

# Sacred Heart Cathedral

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## Pentecost 2020

### Mass Intentions May 30 – June 7

Sat	6:00 pm	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
Sun	8:30 am	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
	11:30 am	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
	6:00 pm	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
Mon	6:30 pm	Intentions of Steven Sol
Tues	9:00 am	Intentions of Ana Luketic
Wed	9:00 am	Intentions of Plamondon family
Thurs	9:00 am	Orance Plamondon Rip
Fri	9:00 am	Raul Borges RIP
Sat	9:00 am	Deolinda Medeiros RIP
	7:00 pm	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
Sun	8:30 am	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
	11:30 am	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish
	6:00 pm	People of Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish

### Pentecost Sunday

Mary, Mother of the Church  
St. Marcellinus & St. Peter  
St. Charles Lwanga & Com

St. Boniface  
St. Norbert

### Holy Trinity Sunday

place. You must pre-register to attend one of the Masses. Only 50 people including the clergy are allowed at each Mass. You must re-register each weekend. Thank you.

**A WARM WELCOME TO GUESTS, AND VISITORS! Whether you are visiting, looking for a new home parish, or returning to your faith, we are happy you are here!!**



**We ask you to pray for the following people:** Amelia, Anna, Nadia Anselmo, Arthur Archangel, Audrey, Autumn, Rupert Atzenberger, Margarita Silva A., Carlos Silva A., Ana Silva A., Duncan Bailey, Lihz Bailey, Lawrence & Ping Beaton, Boyles Family, Norma Chin, Chris, Christine, Connor, Josie Cuzzetto, George Damaso, Leonora Damaso, Chloe Demers, Daniel Dupre, Donnie, Janet Doxey, Betty Eastwood, Benito Esguerra, Brevin Gervais,

Paulette Guillou, Geoff, Gertrude, Gladys Halmosi, Madeleine Hutchison, Jeanette, Jesse, Joe, Kaelyn, Kaitlyn, Garry Kernan, Jean Marie Laforteza, Lenore, Rita MacLeod, Vallah Martin, Frederick & Lourdes McIntosh, Matt, Lisa Mayhew, Matthew Nixon, Delia Marican, Melody, Danya Omar, Esther Oyeka, Rev. Clinton Pendleton, Josie & Terry Pretty, Randy, Rosa, Wanda-Jean Ruckle, Assunta Russo, Rosa Ordonez Sanchezan, Maria Santos, Sarah, Shawn, Anton Schneider, Sloan, Theresa Stienke, Tanya, Tracy, Frans Van der Woning, Laurine Vilac & family, Nellie Wagner, Maureen Ward, Erin Wiebe, Hamu Zindoga, **May the Lord comfort them in their time of need and bless those who care for them.** Please contact the parish office to add or remove a name from the prayer list. **Pope Francis' prayer intention for June:** We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus..

**Anyone wishing to be included in parish emails and informational updates please email the parish office to have your address included. Thank you**

### LIVE STREAM MASS

Sunday Mass at 11:30 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4LMk5KyHYfXPcEehgPDQ/featured> or go to <https://www.rcdk.org/> and click on the

“play” icon that looks like this

Our Lady of the Mountains, Whistler – Fr. Andrew

9:00 am Daily Mass - <https://www.facebook.com/OLOMWhistler>

Post Masses (not livestreamed) are available on:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9OsOht57AEGb6L5MVDjKsQ/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf\\_id=1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9OsOht57AEGb6L5MVDjKsQ/videos?view=0&sort=dd&shelf_id=1)

You are invited to join the following Faith and Bible Studies via Zoom with Fr. Andrew. To join the Zoom meeting please use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/96997572124>

Adult catechism is available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm

Bible Study on Mary is available on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Holy Family Parish Sunday Mass (not livestreamed)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUVWchpCVHkjsqcwTtT\\_tw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUVWchpCVHkjsqcwTtT_tw)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLf1IVv79DZ8G6MG3kcQUhomEavbk2vPT4>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holy-Family-Parish/463864033671842>

Sacred Heart Parish, Williams Lake – Fr Paul 11:00 am Daily Mass - <https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartwl/>

