



Saturday, May 23

5p Nancy Ehrman (D)

7p

Sunday, May 24

8a Rosey Molina (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Monday, May 25

No Mass

Tuesday, May 26

8:30a Communion Service

Wednesday, May 27

6:30p Communion Service

Thursday, May 28

8:30a Communion Service

Friday, May 29

8:30a Communion Service

Saturday, May 30

5p Ann Johnson (D)

7p

Sunday, May 31

8a Jude Singer (D)

10:30a People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

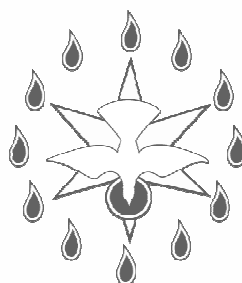
BREAK OPEN THE WORD



In St. John's account of the Last Supper, Jesus promises that the Spirit will guide his disciples in all truth. This was (is) his way to remind us that God's revelation did not end with the close of the New Testament. Like the apostles after the resurrection, we, too, are called to be witnesses to what God does in history. Like the disciples, we are promised the help of the Spirit in our vocation as witnesses. The promise of the Spirit is the greatest gift we could hope for. It won't give us infallibility, but it does assure us enough that we can pray with confidence, along with the American spiritual writer Thomas Merton, "I will trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

In the Pentecost account that comes from Jesus' Easter evening appearance to the disciples, we encounter the disciples in a room like that of the Last Supper, except that this time they have fearfully locked themselves in. The risen Christ enters, unbound and unconstrained. As he approaches, he speaks one profound and powerful word: "Peace." Peace is what he promised them at the Last Supper, now he gives it to them, and as he said he would, he also gives them his mission. Then, as a reminder of the first days of creation, on this new "**first day**" the risen Christ blows his Spirit over them.

With those simple, profound gestures, Christ entered their lives once again. Because of that, they received the peace that overcame fear and shame. That was all they needed to become the disciples who would spread his forgiveness. The Spirit had come, and will come again to those who wait.



"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle within us the fire of your love."

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday

A SIGNIFICANT DAY

“And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were” (Acts 2:2). The Holy Spirit’s arrival on that first Pentecost was signaled by a rush of wind. We all know what it’s like when our windows are open just as a summer storm rises up.

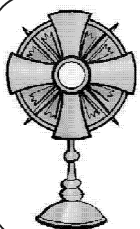
Curtains fly, papers become airborne, house plants shudder, dust is scattered. A rush of wind disrupts the orderliness of our home. The coming of the Holy Spirit, as celebrated each year at Pentecost, can also disrupt ways that have become comfortable and orderly. The Church always needs Pentecost. We need the breath of God’s Spirit to blow away any complacency or malaise that has settled into our faith. Jesus breathes on his disciples and they receive the Holy Spirit. With that reception comes the power to share the Good News of salvation. Today, this is no less true for us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co. Inc.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El tiempo de Pascua termina con el Domingo de Pentecostés y la venida del Espíritu Santo. Pero, ¿qué o quién es el Espíritu Santo? En 1897, el papa León XIII escribió la primera encíclica papal acerca del Espíritu Santo. Llamada *Divinum illud munus* (Aquel Divino Encargo). En esa encíclica, León XIII explica quién es el Espíritu de Dios y cuál es su función.

El Espíritu Santo es la bondad, el amor y la caridad del Padre y del Hijo. Un amor tan fuerte e inmenso que se hace persona y se derrama sobre nosotros. El Papa insiste que si Cristo es la cabeza de la Iglesia, el Espíritu Santo es su alma. El Espíritu de Dios se manifiesta en la Iglesia, perdonando pecados, repartiendo gracia y habitando en el corazón de los fieles.

Jesús declara a sus discípulos: “Les conviene que yo me vaya; porque si no me voy, no vendrá a ustedes el Paráclito; pero si me voy, se los enviaré (Juan 16:7). Por eso conviene que pidamos el don del Espíritu Santo, fuente inagotable de luz, de consuelo y de gracia.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glez, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is June 2. Please sign up.

