

June 8, 2025



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Pentecost Sunday

Events

SATURDAY June 7th

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 - 4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY June 8th

NO Coffee & Christ
On summer break

TUESDAY June 10th

Adult Bible Study
10:00-12:00pm - Faith Formation Room
Centering Prayer
2:15-4:00pm - Heritage Room
Spiritual Companionship
6:30 - 7:30pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY June 11th

Stitchers
9:00am - 12:00pm - St. Francis Room
Music Practice
6:15 - 7:30pm - Music Room
OCIA - Theology of the Body
6:30 - 8:00pm - Heritage Room

THURSDAY June 12th

OLL Games
1:00 - 3:30pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY June 13th

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00 - 9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY June 14th



WELCOME Women Meeting
8:30 - 1:30pm - Heritage Room

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am



Adoration

TUESDAY

9:30am - 3:00pm - Chapel

THURSDAY

9:30am - 7:00pm - Chapel

Important Links

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Mass Intentions

Sat.	6/7	5:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sat.	6/7	7:00pm	Salvador, Salvador Jr. y Silvia Haro +
Sun.	6/8	8:00am	Louis & Teresa Bruneau +
Sun.	6/8	10:30am	John L. Friedel (Fr. J.'s Dad) +
Mon.	6/9	9:00am	O'Regan Family (Special Intention-Living)
Tue.	6/10	9:00am	Deceased Members of the Konzen Family+
Wed.	6/11	5:30pm	Margaret Konzen (Birthday)
Thur.	6/12	9:00am	Phil Harter +



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Collection through June 1, 2025

Envelopes:		\$11,553.00
Plate:		\$200.00
Green Envelopes:		\$6,199.21
Total:		\$17,952.21

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OCIA updates

This Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we are welcoming into Full Communion, through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, 6 people who have already received their Baptisms.

Please help us welcome to our family!

Adam Johnson

(Sponsor is David Stephen)

Cody and Casey Fenton

(Sponsors Lee Berhorst and Kathy Borgfield)

(and their two daughters)

Addie Fenton and Emma Fenton

(Sponsors are Nyssa Berhorst and Nickie Rivera)

Brenden Ferguson

(Sponsor is Hayden Head)

Our OCIA Team Leaders want to thank all of you for your wonderful leadership, and for welcoming them all!

Please continue to encourage them to join the ministries of our community, and the wonderful groups we offer throughout the year.

This coming Wednesday is our last session with this group we've been journeying with since last June!

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Please invite them to any one of these Come and See sessions.

Tuesday, June 24th, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Tuesday, July 15th, 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday, August 5th, 6:30-7:30pm

Sessions will be held in the Heritage Room, on the lower level of the Church. Childcare can be provided.

There is no decision making you have to commit to. This is simply a Q and A discussion.

No registration required, just show up!

The Come and See summer sessions are a meet and greet, and an opportunity for you to ask discerning questions about the Catholic Faith, to decide if you do want to go further and learn more.

BISHOP RICE'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION



May we draw close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially in the disappointments of life.

To date our parish has given \$53,404.62 toward our \$79,163 goal.

Thank you!

If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. The diocese and Church in southern Missouri needs your participation.

2025 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

ONE CHURCH, Anchored in Christ

Thank You

There's still time to make your pledge!

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The Heart of Season 4

Season 4 marks the midpoint of the most famous and influential story in human history. It's joyful and painful. Light and dark. Bitter and sweet. It's also our best yet.

From the death of John the Baptist to the raising of Lazarus, we take you behind the scenes—and right to the heart—of this life-and-death season.

Why a God? | The Search | Episode 3

Today we seem to think we've moved beyond the idea of God, but this secular view of life is a very new and unusual idea to humanity. All through human history man has looked to something outside himself for the answers to life. Why have we given up on God? Do we think science has disproven Him? Do we think society is better off without him? We talk with astrophysicists, chemists, Harvard professors, and more to make the case that it's not only reasonable to believe in God, it's essential if you want to have a truly amazing life. Our souls seek their creator, and we'll never be truly happy unless we seek Him out. As St. Augustine famously said, "You have made us for Yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless. until they rest in Thee."

Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study 10:00am

Faith Formation Room

June 10th

The Chosen
The Heart of Season 4

&

Formed Series- The Search
Episode 3 & 5

June 17th

Not Meeting

June 24th

The Chosen Season 5 Episode 1



Formed Series - The Search

About this series

What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

**If you have any questions regarding
PSR, Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.**



Please call, text, or email
417-251-1819 Cell
NickieRivera@ollbranson.com
Director of Formation



**We are in need of
Sacristans
for all Masses
(especially 8:00AM)**

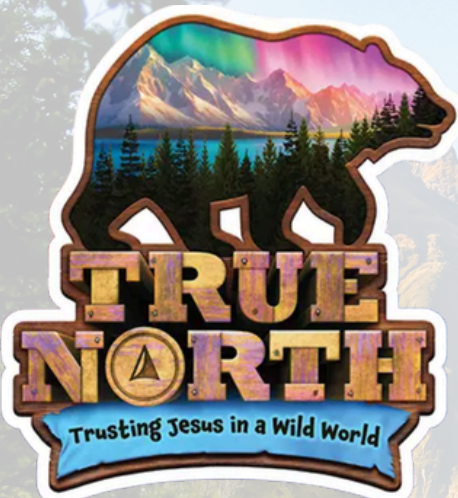


**Volunteers
needed**



**If you are interested,
please contact**

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Samantha Barron
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Registration is available
online at
www.ourladyofthecove.org
or scan the QR code below



SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Our Lady of the Cove - Kimberling City

July 7-9th

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00am - 12:45pm

Children age 4 through 5th Grade

Registration Deadline is June 20th



Have you thought about setting aside resources for the parish through your will or trust?

Did you know that there are ways to leave money to the parish while you are still living?

You can make these commitments to financial stewardship by:

- Naming the parish in your will.
- Purchasing an annuity to benefit the parish through the diocese.
- Naming the parish as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- Transferring ownership of stocks to the parish. This avoids taxation for the donor.
- Designating your minimum required distribution (MRD) on retirement accounts to the parish. This also avoids taxation for the donor.
- Making a substantial one time or recurring donation to the parish.

If you would like more information about designated giving, please contact the parish office.

Your gifts of financial stewardship are greatly appreciated.



Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

What are the different ranks within the College of Cardinals?

Prior to being elected Pope (Leo XIV), Cardinal Robert Prevost held the title of 'Cardinal Deacon'. I must admit I was not familiar with this title or any of the various titles within the College of Cardinals. So, what are the distinctions of the titles within the College of Cardinals?

In the Catholic Church, the office of cardinal traditionally has three ranks -- bishop, priest and deacon. This rank has nothing to do with their ordination status, as most cardinals were previously ordained a bishop before receiving the special office of cardinal. The ranks have their basis in an ancient hierarchy that is traced back to the early Church in Rome.

So, how do the three orders break down?

Cardinal bishops are typically the most senior cardinals given the title by the pope. The title comes with a titular jurisdiction over one of the ancient dioceses just outside Rome called the "suburbicarian sees" (a name applied to the diocese nearest Rome, like Ostia and Porto). While symbolic today, these sees once had real pastoral oversight. The cardinal bishops are usually assigned to the heads of the most senior curial departments, like the Secretary of State.

It is the cardinal bishops who elect from among themselves the dean of the College of Cardinals for a five-year term. In addition to presiding over the college, the dean has several key functions for the governance of the Church after the death of a pope. It is the dean who presides over the daily meetings of cardinals prior to a conclave.

Cardinal priests are the largest group in the College of Cardinals. Each is assigned a "titular church" in Rome to express their connection to the Diocese of Rome, even though they serve elsewhere in the world. It's honorary but deeply rooted in tradition, tracing back to Rome's early clergy.

Finally, there are the cardinal deacons – the original administrators. They are often referred to as "the pope's cabinet" and most work full-time in the Curia advising the Pope on key issues. A special honor is given to the senior cardinal deacon. He has the privilege of ceremoniously announcing the newly elected pope from the balcony of the Vatican.

The hierarchy among the three orders of cardinals is largely ceremonial. These ranks do not indicate power but reflect different responsibilities. Over time, a cardinal may move between ranks as his role changes. Yet, their core tasks — electing and advising — will endure. This continuity preserves Church tradition. Their importance remains tied to leadership and unity.

Cardinals hold a unique place in the Catholic Church. They elect popes, advise on governance, and lead dioceses. Their history stretches back centuries, evolving with the Church. Appointed by the pope, they represent the faithful worldwide. Their red garments symbolize a call to sacrifice. They balance local and universal responsibilities with care. Canon law and tradition guide their actions.

And may we not forget that they are more than just guardians of the Church, they are spiritual leaders. We, the faithful, rely on them for more than governance. Their spiritual dimension gives their office depth and ties them to the Church's mission of salvation. May they serve us well with humility and grace.



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TINY HOMES, BIG HOPE
Imagine a tiny home community providing safe, clean and affordable housing on five acres centrally located to employment opportunities in Branson, Missouri.