Good Shepherd Valemount – Fr. Ajin 5 pm Saturday Mass <https://www.facebook.com/ajin.george3>

### Adoration

Wednesday 9 to 9 pm  
Friday 6:30 8:30

Baptism Classes will be held regularly. Contact the parish office

### Catholic Women's League

Returning in Sept  
Domenica 250-320-8319

### Children's Liturgy

Postponed until further notice  
Linda 250-851-8605

### Confession Times

Wed 5:15 -6:15 pm  
Saturday 6:30-6:50  
Sunday 5:30 – 5:50  
Or by appointment

### Knights of Columbus

Postponed until further notice  
Garry 250-554-4137

### Pancake Breakfast

Postponed until further notice

**Weddings: DO NOT ST YOUR WEDDING DATE until you have met with a priest – at least 9 months prior to wedding.**

### Young Adults

Postponed until further notice

**Weekday Masses will resume this week with Exposition of the blessed Sacrament for an hour before Mass.** Monday adoration from 5:20 – 6:20 pm with Mass at 6:30. Tuesday to Saturday Adoration 7:50 am to 8:50 am with Mass at 9 am.

**We will continue to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays 9 am - 9 pm.**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm will be cancelled.**

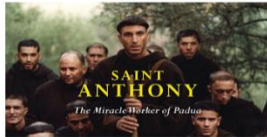
**Fr. Swann Kim has some beautiful daily meditations for you.** They are only around 5 minutes in length but worth every second.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNZ7gapA1Dg2q9Wmk-5pcBA> .

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**During this pandemic,** please take time to study your faith. Go to <https://formed.org/> click on sign up, click on "I belong to a parish or organization", type in Sacred Heart Cathedral (our parish will show on a list and you click on that) and then either sign up with your name and email address or sign in if you already have a membership.

**Easy for Families to print Children's Liturgy Sheets for each Sunday for home:** Simply google St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Coquitlam click on website, scroll down to click on the icon "Children's Liturgy" to see dates for gospel/colouring sheets for many Sundays. ENJOY! There will not be Children's Liturgy in the Church at this time.



**Baby Bottle Gone Virtual!** The Pregnancy Care Centre has shifted its baby bottle campaign to a virtual model.

You can fill the Kamloops Diocese virtual bottle by clicking this link. <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/thTN8> If you have a baby bottle at home that you have filled, it can be returned to your church or the Pregnancy Care Centre. Donations can also be mailed to 429 Tranquille Rd. Kamloops BC V2B 3G9

**CURRENT JOB POSTINGS**

**The Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops is looking for an individual who will assist in the management of the temporal goods of the Diocese of Kamloops.** This individual must have a professional accounting CPA designation. Interested applicants are invited to email a cover letter and resume to: [finance@rcdk.org](mailto:finance@rcdk.org) Subject: Finance Officer For more information, please see the attached job posting for RCDK Finance Officer.

**The Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops is looking for a Full-time Accountant:** The candidate will bring extensive accounting experience along with a professional approach to the Finance and Accounting Department in the Chancery Office. Interested applicants are invited to email a cover letter and resume to: [finance@rcdk.org](mailto:finance@rcdk.org) Subject: Accountant **We thank all applicants in advance, only those short listed will be contacted.** More information can be found at [www.rcdk.org/pages/career-opportunities](http://www.rcdk.org/pages/career-opportunities)

**Catholic Independent School Kamloops Diocese Current Job Postings can be found at [www.CISKD.ca](http://www.CISKD.ca) under the CAREERS tab**

**Bottle/can ministry at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** The money raised from this ministry goes towards emergency in-in-need-of help cases at the discretion of Fr. Derrick. If you have bottles or cans for recycling please drop in back yard of the rectory. We have raised \$6335.08 since we began this ministry. Thank you



**Prayerful best wishes for birthdays** to Fr. Peter Nguyen on June 12, Fr. Paul Simms on June 14, Sr. Analisa Baracena on June 21<sup>st</sup> **and for anniversaries of ordination** to Fr. Peter Nguyen and Fr. Clinton Pendleton on June 1, Fr.