Domingo de Pentecostés

UN DÍA SIGNIFICATIVO

“De repente se oyó un gran ruido que venía del cielo, como cuando sopla un viento fuerte, que resonó por toda la casa donde se encontraban” (Hechos 2:2). La llegada del Espíritu Santo en ese primer Pentecostés fue marcada por un viento fuerte. Todos sabemos lo que se siente cuando abrimos las ventanas en el momento en que se levanta una tormenta de verano. Las cortinas vuelan, los papeles se elevan, las plantas tiemblan y el polvo se revuelve. Un ventarrón que perturba el orden de nuestro hogar. La venida del Espíritu Santo, que celebramos cada año durante Pentecostés, también puede perturbar hábitos que se han vuelto cómodos y organizados. La Iglesia siempre necesita de Pentecostés. Necesitamos el soplo del Espíritu de Dios para que disperse nuestras autocomplacencias o cualquier malestar que ha penetrado nuestra fe. Jesús sopla en sus discípulos y reciben el Espíritu Santo. Con esa recepción viene el poder de compartir la Buena Nueva de la salvación. Hoy esa realidad no es diferente a lo que se espera de NOSOTROS. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Marriage is ideally a parish event today, but in the first three centuries of the church’s history, it was a household celebration guided by civil law and pagan customs. Changes happened quickly after the Peace of Constantine in 312, and the fresh air after long persecution brought some creativity. The speech that the father of the groom’s family gave before dinner or the veiling or crowning of the bride (or even the spouse’s arrival at the honeymoon suite) attracted a prayer of blessing.

With amazing rapidity, worship was propelled out of the intimate setting of house churches to large public gathering spaces, and some parts of the marriage ceremony began to migrate with the growing community to the new spaces. In Rome, the veiling of the bride with the customary daily headgear of a married woman became the central liturgical act, accompanied by a biblical prayer for her integrity and fruitfulness. There were no vows as such (just as there are no vows to this day in the Orthodox marriage rite). In the liturgy, after hearing John’s Gospel account of the wedding at Cana, the bride was veiled and blessed, and the priest gave the kiss of peace to the husband, who then gave it to his bride. The liturgy of Rome traveled far, and everywhere it went, marriage became a church celebration.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Forever In Our Heart

May our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mr. Lana Fontenot

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR THE JUNE 25-28 MEN'S ACTS RETREAT AT THE HOLY FAMILY CENTER. THE COST IS \$170 BUT FINANCIAL NEED SHOULD NOT PREVENT YOU FROM REGISTERING. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. A \$50 DEPOSIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM HOLDS A PLACE FOR YOU. IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO MAKE THIS RETREAT, REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND CHURCH WEBSITE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !

Hats go off to: Taylor Abshire, Justin Anderson, Emanuel Balderas, Danyelle Hodges, Tristen LeBlanc, Emily Martin, Gabrielle Nation, Claire Trawhon, Andrew Usie, Hector Vela, and Molly Winfrey.

GIRLS CAMP

Calling all girls who are completing 5th-8th grade: Looking for summer fun? Join the Dominican Sisters of Houston for a week of summer camp at Circle Lake Retreat, Sun, June 28-Sat., July 4. Activities: Initiative games, Zoneball, baking, singing, swimming, arts and crafts, and more. For further information contact: Sr. Thomas Ann, OP, at 281-684-8011, or go on line at www.domhou.org and look under Ministries to download a brochure. Fee: \$425-one week session Registration Deadline is June 1

**Knights of Columbus
Barbecue**



Sunday, June 7

After 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**MONDAY, JULY 13-
FRIDAY, JULY 17**

For ages 3yrs thru 4th grade
*3 year olds must be potty trained

Cost- \$10 per child

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Knights of Columbus

If you are a practicing Catholic man, age 18 or older, we welcome you to join the leading organization of Catholic laymen.

Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your local community; it is supporting St. Francis Catholic Community, while enhancing your own faith and protecting and enhancing your family life. Come see just what we are all about and take the first steps to enhance your personal life by joining the Knights of Columbus.

