

# Ss PETER & PAUL

MAY 23, 2021 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



*Pentecost Sunday*

***“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”***

*-1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY

8:30 am Quiet Mass

10:30 am with Music

12:00 pm with Music

## DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday

Mass 12:10 pm

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11 am → 1:30 pm

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Sunday

8 am → 1 pm

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## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 22

5:00 pm † Rosita Ortiz Castaneda

### Sunday, May 23 Pentecost Sunday

8:30 am † Miles Benjamin Romain

10:30 am † Joseph Maugeri

12:00 pm For the People of the Parish

### Monday, May 24

12:10 pm † Antonia Capilla

### Tuesday, May 25

12:10 pm † Susanna McInerney

### Wednesday, May 26

12:10 pm † Robert V. Digenova

### Thursday, May 27

12:10 pm † Anthony Russo

### Friday, May 28

12:10 pm For the Health and Well-being of  
Hayley Elizabeth Doren

### Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm † Natividad Martinez

### Sunday, May 30

8:30 am In Honor of The Holy Trinity

10:30 am † Robert John Meyer

12:00 pm † Domenic Matesic

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See Dates & Details on Parish Website

### Staff Contact:

Stephanie Panzariello

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## Confession/Reconciliation

During the ongoing pandemic restrictions, **Confessions are by appointment only at the discretion and availability of the Priest.**

Contact the Parish Office.



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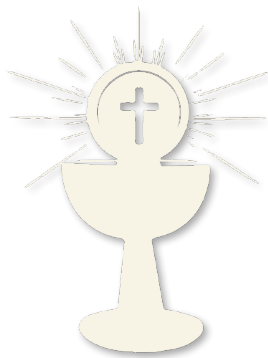
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*For the Health & Well-Being of*  
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# Pentecost

## Sunday

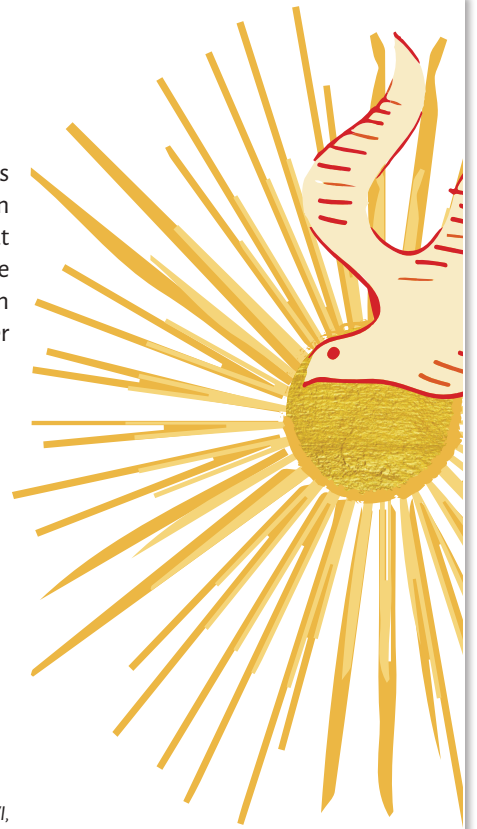
Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The following prayer was recited by Pope Benedict XVI  
in a homily on November 7, 2006. This is a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

*Let us invoke him so that he will irrigate,  
warm and straighten,  
so that he will pervade us with the power  
of his sacred flame and renew the earth.  
Let us pray for this with all our hearts at this time,  
in these days. Amen.*

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## Anniversary Blessings!

**On Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Fr Michael will be celebrating the  
21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination!!**

*Msgr Michael,*

We wish you the blessings of God's strength  
and wisdom as you continue to guide and  
encourage us all.

We thank you for your faithful service  
to the people of God, and for the dedication,  
compassion, love, and joy you bring to SPP!