Dale Normandeau on June 6, Fr. Tony Ackerman, and Fr. Thomas Nguyen on June 29. **God bless our priests and religious**

**"Education makes us raise questions, keeps us from being anaesthetists by banality, and impels us to pursue meaning in life. We need to reclaim our right not to be sidetracked by the many sirens that nowadays distract us from this pursuit"** Pope Francis Christus Vivit 223.

What are you looking for? Join us for a nine month faith formation program and pursue a deeper understanding in areas such as theology, philosophy, morality, sacred scripture, and more. [www.sttherese.ca/ApplyToday](http://www.sttherese.ca/ApplyToday)

*Pentecost Prayer*

**Breathe in me O Holy Spirit  
that my thoughts may all be holy;  
Act in me O Holy Spirit  
that my works, too, may be holy;  
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit  
that I love but what is holy;  
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit  
to defend that is holy;  
Guard me then O Holy Spirit  
that I always may be holy.**

- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)



"**Lectio Divina** is an authentic source of Christian spirituality recommended by our Rule. We therefore practice it every day, so that we may develop a deep and genuine love for it, and so that we may grow in

the surpassing knowledge of Christ. In this way we shall put into practice the Apostle Paul's commandment, which is mentioned in our Rule: "Let the sword of the spirit, the Word of God, live abundantly in your mouth and in your hearts; and whatever you must do, do it in the name of the Lord." *Carmelite Constitutions (No. 82)*

### **Lectio Divina: Pentecost Sunday (A)**

Lectio Divina

Sunday, May 31, 2020 *The Mission of the Community*  
"Peace be with you!" *John 20, 19-23*

#### **1. Opening prayer**

Lord Jesus, send your Spirit to help us to read the Scriptures with the same mind that you read them to the disciples on the way to Emmaus. In the light of the Word, written in the Bible, you helped them to discover the presence of God in the disturbing events of your sentence and death. Thus, the cross that seemed to be the end of all hope became for them the source of life and of resurrection.

Create in us silence so that we may listen to your voice in Creation and in the Scriptures, in events and in people, above all in the poor and suffering. May your word guide us so that we too, like the two disciples from Emmaus, may experience the force of your resurrection and witness to others that you are alive in our midst as source of fraternity, justice and peace. We ask this of you, Jesus, son of Mary, who revealed to us the Father and sent us your Spirit. Amen.

#### **2. Reading**

a) A key to the reading:

The disciples were gathered together, and the doors were well closed. They were afraid of the Jews. All of a sudden, Jesus stood in their midst and said: "Peace be with you!" After showing them the hands and his side, once again he said: "Peace be with you!" As the Father has sent me, I also send you!" And immediately he gave them the gift of the Spirit so that they could forgive sins and reconcile persons among themselves and with God. To reconcile and to construct peace! Behold this is the mission which they received and which endures up until today!

Humanity is lacking peace more and more: to put together the pieces of a disintegrated life, to reconstruct human relationships, broken because of the injustices committed and because of so many other reasons. Jesus insists on peace, and he repeats it several times! During the reading of the brief text of the Gospel of this Pentecost Sunday, we try to be attentive to the attitudes of Jesus as well as to those of the disciples, and to the words of Jesus which he pronounces with such solemnity.

b) A division of the text to help the reading:

John 20, 19-20: The description of the experience of the Resurrection

John 20, 21: the sending out: "As the Father has sent me, I also send you"

John 20, 22: The gift of the Spirit

John 20, 23: The power to forgive sins



c) The Text:

19 In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' 20 and, after saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord, 21

and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' 22 After saying this he breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.

#### **3. A moment of prayerful silence**

so that the Word of God may penetrate and enlighten our life.

#### **4. Some questions**

to help us in our personal reflection.

a) What struck you most in the description of the experience of the Resurrection?

b) Which are the characteristics of the Mission which the disciples receive?

c) Which are the characteristics of the action of the Holy Spirit which Jesus communicates to us?

d) How important is all this for the life of our community today?

e) Jesus insists: "Peace be with you!" Which steps should I take to reconstruct the peace and the broken relationships among persons?

