

# Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

Send forth Your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth!

## Masses For The Week

### Sun 19 Pentecost Sunday

08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)  
+Oscar & Burma Cassiano (M/M Carlos Cassiano)  
+Catarina Soto (Maria Valles)

### Thr 23 Weekday

12:05 pm +For All Souls in Purgatory

### Pentecost Sunday

*When the Holy Spirit was poured forth at Pentecost, Christ's Paschal Mystery was brought to completion, and the Church was fully equipped to carry on his redemptive work in the world. At Pentecost, it is revealed that we remain always intimately united to our heavenly Father, who will shepherd his people home to the glory of heaven. "On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the 'last days,' the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated" (CCC 732).*

### The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of  
+Alicia Perez (Armando & Nena Colchado)

# Good News!

May 12, 2024

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts 1:1-11 / Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or  
4:1-7, 11-13 / Mark 16:15-20

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As a child, I remember our back yard had a fruit tree planted by my grandfather. Each year the tree bore apples and pears, both on the same tree. My grandfather explained that he had planted an apple sapling and then had grafted a pear branch onto its trunk. What continues to intrigue me about that tree is how the very same nourishment, the same sap out of the earth and traveling up the trunk, would produce such different fruits.

It is much like the power of the Holy Spirit given to human beings at the time of the ascension. Various gifts make themselves known, at times in the same person, over the course of a lifetime. A friend loved being a mom and raising a family. After the children had grown and went on their way, she went back to school and became a nurse. A local pastor was a pediatrician. After his wife died, he decided to become a priest. John Grisham, educated as an attorney, began writing novels. All apples and pears, the fruit of God's Spirit.

We tend to ask young people what they would like to be when they grow up. A better question might be to ask what they think God would like them to be. However someone might answer such a question, what is important is to do it with "humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3)—all prompted by God's Spirit. ●

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### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, and Rodrigo Medina.

Bishop James A. Tamayo  
along with the  
Calvary Catholic Cemetery Board & Staff  
cordially invite you to our  
Annual Memorial Day Mass & Ceremony  
Saturday, May 25th at 9:00am  
3600 McPherson Rd. Laredo, TX

Holy Mass will be held at the  
San Augustine Garden Pavilion Section  
of the Calvary Catholic Cemetery

The Presentation of Colors & a Wreath Laying Ceremony  
honoring those that gave their lives,  
Gold Star Mothers & their families  
will follow the Mass



### ATTENTION GRADUATES OF OUR PARISH



Only prospective graduates of our parish (High School & College) are invited to participate in the celebration of Mass on Sunday, June 2 at

8:00am. If you are an active parishioner and plan on participating, please call the Parish Office and give us your name on or before May 30; we have a gift for you.

LORD, enkindle the fire  
of your love in our hearts



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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 00.00

Loose: \$ 00.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 00.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 00.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 00.00

# Dear Padre

May 19, 2024

### Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer." ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Then there  
appeared  
tongues of  
fire which  
parted and  
came to rest  
on each one  
of them

And they  
were filled  
with the  
HOLY SPIRIT



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