

## Pentecost Sunday: May 24, 2026

### Holy Father's Intention for May: For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

### “Receive the Holy Spirit”:

Today, on Pentecost, the promise that Christ made to the Apostles is fulfilled. On the evening of Easter Sunday, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). The coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost solemnly renews and brings to completion this gift with outward manifestations. Thus, the Paschal mystery is culminated.

The Spirit that Jesus conveys creates a new human condition in the disciple and fosters unity. When arrogance led people to challenge God by building the Tower of Babel, God confused their languages, and they could not understand each other. At Pentecost, the opposite occurs: by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were understood by people of the most diverse origins and languages.

The Holy Spirit is the inner Teacher who guides the disciples towards truth, who motivates them to do good, who comforts them in pain and transforms them internally, giving them new strength and capacity.

On the first Pentecost of the Christian era, the Apostles were gathered together with the Virgin Mary, and they were in prayer. Solitude and a prayerful attitude are essential to receive the Spirit. "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" (Acts 2:2-3).

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to preach boldly. Those men, once fearful, had been transformed into courageous preachers who did not fear imprisonment, torture, or martyrdom. It's not surprising; the power of the Spirit was in them.

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, is the soul of my soul, the life of my life, the being of my being; He is my sanctifier, the guest of my innermost self. To mature in the life of faith, it is essential that our relationship with Him becomes increasingly conscious and personal. On this Pentecost celebration, let us throw open the doors of our inner being.

### Bicentennial Jubilee Year.

This July the Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrate its 200 years of faith in the Archdiocese. In preparing for this milestone and faith-filled event all are invited to come together in prayer: entrusting our gratitude, our petitions, and our hopes to the Lord. Prayers and intentions can be dropped to the box of *Prayer of the People* located at the back of the Church. Prayer intentions gathered from our parish will be presented together at the Jubilee Mass in July. Let your prayer be part of this historic act of communion.

## Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

### Today's Gospel: John 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



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“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

### Second Collection:

\* There will be a second collection this Sunday May 24 for Catholic Communication Campaign. **Please be generous!**

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**Being Strengthened by the Spirit:** Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday which is called by many as the birthday of the Church. Let us take some time to reflect on the Holy Spirit in our lives as stewards. Firstly, we should never fail to marvel at the fact that starting with 11 lowly men 2000 years ago, the Catholic Church still continues to this day and the name of Jesus is praised and adored all over the world. This is the power of the Holy Spirit. From a human standpoint, the church should have failed centuries ago if it were not sustained by the Spirit. This should inspire us as stewards to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide all of our actions.

Moreover, in today's second reading from Corinthians, St. Paul says that "there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit ... [and] to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Each of us as stewards have particular gifts and talents from the Spirit that are not to be hoarded but generously used for the "common good" of the Church. We should all take time to reflect on what particular way is God calling us to serve Him. None of us are exempt from this call for St. Paul explains that we are all to work for the good of the Church in our own ways.

Let us pray this week for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our lives. May the same Spirit that has birthed the Church and guided her through the millennium continue to raise up great stewards to continue to carry out the great commission of Christ in all the world.

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### Offering for May 17, 2026

<b>Total Sum. Collection</b>	<b>\$5,002.00</b>
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Pan-Asia	\$ 400.00
Sacramental Fee	\$ 50.00
Funeral	\$ 500.00

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**Baptism:** Arrangements must be made one week in advance.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

### Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

**Sun 5/24:** \* Thanksgiving, all souls & intention by 1 person

\* Maria, Martha and Joseph by Khiet Loan

\* Maria Nghiem by Van Le

**Mon 5/25:** \* Peace for family by Hong Au

**Tues 5/26:** \* All souls by Hong Au

**Wed 5/27:** \* Maria by Vu

\* Maria, Ann and John the Baptist by Lich Ho

**Thurs 5/28:** \* Joseph and Maria by Hong Au

\* Thanksgiving and peace for family by 1 person

**Fri 5/29:** \* All souls by family

\* Dominic, peace for family and intention by Ca Do

**Sat 5/30:** \* Joseph by My Em- Phong Nguyen

\* Intention by 1 person