



PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Saturday Liturgy: 5:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday Liturgy: 6:30 PM

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration: 6:30 PM



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READINGS

May 2024

May 19

Pentecost Sunday

Epistle

Gospel

Acts 2: 1-21

Jn 14:15-20

May 26

Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

Epistle

Gospel

Rom 11:25-36

Mt 28:16-20



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FROM

Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

May 19

11:00 AM

Available

May 26:

11:00 AM

Remember In Your Kingdom

By: The Priest

June 2

11:00 AM

Available

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2024

May 19

Denise & George Harb

May 26

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June 2

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PARISH OFFERING

May 12, 2024



Weekly offering

\$1,068.00

Mother's Day Brunch

\$2,430.00

Total Income

\$3,498.00

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your support*

Important Messages

Daily Readings

Monday: Acts 2:22-28; Jn 3:5-8

Tuesday: Acts 2:29-39; Jn 4:21-24

Wednesday: Acts 2:40-47; Jn 7:37-39

Thursday: Acts 3:1-10; Jn 14:1-7

Friday: Acts 3:11-21; Jn 14:8-14

Saturday: Acts 3:22-4:4; Jn 14:27-31



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

Is a vigil light burning 24/7 and kept near the Blessed Sacrament. The light indicates the unfathomable mystery of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus. It reminds us of the reverence due to the Sacrament. The burning light is a pious custom as a way of prolonging our adoration and prayer to honor His presence.

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- By Mail at: 600 Mount Vernon Church Rd., Raleigh NC 27614
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Upcoming Second Collection

- May 19: Catholic Communications Campaign
- June 30: Holy Father's Collection
- September 8: Catholic University of America and Maronite Seminary

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2024

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| May 19: | Pentecost Sunday |
| May 30: | Thursday of the Body of Christ |
| June 7: | The Sacred Heart of Jesus |

Pentecost Sunday

Qurbono P. 406; Creed P. 748; Anaphora of St. Mark p. 835

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke defined the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples on the Fiftieth day after Jesus' resurrection (Acts 2:1). He also specified the Ascension on the Fortieth after the resurrection (Acts 1:3). The event of the Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost is a single historical and theological event. However, Church liturgical celebration separated them. The "Fortieth" day symbolizes a complete period of time through which a great salvific event is accomplished. The "Fiftieth" day refers to the fullness of time, meaning: The Seven Weeks. That is why it is called in the Torah the "Feast of Weeks" or the "Feast of Pentecost" referring to the "Feast of Gathering" and commemorating, on the day of the Gathering at the foot of Mount Sinai, the handing on of the Law to Moses and the seal of the covenant between God and his people (EX. 19:16-25; 24:1-11). That was the purpose and the goal: "Exodus from Egypt" which means the Feast of the Passover.

St. Luke applied this tradition to the new Christian community. On the Fiftieth day when the Israelites exited Egypt, God gave them the Law in Sinai. On the Fiftieth day of the Resurrection, and before he goes back to the Father, Jesus gave his Apostles the Holy Spirit, the Law of the New Covenant.

Pentecost is at the same time the beginning of a new liturgical season stretching about eighteen weeks, from Pentecost Sunday until September 14, the Exaltation of the Cross. It is the Season of the Holy Spirit who perfects in us the work of the Father and the Son. It is the Season of the Church who lives, with all her children every day in the Holy Spirit, the mystery of Christ the living redeemer, throughout the ages until the end of time, and grows in Faith, Hope and Love.

The Season of Pentecost is organized into three different periods: (a) The first four Sundays cover the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and to the Church. In a salvific historical event, the Church receives the Holy Spirit. She is born anew through a special bond at the feast of Pentecost. (b) The fifth to the tenth Sunday cover the presence of the Holy Spirit in the mission of the Apostles and of the Church, their witness in the Church, and the Divine Wisdom speaking through them. This is closely connected with the feast of Saints Peter and Paul and the feast of the Twelve Apostles. (c) The eleventh to the eighteenth Sunday cover the presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart of every baptized faithful. It is seen in the fruits of the evangelic mission to the Jews and to all nations through preaching, listening and accepting the Word. It is also seen in our prayer life, in the love of the neighbor and in the everlasting love of God. All of these are closely connected with both feasts, the Transfiguration and the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into heaven and her maternal role in the Church.

In today's Gospel during the last supper, Jesus promised his disciples that he will ask the Father to send them the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, to remain with them and to dwell within each one of them so that they will be able to see him alive, not physically, but through faith and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost carries with it a new set of images related to the outpouring of God's Graces through the Spirit of Christ, along with the excitement and the fiery interplay of these gifts that form, move and reconstruct the church community and the social world around us in new grace-filled ways. These gifts of differing types may be explored and shared by the faithful of different ages with ways of putting them to good communal services.