*You are in our prayers, always.*



*Msgr Michael giving his Parents his First Blessing,  
at his Ordination Mass at the Cathedral.*

# *Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed*



Gianluca Araneo  
Emilie Aufaure  
Nicholas Buckley  
Joshua Vincent Burke  
Joseph Anthony Fiore  
Amanda Friel  
Nicholas Gallucci  
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Lucas Rakela  
Aneel Ward  
Michael (MJ) Wright

*A special thank you to **Miss Katie Riley**, our Director of Religious Education, for teaching and guiding our students over the past few months towards reaching this special milestone in their faith!*

*Welcome the Holy Spirit into your lives!*





# An Ongoing (Pandemic) Journey

Written by **Mike Duffy**

**A**t a recent meeting of former volunteers in the Prison Ministry, it was my turn to do a talk. (By the way, prisons are no longer open to volunteers; in fact many are still not allowing family visits.) The topic assigned by the leader of the group was: Has my perception of God changed during the Pandemic?

Here's what I had to say: My perspective of God has not changed. To me, to quote St. Bonaventure "God is the intelligible being whose circumference is nowhere and whose center is everywhere." And perhaps qualified by another great quote: "If it's understandable, it's not God". And of course God is Love. And by that I mean, that there is a purity in God; that purity has the effect that the further we get from God, the more ok we can think we are or at least that's what our egos tell us. The closer we get to God, it's like a light shining into a dusty room, the more we are aware of our frailties.

*So what do I have to say; what's changed for me this last year?*

It is how I relate to God or at least how I should be relating to God. I have become more aware that I really want "my will to be done" while at the same time trying to figure out how to manage God. What do I mean by this? It's really an awareness that in my prayer and other aspects of my life, I continue to want to have my own agenda, be in control, while at the same time hoping for a deeper relationship with God. But that means I'm pulling in two opposite directions at the same time. It's my sense that the opposite of Love is not hate, it's control. So you can't really have a deep relationship with God, if you want Control. (I don't think even God is in control because we are loved by God, but that doesn't mean His will won't be done.) Much of my spiritual practice, such as it is, has been more like an exercise program where one is trying to lose weight or get fit. Basically doing something to get something. What I need to do, and in a half-baked way have been trying to do, is to pray out of desire for oneness with God rather than trying to "win" God over. But I continue to struggle: hugely!

In John's gospel, when Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being born again, He skipped over an important point: you can't be born again if you first don't die; die to the self that keeps you from God. The more you can let go and not be dominated by your ego, the better your chances of a relationship with God. Ruth Burrows the Carmelite sister puts it well:

*"There would be something incongruous in a person saying that they desire God but never depriving themselves of anything and having everything when they want"*

This is difficult when you (me) have a natural tendency to focus on our own needs, and moreover, when we live in a society that encourages you to have what you want if you can figure out how to get it. The quote from Oscar Wilde really resonates with me: "I can resist anything but temptation".

*So what am I doing?* I'm showing up. Like parenting, friendship or anything really important in life, it's about showing up. Trying to show up for prayer. Trying to be present to those around me knowing that they are actually God in my day to day life.

Praying for the strength to be not so self-centered. Realizing that I shouldn't expect to feel anything in my prayer. That God speaks to us far below the level of our consciousness, and that if we do feel good in our prayer, it's likely our imagination. There is no "good prayer". There is only praying and not praying.

And of course, trying to keep front and center at all times Matthew 25. (I was hungry and you fed me, a stranger and you welcomed me, sick and you cared for me and so on) Because it has to be so much more than just prayer. You'll notice that Jesus didn't really emphasize the 10 commandments (people killing, stealing, coveting wives, etc.) Jesus wanted us to move beyond what might have made sense 1000+ years before; that not doing evil doesn't mean you're doing good. He really put the emphasis on active Love and didn't put qualifiers on that Love. For example, He didn't say I was sick (and because I had health insurance.....) I was a stranger (that conveniently looked like you and had your values.....).

Jesus called us to move beyond our comfort zones, and hence gave us a clear roadmap for our lives. Prayer, love for our neighbor, and to do these of course, we need some discipline (from which discipleship is derived). To set aside our priorities and preferences; to let go of our egos and deprive ourselves a little, so that we can indeed, like Jesus told Nicodemus, be born again.

