



May 23, 2021

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

**"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming." - Jn 16:13**

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

**SUN 5/23** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
*Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a,  
16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/  
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,  
30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-  
7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**MON 5/24** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**TUE 5/25** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

**WED 5/26** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/  
Mk 10:32-45

**THR 5/27** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

**FRI 5/28** Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

**SAT 5/29** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

**SUN 5/30** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-  
17/Mt 28:16-20

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

**Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

**Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

**Tuesday:** St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;  
St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

**Wednesday:** St. Philip Neri, Priest

**Thursday:** St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

**Saturday:** St. Paul VI, Pope; BVM

**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

The phrase "being filled with the Holy Spirit" may summon forth images that are a bit too intense for some folks. They may conclude that when one is filled with the Holy Spirit that they immediately begin speaking in tongues, loudly praise God, sing alleluia from roof tops, and do other demonstrative things. In reality, being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It is the Holy Spirit that draws us together as a community of faith, inspires us with wisdom and right judgment, and turns us from the darkness of sin to the virtues that bring life. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. The Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced human beings God made us to be. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts!

## PENTECOST SUNDAY



*"The spirit of  
truth proceeds  
from the  
Father."*

— JOHN 15:26 —

# SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

## Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

## Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.  
Livestreaming available on our website,  
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except  
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior  
to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass



*"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."*

## Saturday, May 22, 2021

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Chris Mealey, Russell Lassere, Harlean Banks, Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and Bruce Gabriel

## Sunday, May 23, 2021

For: First Responders

In Memory of: Virginia Johnson, Chris Mealey, Russell Lassere, Joyce Anthony



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Marie Alexander, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Hazel Barnes, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Geraldine Small, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Mildred Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

When have I avoided the truth? What  
truth am I avoiding right now? How  
will I confront and accept it?

## Prayer Line

508.924.5792

Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.



# Parish News!

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- **CONGRATULATIONS** to those receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday, May 22nd. Chase Pierre, Madeleine Parham, Tristan Duplantis, Ethan Williams and Langston Vilmenay as you receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord, may you always know and feel His presence in your life.
- **GRADUATES:** Graduates are asked to send a picture to [bssjaparish@gmail.com](mailto:bssjaparish@gmail.com) and include the graduate's name, school and accomplishment. Pictures will be posted to social media and Parish website. Please submit by June 4th.
- **ALTAR SOCIETY:** The Altar Society would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising project, the personal Sunday Missalettes. After expenses, their true profit was \$750, which will be used in support of their church and parish mission.
- **ACACIA TREE:** Memorialize your deceased loved one with a plaque on the Acacia Tree. The cost is \$50. Plaques are limited to 3 lines of 21 characters each. See an usher for application and submit both payment and application by dropping your donation into the collection basket, online or mailing to the Rectory.
- **MASS RE-OBLIGATION:** The obligation to attend Mass will be reinstated on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6th. Our Parish will continue to observe the mandates of the City of New Orleans with regards to masks and social distancing. Please make every effort to return to the edifice for worship.
- **COVID-19 NEWS:** Please read the insert/attachment prepared by our Parish Health Ministry.

## PARISH SUPPORT

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## Covid-19 Vaccine Quick Info

Many people have lingering questions about the Covid-19 Vaccines. Three vaccines are currently approved for use in the US: Pfizer/Biontech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson. Here is a quick summary and my recommendations.

### Facts:

- Coronavirus vaccine research and development started over 10 years ago and use techniques used for over 30 years
- These vaccines can not cause CoVid
- Still at risk to contract CoVid especially within first 3 weeks of receiving first vaccination
- 2 doses of Pfizer/Biontech or Moderna prevents about 95 out of 100 CoVid cases but also means about 5 out of 100 people will still get CoVid (known as vaccine failures) so you should still use common sense and protect yourself especially in large crowds and while indoors. Adults over age 65 should exercise extra caution, as our immune systems don't work as well when we age.
- 1 dose of J&J prevents about 66 out of 100 CoVid cases but also means about 34 out of 100 people will still get Covid after receiving J&J one shot and done vaccine. As above advised to take reasonable precautions.

### Bottom Line:

- All three vaccines are Safe and Effective and have each been used in millions of diverse patients ages 12 and over (Pfizer/Biontech while Moderna ages 18 and over)
- The 1 shot and done J&J vaccine starts working within a few days, but is probably best for men 18 and up & women 50 and over as it's associated with rare complication of blood clots in younger women.
- All are effective at reducing risk of serious or deadly infections

### My opinion:

I currently recommend Pfizer/Biontech or Moderna vaccines as the current studies show they also work against newer CoVid variants. J&J was released more recently and simply has not been studied with the CoVid variants.

Sincerely,

*Emile*

Emile J. Pierre, MD

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