...Elevate Branson Website

ELEVATE COMMUNITY DEDICATION TOOK PLACE ON FRIDAY, MAY 30TH

Elevate Community is set to be one of the largest, permanent, tiny home communities in the country.



Bishop Rice & Father J. assist with the blessing and dedication

Help us “Elevate Branson” with this proven solution to a growing problem in our area. We can rise to the challenge of adequate and affordable housing and improve the quality of life for our neighbors, the hourly employees, and front-line workforce who support the Branson economy

...Elevate website

If you would like more information about the tiny homes project, click on the link below

<https://elevatebranson.org/elevate-community/>



Prayer for our Clergy and Religious

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray your blessings today on our Bishop, Priests, Sisters, religious workers, and members of the clergy who spread the good news of Your love.

We thank You particularly for those whom we know personally who are near and dear to our hearts for giving us their time and care to help us know You better.

We are grateful that our Bishop, Priests, Sisters, and religious workers obeyed the call to ministry by answering “yes” to service in our world.

Continue to grant them the quality time they need to study Your Word in the Bible as they seek to remind us of Your truths and teachings.

Grant them wisdom and love during the hours they spend counseling the hurting, visiting the sick, guiding the Church and praying for the needs of many.

Arm them with the gift of discernment to challenge the unhealthy values of our culture.

Empower them to speak your healing, life-giving words against despair and hopelessness.

Provide our clergy times of rest and spiritual refreshment. Help us to be sensitive to the impossible time demands we and our congregations place on them.

May we graciously grant our Bishop, Priests, Sisters the freedom to say “no” to the things that might diminish their ability to minister well.

Set firm boundaries of respect in us about their need for time for privacy and for rest.

Make us slow to criticize, quick to love and encourage.

We ask that You protect our Bishop, Priests, Sisters, religious workers, and members of the clergy from the evil forces that oppose Your Kingdom.

Give them the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit. Protect their health, their families, their reputations, their finances, and their moral resolve.

When they are tempted, be their refuge and help. And when they give in to temptation, lead them into forgiveness and restoration that will better equip them to comprehend and share the depth of Christ’s redeeming love.

We join many in commending our clergy members to you as we echo Your words, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things: I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!.*”

Amen.

*Matthew 25:23

COME AND SEE

Saturday, June 14, 2025

WHERE:

QUEEN OF HEAVEN SOLITUDE
12494 HIGHWAY T
MARIONVILLE, MO 65705
CELL: 636-495-5382
TEL: 417-744-2011

REQUIREMENTS:

AN OPEN HEART & WILLING SPIRIT

FOR AGES:

13 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025
9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
RSVP BY JUNE 11, 2025

We invite you to COME and SPEND a day with the Society of our Mother of Peace, an EREMITICAL and MONASTIC COMMUNITY. Meet and pray with the Religious Sisters devoted to contemplative life and engage in bringing Christ to others.

MARYTHEFONT.ORG
EMAIL: SMP SISTERS VDC@GMAIL.COM



"I WILL HEAR WHAT THE LORD GOD HAS TO SAY. A VOICE THAT SPEAKS OF PEACE..." (PS. 85:8)



Come see what you can't find anywhere else, and rest in God's peace. Only this route can take you.



SAVE THE DATE

IT'S BACK! CATHOLIC NIGHT

Plan to attend Catholic Night with the Springfield Cardinals Sun., Aug. 3, 6:05 p.m.

Ticket information and other details will be available soon!

Totus Tuus
Summer Youth Program
2025

register at <https://dioscg.org/youth-ministry/>
email Simon Elfrink at selfrink@dioscg.org for questions about Totus Tuus

TOTUS TUUS
Registration is NOW OPEN

For more information about Totus Tuus, visit <https://dioscg.org/youth-ministry/> or contact Simon Elfrink (selfrink@dioscg.org) in the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry.

What is Totus Tuus?

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. A team of energetic young adults will lead the youth of the parish (grades 1-12) in games, skits, lessons, prayer, small groups, and more!



