

VIGIL OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 7/8, 2025



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Gen 3:9-15, 20 Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34
Tue 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 Mt 5:13-16
Wed Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 5:17-19
Thu 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11 12, 13-14 Mt 5:20-26
Fri 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Mt 5:27-32
Sat 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 5:33-37
Sun Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



MASS INTENTIONS/ OFFERTORY GIFTS

When more than one family has an intention for a single Mass, we suggest that a member of each family present the gifts (hosts and wine) to

the Celebrant. Please notify an Usher before Mass if you are in attendance and wish to bring the gifts to the altar and whether you would like the gifts to be placed in front of the first pew (if you are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle)

Bereavement



St. Joseph Parish community mourns the passing of our loved ones. Please pray for **Jerome "Bud" Howard, Jr.** and his family and be assured that Our Lord is always listening. God Bless you and keep you safe!

REFLECTIONS

We lovers of classical symphonies are used to long pieces of music ending with a loud crescendo of timpani, or kettle drums. These drums are often seen at the back of the orchestra and called upon by composers to deliver thunderous percussion impact of a kind no other instrument can. You could say the music "ends with a bang."

No doubt that upper room on Pentecost was filled with the sharp clap of thunder, with wind howling until the tongues of fire appeared over the heads of the frightened Apostles. But the "happening" was definitely the end of doubt and the fear that could come with it. All the noise preceded a calm resolution in their hearts to leave their self-imposed isolation and greet the crowd outside with some "Good News." Jesus is alive; He is God; and He has saved us from our sins!

Pentecost marks the end of the long Lent-Easter cycle in the Church year. Ash Wednesday often comes on a dreary day in mid to late February. Pentecost closes matters on a Sunday in May or early June with warm sunshine and flowers.

All these centuries later, we still celebrate these central events, up to and including this day. The day that our Church was "born." As the special day that the Holy Spirit came down, not crashing as much as landing on the heads of the first leaders of Christianity. The Spirit comes as Jesus had predicted.

What a thrill the recall of this event should be for us and for all who believe! For we acknowledge ourselves as the Church on earth! We are also members of the Mystical Body, with Christ Himself as our Head.

We can be so proud to realize that the Holy Spirit has never left the Church in all her mixed history of ups and downs. His guidance precludes any lapse of error in her official teachings as she marches through time. However, we must never forget that we are all redeemed sinners, made so by a loving God whose Son's ultimate sacrifice opened the doors of heaven.

Meanwhile, we still have many unanswered questions. Let's not forget that life here below is replete with riddles. One of them is illustrated by this story. Once upon a time, the beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas was asked, "Will we know each other when we get to heaven?" His answer: "We won't really know each other until we get to heaven."

God love you and give you His Pentecost peace.

source: Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



The MISSION of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our VISION: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material, and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

VIGIL OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

- June 7 +In Memory of Lori Tesseris
Sat 4:00pm by Lisa Bouvier
- June 10 +In Memory of Annette Pocino
Tue 7:45am (B'day Rem) by her Family
- June 11 +In Memory of Michael and
Wed 7:45am Annette Pocino by their Family

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- June 14 +In Memory of the deceased Father's
Sat 4:00pm of the Walker and Cosetta Families
by Linda, Paul and Bethany



SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week In Memory of the deceased Father's of the Zontek and Fortin Families by Ann



Do you, or someone you know, need a prayer? Call Pauline Prew 568-5644 and have our “Prayer Warriors” pray for your intentions.

PRAYER FOR HOPE

When it feels like nothing is going right for us, and we just can't seem to catch a break, God is always near to us, let us pray:

Heavenly Father, please be with me today. My heart hurts. I feel overwhelmed, and it's difficult for me to see the joy that only You provide. Still, I trust in You and place my problems in your hands. I pray that you can open my eyes to the ways in which Your love is embracing me. Amen.

source: Catholic.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Due to a systems upgrade at the publishing company, there will not be a financial update until June. As always thank you for your patience, as well as your spiritual and financial support.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 7	Catholic Communication
June 14	Father's Day
July 5	Monthly
July 26	Mission Co-Op
Aug 2	Peter's Pence
Aug 9	Monthly
Aug 15	Assumption

ON-LINE GIVING

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If you have not done so already, please visit our website-stjosephri.org to enroll in on-line giving. (See “Parish Giving” icon-bulletins lower left corner of the home page.)

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Mark your calendars: More information to follow after this meeting:

Informational Activities Committee Meeting:

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 6:30pm in the church basement. Any questions or concerns, please contact:

Tammy Parkhurst at (401) 309-6472

PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

Let us continue praying for His Holiness:

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

Let us pray for the Pope Leo. R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies. V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant. R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

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