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## How Pentecost seeks to reverse the Tower of Babel



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When the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles on Pentecost, there was a reversal of what happened at the Tower of Babel in the book of Genesis.

In many ways, the New Testament is the fulfillment of the Old Testament, restoring humanity to the glory that God has destined us all to receive.

This even extends beyond the Gospel narratives into the Acts of the Apostles, where the work of the Holy Spirit is on full display.

The day of Pentecost in particular is an event that recalls various events in the Old Testament, such as the Tower of Babel.

### From division to unity

One option for the first reading on the Vigil of Pentecost is from the book of Genesis, highlighting the events that unfolded surrounding the Tower of Babel:

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built.

Then the LORD said: "If now, while they are one people, all speaking the same language, they have started to do this, nothing will later stop them from doing whatever they presume to do. **Let us then go down there and confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says.**" ~Genesis 11:5-7

This led to a division of the people and a division of language.

Fast forward to the Acts of the Apostles and the Holy Spirit does precisely the opposite:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues**, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. ~Acts 2:3-4

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The Holy Spirit is an agent of unity, which the *Collect* prayer for the Vigil of Pentecost highlights, **connecting Pentecost to the Tower of Babel:**

Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, **grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name.** Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

While its true that languages were not abolished on Pentecost and not everyone can speak in a variety of tongues, the spiritual truth is still valid.

The Holy Spirit seeks to collect everyone on the earth into a new-found unity of belief, where instead of trying to build a tower out of pride, we unite together in our worship of the one, true God.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 23, Vigil for Pentecost

4:00 p.m. Paula Cavezzi (dec)

### Sunday, May 24, Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Jacqueline Lenard (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

### Monday, May 25, Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 a.m. John Overmyer (dec)

### Tuesday, May 26, Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Marchese (dec)

### Wednesday, May 27, Wednesday of the Eighth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

### Thursday, May 28, Thursday of the Eighth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Jim Bischoff (dec)

### Friday, May 29, Friday of the Eighth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

### Saturday, May 30, Vigil for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

4:00 p.m. Wesley Hall (dec)

### Sunday, May 31, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

8:00 a.m. Beverly Gramlich (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)

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May 24, 2026

## Pentecost

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DISCIPLE

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.





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## Everyday Stewardship

### We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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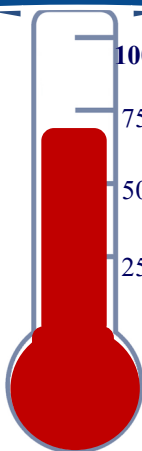
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## Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Explained

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother's embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27. ©LPi

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### Saturday, May 23

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

### Sunday, May 24

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH

### Monday, May 25 ~Memorial Day

The office will be closed

### Tuesday, May 26

10:00 am Scripture Class CYH

### Wednesday, May 27

Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm- 7:00 pm Holy Hour CH

### Thursday, May 28

4:00 pm SVDP Meeting

6:30 pm Choir Practice MR

### Friday, May 29

BT Social Group Coffee Meeting after 8:00 am Mass @ Rose's at St. Pete Athletic

### Saturday, May 30

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions CR

### Sunday, May 31

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses CYH

Faith Community Nursing BP Screenings offered

BT Social Group, Birthday Box Assembly

### Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CR=Cry Room  
CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room  
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#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Masses

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