



FEAST OF PENTECOST – MAY 24, 2026

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

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend, that remembers the men and women who gave their lives for this country. We should never forget what they have done for us.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate the birth of the Church through the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, which we heard in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The coming of the Holy Spirit changed the apostles completely. No longer would they live by their fears but instead live the gospel and literally give their lives for the Lord. We should never forget what they have done for us.

In our parish we talk about **Five More**, a small way to indicate our willingness to follow the Lord intentionally. Maybe by helping someone for five hours, listening to someone in need for that extra five minutes, or supporting something financially by giving five more dollars, etc. It's about giving that little extra as disciples of the Lord.

Pentecost is answering the call of St. Matthew, Come Follow Me – our parish mission statement.

In your bulletin, is written The Paradoxical Commandments by Kent Keith, that speaks to being all-in; being a person of the Holy Spirit. I invite us to save these commandments as a way for us to follow the Lord with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Let's read them together:

The Paradoxical Commandments by Dr. Kent M. Keith

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.
Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by
the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.
Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give
the world the best you have anyway.

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Prayer: Bringing Home the Word

After Communion: Holy Spirit Prayer