2025 Camp Re-NEW-All

STAFF NEEDED AT CAMP CARLO IN CONWAY, MO

POSITIONS NEEDED:

1C: July 6 - July 11, 2025

- Male Senior Counselor

2C: July 13 - July 18, 2025

- Male Counselors

- Cook Assistants (will assist with serving, light cooking, cleaning, etc)

- Female Counselors

- Medical Staff (LPN, RN, Physician, EMT, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner)

- Night Watch (21+)

- Sports Director (18+)

- Waterfront Director (21+)

3C: July 20 - July 25, 2025

- Adults 21+ (various positions available, cook assistants are in most need)

- Girls Counselor

- Boys Counselors

- Night Watch (21+)

- ADULTS 21+ CAN EARN A \$300 STIPEND & REGISTER ONE CHILD FOR FREE



Scan Here to Apply

- HIGH SCHOOL STAFF CAN EARN SERVICE HOURS



PENTECOST SUNDAY

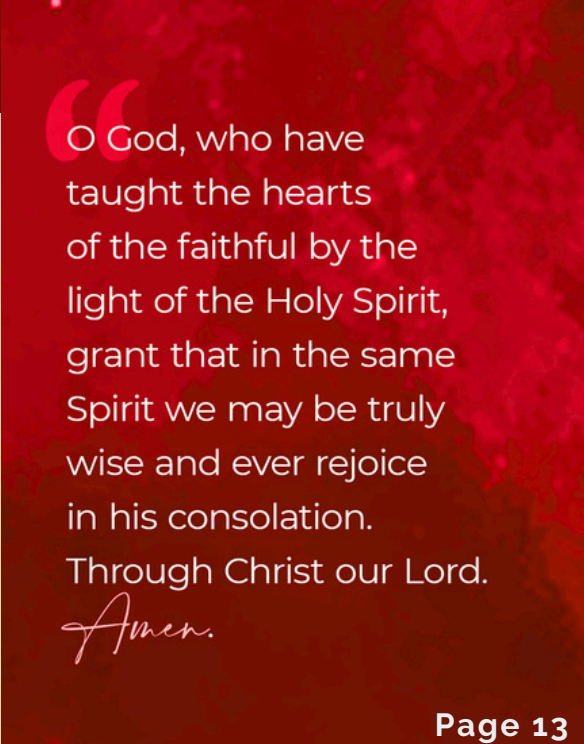


Pray this
prayer for

Pentecost:



“Come, *Holy Spirit*,
fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the
face of the earth.



“O God, who have
taught the hearts
of the faithful by the
light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same
Spirit we may be truly
wise and ever rejoice
in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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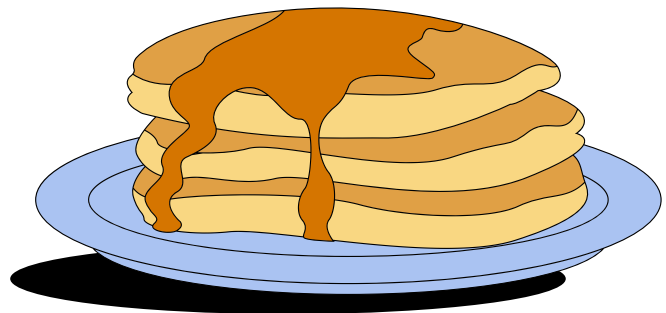
Knights' Corner ~ Council 6470

K of C Parish Breakfast

Mark your calendars for June 15th!
Serving a delicious breakfast for Father's Day!

After both the 8am and 10:30am masses, the Knights of Columbus will be serving up breakfast in the St. Joseph Hall at the Parish Center.

Come hungry and enjoy some food and fellowship!



Save the DATES!

More Events Coming...

Our Council has reserved the following dates for more food and fellowship opportunities to come:

August 3rd - November 9th

Plan ahead to come and support our charitable endeavors! Knights! Check to see how YOU can be involved and help out!

Seminarian Support Fund

KofC Council 6470 is starting something new, and we're inviting YOU to be a part of it.

Our Council has historically supported our diocesan seminarians with their living expenses while in seminary, but we're looking to do more.

We are establishing a KofC Seminarian Support Fund to serve as a sort of endowment to support our diocesan seminarians. Our goal is raise over \$30,000 to establish a fund that will allow us to use the interest earned to provide more than four times the support we typically have been able to give annually, and to grow the fund to continually expand our giving potential. Be on the lookout for more information, and an after mass appeal coming in June, or reach out to our council for more details.



Food Drive Update



As of 5/24/25, Our Lady of the Lake has donated over 2094 lbs of food and \$1510 to the Salvation Army Food Pantry for the Fraternal year 7/1/24 - 6/30/25.

Did you know the Salvation Army can buy food at just \$0.18 per pound? Obviously this makes monetary contributions more effective.

Just a reminder that for every 1000 lbs of food **AND** for every \$500 donated, K of C donates \$100 to the pantry, up to \$500 each from the K of C annually.

Want to make a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army Food Panty through the Knights of Columbus to help reach the bonus gift from the K of C?

