos & Teresa Cassiano)

Thr 28 Weekday

12:05 pm NO MASS

Pentecost Sunday

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Church remains in every age vivified and sanctified by Christ's presence. The Holy Spirit prepares us with his grace to draw us to Christ. He manifests the risen Lord to us, opening our minds. He makes present the mystery of Christ. He reconciles us, bringing us into communion with God. And he interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. When the Holy Spirit comes within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (Saint Cyril of Alexandria).

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

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Pentecost Sunday (A)

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today's passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such faraway, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.



*For those who have fallen
and for those who have stood to fight
May God bless and keep you safe
throughout each day and night*

Happy Memorial Day



ANNOUNCEMENT

CONFIRMATION DATE

Candidates will receive Confirmation on Sun, May 31
at 11:30 am Mass @ Holy Family Catholic Church,
2702 Stone Ave, Laredo, TX.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



On Saturday, June 13th, 2026, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The celebration will begin with **Mass at 7:00p**, and then we will continue with the celebration at the parish hall beginning at

8:00p – 9:30p. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco. **REMEMBER:
NO SUNDAY MASS ON JUNE 14.**

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 1,735.00

Loose: \$ 45.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 00.25

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 1,780.25

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 842.08

Dear Padre

May 24, 2026

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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