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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

June 05, 2022 — Pentecost

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues
(Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth
(Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given
to drink of one Spirit
(1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission
with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit
(John 20:19-23).

THE SPIRIT'S ACTIVE POWER

The mystery of the Trinity refers to one God in three persons. We frequently acknowledge Jesus as “the second person of the Trinity,” but referring also to the Spirit as a “person” comes less naturally. In religious art, the Holy Spirit often appears as a dove or, as in today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, tongues of fire. Much rarer are images of the Spirit as a “person” in recognizable human form. Today’s readings do not settle the issue of how to picture the Spirit, but they certainly give shape to the Spirit’s active power in the world and in each human heart. In Acts, the Spirit enables people to speak and understand a variety of languages. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians praises the Spirit for all kinds of spiritual gifts, services, and “workings.” Finally, in John’s Gospel, Jesus calls the Spirit our Advocate and our divine teacher.

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A PRAYER TO THE SPIRIT

Spirit of Jesus,
poured out in flames of fire upon
your disciples
on the day of Pentecost,
we pray to you:
Set afire the hearts of your faithful
so that they will announce
in all the languages of the world
the wonders of the salvation of God.

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The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

First taught by St. Ambrose in the fourth century, the title of “Mother of the Church”

for the Virgin Mary was not proclaimed until 1964 when Pope St. Paul VI, at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council’s third session wrote: “The Blessed Mother of God, the New Eve, Mother of the Church, continues in heaven her maternal role with regard to Christ’s members, cooperating with the birth and growth of divine life in the souls of the redeemed.” (*Credo of the People of God.*)

Since that time, some memorials have sprung up to honor Mary under her title of “Mother” but these were local to certain dioceses. In 1987, Pope John Paul used *Redemptoris Mater* as an opportunity to explain how the Blessed Virgin Mary’s maternity of Christ’s faithful derives from her maternity of Christ: “Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ, and at the same time as that Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of the Redemption, gave to humanity in the person of the Apostle John. Thus, in her new motherhood in the Spirit, Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces each and every one through the Church.”

In 2018, Pope Francis elevated this memorial of “Mother of the Church” into the General Roman (i.e. Church) Calendar to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. In reference to Pentecost, the Pope pointed out that at Pentecost the Church was established in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and included the Virgin Mary. Upon creating the feast, Pope Francis said he wished to “encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety.”

The decree establishing the feast day was signed on February 11, 2018, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, on the 160th anniversary of the apparitions.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (see above)
Thursday	St. Ephrem (4th cent. Deacon, Doctor of the Church; patron of spiritual directors, spiritual leaders)
Saturday	St. Barnabas (1st cent. Cyprian Jew, apostle succeeding Judas, missionary & companion of Paul; patron of Cyprus)
Sunday	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Father’s Day

When we are living in the world, we can easily take on the mindset of a secular society. It is important for us to cultivate in our lives, with great care, God’s way of looking at things and life in general.

His Word guides us.

—Rev. Thomas J. Donaghy

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jun 04	Sat	9 a.m.	Joseph Stolz +
		5 p.m.	Oscar Beltran (L)
Jun 05	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Charlene & Frank Fagione +
		5 p.m.	All Parishioners
Jun 06	Mon	8 a.m.	Lucille Murphy +
Jun 07	Tue	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Jun 08	Wed	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Jun 09	Thu	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Jun 10	Fri	8 a.m.	All Parishioners
Jun 11	Sat	9 a.m.	The McKeever Family
		5 p.m.	Luis Nuricio (L)
Jun 12	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	Cynthia Stolz (L)
		11 a.m.	Marietta Sokol +
		5 p.m.	Rebecca Gonzales +

MEN’S CLUB MEETING

Are you looking for camaraderie with men of the parish? Whether new to Ascension or a long-time member, the Men’s Club welcomes you to their meeting. The next meeting is in-person on **Friday, June 10 @ 6:00 pm** **Worner Hall/Lounge Area**

THANK YOU

May 29, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$4,149
WESHARE	855
TOTAL	\$5,004

Little things seem nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.

—Georges Bernanos

THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JUNE

—for families

We pray for Christian families around the world, may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.