Make checks payable to:
K of C Council 6470
Memo: S. A. Food Pantry

Send checks to:
Knights of Columbus S. A. Food Pantry: Our Lady of the Lake
203 Vaughn Dr. Branson, MO. 65616



Need a Digital Way to Donate?

Here's a handy dandy little QR code for our Council's Venmo.

Just be sure to mention what it's for.
It helps to keep our financial secretary sane.

The next blood drive is scheduled
for **July 25th**
from 12 noon to 5:00pm at
Our Lady of the Lake Parish Center
202 Vaughn Drive
Branson, Mo. 65616

**Red Cross
Blood Drive**

43 - units collected at the March 21, 2025 drive.
57 - drives successfully completed since Nov. 2015.
2859 - units of blood have been collected since Nov. 2015.

GO TO –
www.redcrossblood.org zip code 65616 to schedule appointment

Meeting Reminder

Don't forget, our membership meetings are held every *first* Thursday in the Faith Formation Room in the Church, Rosary starting @ 6:30pm, mtg @ 7pm.

Don't forget! The Larry Konzen Social is on after the meetings too!
Stick around after the meeting for a bit and enjoy some fellowship and snacks with your brother knights.

Interested in becoming a Knight?

Contact the church office for contact information, or go online @
kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html

Use promo code **SHINKEBEIN** for one year free membership!

MAY GOD GUIDE your steps

PENTECOST SUNDAY



"What did the Apostles receive after eating spicy food?"



"Tongues of fire!"



Nine days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the Apostles in the form of fiery tongues. From this grace, the Apostles were able to speak in a way that anyone could understand them!

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What year marked the first time that Catholics in the United States were allowed to receive the Eucharist in their hands?

Answer: 1977

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PENTECOST





[Jesus] said to them again,
“Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”

JOHN 20:21

Spirited Life

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are in a time when many seem to live with deep anger, much of which may come from fear generated by a sense of loss of control over our lives. We struggle to control the economy, our borders, the spread of disease, the violence in our cities and on our roads. Places once deemed safe—our schools, stores, and churches—have been invaded by violence. Ironically, those who feel most threatened by violence tend to turn to violence as a solution.

Do the scripture readings on this feast of Pentecost offer any hint of light as to how we might move forward?

Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans contrasts living in the flesh with living in the spirit that has been given to us. To “live in the flesh” is Paul’s code word for living by our baser instincts—lust for power, revenge, and pleasure; anger; greed—all of which focus on ourselves. By contrast, to live in the spirit is to respond not from our baser instincts but rather to choose a more noble path, to take the high road, to care for the common good. For Paul, living in the flesh is a dead end, unable to bring us to life now or in the hereafter. To live in the spirit is to live in God, already in this life. Thus, Paul cautions that we not “fall back into fear,” something that arises from our preoccupation with the flesh. ●

Reflect

What situations or “triggers” cause me to act out of my baser instincts?

Dear Padre,

My Catholic friend says she speaks in tongues and does not feel she needs an interpretation as she does so. She writes down the exchange as she listens to others. What does the Catholic Church say about speaking in tongues? How should I respond if she asks to pray for me in this way?

Good for your friend. A robust spiritual practice is a real grace from God. At the same time, it seems that a gentle reminder, albeit a respectful one, to your friend might include the wisdom of St. Paul. In 1 Corinthians, Paul cautions that the person who speaks in tongues must ask for interpretation of what is spoken so that it may be confirmed. There is real wisdom offered here. It is also helpful to remember that in the Christian understanding of supernatural gifts, such gifts are not intended solely for the individual person but always for the well-being of the community and the common good (1 Cor 12:7). Keeping this integrated and balanced understanding as an essential component of the manifestation of the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit will only lead to good and to a more powerful experience of God's grace and life. In the Christian life, it is never about just the individual, but always inclusive of the experience of our brothers and sisters in Christ. ●



JANTANEE RUNPRANOMKORN / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 9 <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Jn 19:25-34	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16	June 11 <i>St. Barnabas, Apostle</i> Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:17-19	June 12 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26	June 13 <i>St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 5:27-32	June 14 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Cor 5:14-21 Mt 5:33-37	June 15 <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i> Prv 8:22-31 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Spirit...makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.... We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith...! [The Holy Spirit]...brings...the faith up to date: this is his job. [He] does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, JUNE 5, 2022

Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:

2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/
Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday:

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, “Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn’t bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?” We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. **“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23)**. Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word “sin” comes from an ancient word that means “to split” or “render asunder.” Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual “breath” leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It’s always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— *Father John Muir*

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Wednesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Friday: St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: Flag Day
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day



Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of praying before meals is Biblical, and in the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God —
Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us. Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings. Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God.
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