

May 24, 2026

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THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20:19-23

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The Solemnity of Pentecost is about the gift of the Spirit in our lives. St. Paul reminds us that despite the variety of gifts we have received, we are one Body. To make sense of this, consider that on a human level, some of us are introverts, while others are extroverts. Each personality type has particular gifts and struggles. Sometimes, our differing personality types can grate on each other, causing tension. And yet, how often do others who are our “opposites” remind us of truths we often forget? (Speaking as an extrovert, I need introverts to remind me that you can often learn more from quiet listening than talking out loud.) So, too, with spiritual gifts! As we consider the ways God has gifted each of us, let us remember that the differences between us have a specific purpose: to equip all of us to grow and experience the fullness of life in Christ.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our first reading, we see that the Holy Spirit enables the disciples to speak in languages they did not know. While they were given an extraordinary spiritual gift to do so, today’s missionaries serving in foreign lands must learn the local language to effectively minister among the people they serve. No matter where we find ourselves, perhaps we, too, can learn a new “language,” or find new ways to live our faith and share the Gospel. Effective evangelization happens when we can look to the “signs of the times” and propose, “in language intelligible to each generation,” that Jesus Christ is the answer to the “perennial questions” which arise in each human heart.

(Gaudium et spes 4)

INVITATION

The word Catholic comes from a Greek word meaning, “according to the whole” or “universal.” As we see in today’s first reading, from the beginning of our Church, the Spirit’s desire was to gather people of every nation, tribe, and tongue into the one Body of the Church. The Catholic Church is a global communion, consisting of the Latin Church and 23 Eastern Churches that worship according to their particular rite, customs, and language. Each of these Churches has unique spiritual gifts that enrich the wider Church. Plan to visit another Catholic Church in your area that worships in a different language or rite than your own to experience the manifold gifts of the Spirit that exist in every place where the Church is.



Masses: (Sat) 5p; (Sun) 7a, 9a, 11a, 5p
(Mon-Fri) 8a; (Sat) 9a
Confessions: (Sat) 4p-4:45p

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Church Starts Here

Pentecost is like falling in love: It hits you like a ton of bricks. You become totally devoted to someone else, only in this case someone else isn't that special guy or gal, it's everybody. And just like two people in love have an almost mystical ability to communicate their hearts to each other, the gift of the Spirit gives you the language of love that speaks to all kinds of people, no matter how different they might be. And just like love comes to those who wait for it, the Spirit of God comes to those who desire it with all their hearts.

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Eucharistic Adoration & Divine Mercy - June 5

You are invited to the 8am Mass and Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction. Though drop-ins are welcome, we encourage you to **sign up in church** to ensure that at least two adorers are present at all times.



Eucharistic Procession with Bishop of San Jose

May 31 @ 1:00pm - 3:00pm
1:30pm - Gather at Mission Santa Clara
2:00pm - Depart and walk 2.2 miles with Our Lord to Saint Justin Church, Santa Clara.
Consider parking your car at the end point - St. Justin - and making your way to Mission Santa Clara

Prayer on Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Office Closed on Memorial Day

WEEKLY OFFERING - May 17

-Total: **\$4,911** (\$3,233+ online: \$1,678). Goal: \$6,800.

-YTD Sunday: **\$312,166**. Budget: \$306,000.

-Building Fund: **\$4,213**.

-Priest Retirement Fund: **\$48** (YTD: \$3,988).

Thank you for your generosity.

Consider an **IRA or QCD Contribution**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	May 24	07am	Ana Karen Sanchez (L)
		09am	Khiem Maria Bui +
		05pm	Jessica Fedeli +
Fri	May 29	08am	Brian Rose +
Sat	May 30	09am	Frank Rose +

Liturgical Renewal Materials

Weekly articles on the Mass are available in flyers in church, and also through the QR code here.



Liturgy Sustains Church

During his last Wednesday General Audience, Pope Leo XIV reflects on Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 'Sacrosanctum Concilium,' underscoring that the liturgy sustains the Church and expresses our faith.

Age of Artificial Intelligence Preserving Human Voices and Faces

On May 25, Pope Leo XIV will officially release his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity). This is his official teaching on the **protection of the human person and dignity in the age of artificial intelligence**. It was signed on May 15, 2026, the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* encyclical on human dignity and labor in the aftermath of the industrial revolution.

Capital Campaign Report: We Exceeded Our Goal: 115%

With a surge in pledges in response to a generous \$61,727 matching gift from a family, the Ascension capital campaign has jumped from 88% to 115% of its \$569,000 goal in two weeks - a **27% increase!** Pledged up to May 8: **\$501,363** (88%).

Pledged up to May 22: **\$652,540** (115%)

Rebate up to May 22: **\$289,270**.

Thank you to our 78 generous donors!

We still need more donations to cover the costs of the **Terrace project**, which offers a safe ramp to the church and a suitable space for gatherings. **The ADA 2026 is combined with the Capital Campaign.**



Corporate Matching Gift

Your company may match your donations through the **Benevity** platform. Look up "Church of the Ascension" in Benevity using our Tax ID 94-2734503.

For details, scan the QR code >>> or pick up materials on Benevity in church.



Are You a Sustaining ADA Donor?

In 2026, the annual ADA and the Capital Campaign are combined into a single pledge. If you already donated automatically to the ADA as a sustaining donor, please consider a pledge to the Capital Campaign, which provides resources for the Pastoral Plan - beyond the scope of the ADA.