

Please keep in your prayers our sick and deceased family

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Eternal rest grant unto them

- Robert Perkins
- Solomon McCarter
- Mary Alice Chretien
- Elliot Guidry



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May 24, 2026

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Fire and Spirit of Life

Pentecost Year A is a celebration of the Holy Spirit coming to the followers of Jesus. It is a feast that reminds us of how God's Spirit gives life, courage, and strength. The readings show how God's power works in many ways, from creation to the birth of the Church. This day is often called the birthday of the Church. The Spirit

came with wind and fire, filling the disciples with new energy. They spoke in many languages, showing that the message of Jesus is for all people.

What once was scattered is now brought together.

The gift of the Spirit is not only for the first disciples but for us today. Pentecost Year A reminds us that God's Spirit is always at work. He guides us, helps us pray, and unites us as one body in Christ. This feast calls us to live in the Spirit each day.

Parish Office Hours
Wednesday & Thursday
11:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Regular Mass Times

- Sunday: 10:00 am
- 3rd Sunday of month 5:00pm
- Vigil Mass Sat: 5:00 pm
- Mon thru Fri—7:00 am
- Saturday: 8:00 am

Adoration Times

- Wednesday: 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
- Friday: 7:30am-noon
- Saturday: 4:00pm-4:50pm

Rosary

- Sunday 9:15 am
- Monday-Friday 6:20 a. m.
- Saturday—7:15 a.m.

Confession

- Mon-Fri: 6:00am—6:50 am
- 7:30am-7:55am
- Saturday 4pm-4:50pm
- By appointment during office hours



May 24

Repose soul Larry Martinez†

May 25

Baptism Anniversary for Kerry

Burke

May 26

Maria Felipa Hernandez

May 27

Concepcion Mendoza

May 28

Matthew McAlexander

May 29

For OMM parish family

May 30

8am Mass

For OMM parish family

5pm Mass

For OMM parish family

Pastoral Staff

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In Loving Memory of Larry & Olga Martinez, One Day at a Time.

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In Loving Memory of

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Daily Readings for the Week
Pentecost Sunday
 May 24—**Vigil** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil** Gn11:1-9.Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Ez 37:1-14/Jl3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day** Acts 2:1-11/1Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
 May 25—Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Jn 19:25-34
 May 26—1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
 May 27—1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
 May 28—1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
 May 29—1 Pt 4: 7-13; Mk 11:11-26
 May 30—Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33
 May 31—The Most Holy Trinity
 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/ 2Cor 13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18

Pentecost Sunday
 It was late spring and the buds still refused to open. Tightly wrapped up in themselves, they were as hard as stone. The wind shook them. The hail beat them. The frost squeezed them in a fist of iron. All three shouted, 'Open up! Open up!'. Instead of opening up, the buds reinforced their shells, and retreated even more deeply into themselves. Then along came the sun. It issued no threats and made no demands. It just created a more friendly climate. And what happened? Almost overnight the buds began to soften and expand. Then their shells cracked, and they burst out. If you love, you are gentle. And there are certain tasks which only gentleness can accomplish.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Stewardship for week of: 5/17/2026	
Regular Collection	\$6,590.00
Weekday Mass	\$85.00
Parish Maintenance	\$100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$55.00
St. Anne's Altar Candles	\$46.75
Hospitality Donation	\$2.00
Rwanda-Burundi Mass	\$167.02
Catholic Commun Campaign	\$187.00
Total Collection	\$7,252.77
Total Mass Attendance	131

May Lector Schedule
 May 24—Natasha Cha
 Lanette Martinez-Vidaurre Anaiah Barrera
 May 31—Isabell Garza
 Brenda Weiss Carolyn Yusuf

Livestream Schedule
 May 24—Howard Rattliff
 May 31—Jennifer Rattliff



Get Answers 2026 Vocation Awareness Program

A Weekend of Discernment

June 12-14 University of Dallas, Irving

Discernment is not a journey you need to make alone. The 35th annual VAP Weekend is a unique and proven opportunity for single Catholic men and women, 18-40, to join others in seeking answers to questions about life as a Priest, Sister, Brother or Consecrated Lay Woman. There are no fees. Private rooms and meals are furnished.

The weekend includes presentations, panel discussions, one-on-one dialogue, prayer with the religious staff, and time for reflection. No one will pressure you or seek a commitment. Learn more and apply on the web, or contact the Vocations Office. Application deadline — May 26.

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Presented by the Diocese Vocations Offices and Serra Clubs of Dallas and Fort Worth

60th Ordination Anniversary
 Fr. Robert (Bobby) Strittmatter will be celebrating his 60th Anniversary since his ordination to the Priesthood. For this Diamond Jubilee Celebration, a special mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, May 31st at 3pm, at All Saints Catholic Church in Ft. Worth. For those who would like to attend the reception after the Mass, please RSVP to 817-970-0114.

Florida Johnson Scholarship Fund
 The Knights & Ladies of St. Peter Claver Court 89 is accepting applications for the Florida Johnson Scholarship Fund. Applications are available at the rear of the church or from the organization by writing to Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Committee, St. Veronica's Court #89 c/o floridajohnsonscholarship18@gmail.com.

Help us to Acknowledge Your Hard Work!
 OMM would like to honor all High School and College graduates of the parish at the 10:00am mass on June 7th. Please let us hear from you by signing the Graduate log located on the table at the rear of the church.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS
 Early voting is from May 18-May 22. The election is May 26, 2026.

Pentecost Sunday
 A Vocation View: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The coming of the Spirit gives us the power and vitality to be a witness to Christ, no matter the cost.
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ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Saturday, May 30 at 8 am.
Celebrant : Fr. Peter Wiafe Akenteng.



Candle Purchases for Home Use
 If you are interested in purchasing candles for home use, please contact the church office. **Effective immediately, candles will only be sold through the church office.** We ask that all candle purchases be made during regular office hours. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Thursday Adoration Suspended for the Summer
 Please note that beginning **June 1, 2026, Thursday Adoration** will be suspended during the summer months. Thursday Adoration will resume at a later date, which will be announced in the bulletin. We will continue to have Wednesday Adoration from 5:00pm-7:00pm, Friday Adoration from 7:30 pm-Noon and Saturday adoration from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Thank you for your understanding and continued devotion. We encourage all parishioners to continue spending time in personal prayer and reflection.



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Lights, Catholic, Action! S2 Ep. 36: The Real Story Behind Adoption
 In this episode, Kasey Whitley shares her powerful journey from having no faith background to becoming Catholic—and how that path led her to champion adoption as a life-giving mission for vulnerable children and families. With insight from her work at the Gladney Center for Adoption, she unpacks common misconceptions and reveals the deeply human, hope-filled reality behind modern adoption. Learn more about Gladney Center for Adoption: <https://gladney.org/>

Join the Rosary Phone Pray Line!
 Once a week OMM will have a group phone call to pray the rosary. Date and time will be announced later. Send your information to **Stay Connected with our Community located** on the church's website. We will email credentials the morning of call.