Each month we have a **business meeting**, a **covered dish supper**, and **we attend mass as a group**. Contact Joel Ardoin if you are interested: joeldardoin@yahoo.com

Dementia Care Givers Support Group will meet Wednesday June 10th at 10a.m. and Thursday June 11th at 6:30 pm. in the Library of the Canticle. If you are presently giving care to someone with dementia, have a loved one with dementia, have previously been a dementia caregiver, or just curious about dementia care, please join us. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the morning and second Thursday of each month in the evening. For more information, contact: Jerry Ehrman



Congratulations to the newly married-
**Justin Daniels
and
Brittany Nobles**



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Orange Christian Services Annual Fund Raiser

Due to dwindling food support from SETX Food Bank and rising costs of food, gas, utilities and housing, and no support from United Way, OCS must find other sources of income and depends greatly on the Annual Golf Tournament and donations from area churches to purchase food from SETX Food Bank at a greatly reduced cost to feed the needy of Orange County. OCS donation envelopes were placed in the bulletin last weekend and are in the pews this weekend for parishioners to donate funds which will be used to purchase food from the SETX Food Bank at a greatly reduced cost. A \$10 donation will buy 62 1/2 pounds of food. Could your family afford to contribute \$10 or more to purchase food for the needy in Orange County? If so, please use an OCS



Food Drive

envelope and donate as the need in Orange County is great. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket this weekend or dropped off at the church office. Orange Christian Services thanks you in advance. Due to the generosity of our parishioners, St. Francis donates more to this fundraiser than any of the other 42 churches. Second collection this weekend will be for O.C.S.



Altar flowers for May 23,24
were donated by:

Jerry Ehrman
In memory of
Nancy Ehrman
and
Norma Franklin

In memory of my mother
Elvie Dubois and In honor
of wedding anniversary

Blessed Mother flowers were
donated by:

Mike and Patti Guilbeaux
In honor of
Our mother, Laura Mae
Guilbeaux's birthday

Adventures in Art

St. Francis Church
July 20-23, 2015



Art Lessons by:
Mrs. Cindy Claybar

Cost- \$60

Children Session I
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Children Session II
12:30-3:30 p.m.

Adults
6-9 p.m.

Please register in
the church office 9-
3 pm., M-F.

BISHOP'S FAITH APPEAL REPORT

180 families have pledged \$77,100
which is 100% of our goal from 28% of
our parishioners.

But just reaching the goal isn't enough.
Based on our history of payments versus
pledges, we need additional pledges of
\$7,700 or 10% above the goal.

Why is that necessary? Every year there
are people who move out of town, or
have their financial situation change, or
die. The additional pledges above the
goal allow us to cover the pledges that
are not completed. If you have not made
a pledge, please consider doing so.



Saturday, May 23

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 24

Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Adoration Sign Up

Sonlight Choir- 6:30 p.m.

Monday, May 25

Office closed-Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26

Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Men's faith sharing 5:45 a.m.

Women's faith sharing 6:15 a.m.

KC Dinner-6:30p(A-H Dessert,I-D Meat,

P-Z veg)

Wednesday, May 27

Communion Service 6:30 p.m.

Women ACTS Team Mtg-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28

Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Book Club 7 p.m.

Friday, May 29

Communion Service 8:30 a.m.

Girl Scouts 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

Reconciliation 4-4:45 p.m.

Mass 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Mass 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sonlight Choir- 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT May 17, 2015

Amount needed each week

\$11,873.00

Weekend regular collection
(including building fund)

\$ 12,741

Over Goal- \$868

Year to date totals May 17, 2015

Amount needed \$534,285

(\$11,873. x 45fiscal weeks)

Total Sunday collections to date

\$ 520,628

Year to date shortage \$13,657

Upcoming Special Collections

June 28-Peter's Pence-

May 25-Orange Christian Service



Scan for Online Giving Link

Online giving is an excellent way to fulfill your obligation to support
St. Francis parish. Go to www.stfrancisorangetx.org and click the
online Giving link.