

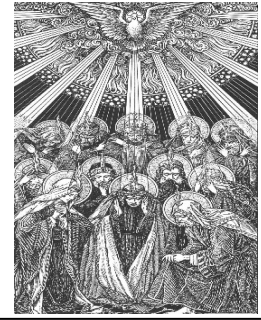


# Our Lady of Fatima Mission

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## May 19, 2024 Pentecost

### Mass Intention

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

### Pentecost

The mystery of Pentecost holds so important a place in the Christian dispensation, that we cannot be surprised at the Church's ranking it, in her liturgy, on an equality with her paschal solemnity. The Pasch is the redemption of man by the victory of Christ; Pentecost is the Holy Ghost taking possession of man redeemed. The Ascension is the intermediate mystery; it consummates the Pasch, by placing the Man-God, the Conqueror of death, and our Head, at the right hand of the Father; it prepares the mission of the Holy Ghost to our earth. This mission could not take place until Jesus had been glorified, as St. John tells us; and several reasons are assigned for this fact by the holy fathers. It was necessary that the Son of God, who, together with the Father, is the principle of the procession of the Holy Ghost in the divine essence, should also personally send this divine Spirit upon the earth. The exterior mission of one of the Three Persons is but the sequel and manifestation of the mysterious and eternal production which is ever going on within the Divinity. Thus the Father is not sent, either by the Son or by the Holy Ghost, because He does not proceed from them. The Son is sent to men by the Father, of whom He is eternally begotten. The Holy Ghost is sent by the Father and the Son, because He proceeds from both. But, in order that the mission of the Holy Ghost might give greater glory to the Son, there was a congruity in its not taking place until such time as the Incarnate Word should be enthroned at the right hand of the Father. How immense the glory of human nature, that it was hypostatically united to the Person of the Son of God when this mission of the Holy Ghost was achieved and that we can say,

in strict truth, the Holy Ghost was sent by the Man-God. This divine mission was not to be given to the Third Person, until men were deprived of the visible presence of Jesus. As we have already said, the hearts of the faithful were henceforward to follow their absent Redeemer by a purer and wholly spiritual love. Now, who was to bring us this new love, if not He who is the link of the eternal love of the Father and the Son? This Holy Spirit of love and union is called, in the sacred Scriptures, the 'Gift of God' and it is on the day of Pentecost that the Father and Son send us this ineffable Gift. Let us call to mind the words spoken by our Emmanuel to the Samaritan woman at the well of Sichar: "If thou didst know the Gift of God!" He had not yet been given, He had not yet been manifested, otherwise than in a partial way. From this day forward, He inundates the whole earth with His fire, He gives spiritual life to all, He makes His influence felt in every place. We know the Gift of God; so that we have but to open our hearts to receive Him, as did the three thousand who listened to St. Peter's sermon.

### Spiritual Life

O Holy Spirit, substantial Love of the Father and the Son, uncreated Love dwelling in the souls of the just, come down upon me like a new Pentecost and bring me an abundance of Your gifts, of Your fruits, and of Your grace; unite Yourself to me as the most sweet Spouse of my soul.

### Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost

1. Wisdom – recognize emptiness of earthly things
2. Understanding – recognize true Catholic teaching and detect false doctrines
3. Counsel – discover the will of God
4. Fortitude – strength under trials to do God's will
5. Knowledge – grasp the teachings of the Church

6. Piety – love God and do His will
7. Fear of the Lord – dread sin as the greatest evil, quell fear of human respect

### Announcements

The Mission Annual Meeting will take place after Mass on June 15. The board will provide a year-in-review and there will be voting for one of the board positions.

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, [cahilliard7@gmail.com](mailto:cahilliard7@gmail.com).

### Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Sharon Rose, Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

### Upcoming

May 25: Mass, 10 AM

June 15: Mass, 10 AM

June 23: Mass, TBD

### Collections

Last Mass: \$3,414

Total Collections: \$8,402

### Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.