# The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist

## Basic Questions and Answers

Whether you are new to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist or have been receiving for years, familiarizing ourselves with the details behind this sacred ritual helps to enhance our faith and understanding. Over the next weeks, leading up to the Feast of Corpus Christi and our First Communicants receiving the Sacrament for the first time, we will revisit some basic questions and answers here.

### 10. If someone without faith eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

If "to receive" means "to consume," the answer is yes, for what the person consumes is the Body and Blood of Christ. If "to receive" means "to accept the Body and Blood of Christ knowingly and willingly as what they are, so as to obtain the spiritual benefit," then the answer is no. A lack of faith on the part of the person eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ cannot change what these are, but it does prevent the person from obtaining the spiritual benefit, which is communion with Christ. Such reception of Christ's Body and Blood would be in vain and, if done knowingly, would be sacrilegious (1 Cor 11:29). Reception of the Blessed Sacrament is not an automatic remedy. If we do not desire communion with Christ, God does not force this upon us.

*Rather, we must by faith accept God's offer of communion in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, and cooperate with God's grace in order to have our hearts and minds transformed and our faith and love of God increased.*

### 11. If a believer who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

Yes. The attitude or disposition of the recipient cannot change what the consecrated bread and wine are. The question here is thus not primarily about the nature of the Real Presence, but about how sin affects the relationship between an individual and the Lord. Before one steps forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, one needs to be in a right relationship with the Lord and his Mystical Body, the Church - that is, in a state of grace, free of all mortal sin. While sin damages, and can even destroy, that relationship, the sacrament of Penance can restore it. St. Paul tells us that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord.

*A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup" (1 Cor 11:27-28).*

Anyone who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin should be reconciled through the sacrament of Penance before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, unless a grave reason exists for doing so and there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, that is, an act of sorrow for sins that "arises from a love by which God is loved above all else" (Catechism, no. 1452). The act of perfect contrition must be accompanied by the firm intention of making a sacramental confession as soon as possible.

### 12. Does one receive the whole Christ if one receives Holy Communion under a single form?

Yes. Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist.

*Furthermore, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of the consecrated Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood.*

Nevertheless, it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (cf. Eucharisticum Mysterium, no. 32).

### 13. Is Christ present during the celebration of the Eucharist in other ways in addition to his Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament?

Yes. Christ is present during the Eucharist in various ways. He is present in the person of the priest who offers the sacrifice of the Mass. According to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, Christ is present in his Word "since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. "He is also present in the assembled people as they pray and sing, "for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (Mt 18:20)" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 7). Furthermore, he is likewise present in other sacraments; for example, "when anybody baptizes it is really Christ himself who baptizes" (ibid.). We speak of the presence of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine as "real" in order to emphasize the special nature of that presence.

*What appears to be bread and wine is in its very substance the Body and Blood of Christ. The entire Christ is present, God and man, body and blood, soul and divinity.*

While the other ways in which Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist are certainly not unreal, this way surpasses the others. "This presence is called 'real' not to exclude the idea that the others are 'real' too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man" (Mysterium Fidei, no. 39).

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**If you would like to get involved please contact:**

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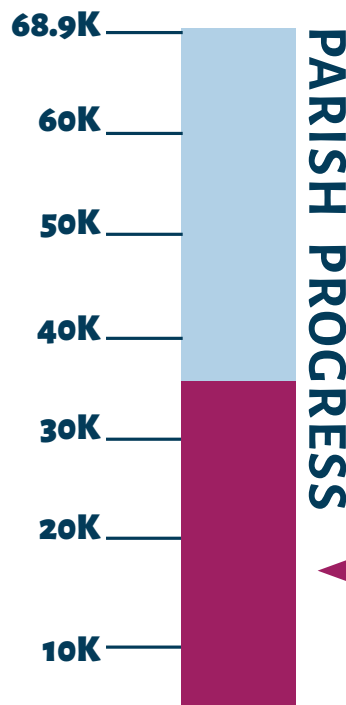
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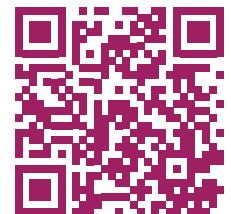
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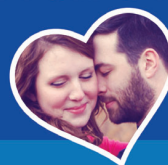
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