#### **5. For those who desire to deepen more on this theme**

a) The context in which the Gospel of John was written:

The text of the Gospel of John is like a very beautiful fabric, made with three threads of different colours. The three threads are so well combined with one another that it is not always possible to see when one passes from one thread to the other. (i) The first thread are the facts of the life of Jesus, which took place in the year thirty in Palestine, preserved in the memory of the Beloved Disciple and of many other witnesses (I Jn 1, 1-4). (ii) The second thread are the facts of the life of the communities. Because of their faith in Jesus and convinced of his presence, in their midst, the communities enlightened their life with the Word and the gestures of Jesus. That influenced the description of the facts. For example, the conflicts of the communities with the Pharisees towards the end of the first century indicate the way in which are described the conflicts of Jesus with the Pharisees. (iii) The third thread are the comments made by the Evangelist. In certain passages, it can hardly be perceived when Jesus finishes speaking and the redactor begins to knit in his own comments. (Jn 2, 22; 3, 16-21; 7, 39; 12, 37-43; 20, 30-31).

b) Comment on the Text:

John 20, 19-20: A description of the experience of the Resurrection

Jesus becomes present in the community. Not even the closed doors prevent him from being in the midst of those who do not recognize him. Even today, it is the same thing! When we are gathered together, even if all the doors are closed, Jesus is in our midst! And also today, the first word of Jesus, will always be: "Peace be with you!" He shows the signs of the Passion on his hands and his side.

The Risen Lord is the Crucified Lord! The Jesus who is with us in the community is not a glorious Jesus who had nothing in common with the life of the people. But it is the same Jesus who came on this earth and who bears the signs of his Passion. And today these same signs are found in the suffering of the people. They are the signs of hunger, of torture, of wars, of sickness, of violence, of injustice. So many signs! And in the persons who react and struggle for life, Jesus resurrects and makes himself present in our midst.

John 20, 21: The sending out: "As the Father has sent me, I also send you!"

From this Crucified and Risen Jesus we receive the mission, the same one that He received from the Father. And for us also he repeats: "Peace be with you!" The repetition confirms the importance of peace. To construct peace forms part of the mission. The Peace which Jesus gives us means much more than the absence of war. It signifies to construct a human, harmonious environment, in which persons can be themselves, with all that is necessary to live, and where they can live happy and in peace. In one word, it means to construct a community according to the community of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

John 20.22: Jesus gives the gift of the Spirit Jesus breathed and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit". And therefore, it is with the help of the Holy Spirit that we can carry out the mission which He entrusts to us. In the Gospel of John, the Resurrection (Passover) and the effusion of the Spirit (Pentecost) are one same thing. All takes place in the same moment.

John 20, 23: Jesus gives the power to forgive sins The central point of the mission of peace is found in reconciliation, in the effort to overcome the barriers which separate us: "to those to whom you forgive sins, they will be forgiven and to those to whom you do not forgive them, will not be forgiven". Then this power of reconciliation and of forgiving is given to the disciples. In the Gospel of Matthew, this same power is also given to Peter (Mt 16,19) and to the communities (Mt 18, 18). A community without pardon and without reconciliation is not a Christian community.

c) To deepen more:

i) The action of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John

In Hebrew the same word is used to say wind and spirit. The wind has in itself a goal, a direction: North wind, South wind. The same for the Spirit of God (the wind of God) has in itself a goal, a project, which manifests itself in many ways in the works which the Spirit of God fulfils in creation, in history, and above all, in Jesus. The great promise of the Spirit becomes present in the prophets: the sight of the dry bones which become alive, thanks to the force of the Spirit of God (Ez 37, 1-14); the effusion of the Spirit of God on all people (Gl 3, 1-5); the vision of the Messiah the Servant who will be anointed by the Spirit to re-establish the right on earth and to proclaim the Good News to the poor (Is 11, 1-9; 42, 1; 44, 1-3; 61, 1-3). The prophets foresee a future in which the People of God is reborn thanks to the effusion of the Spirit (Ez 36, 26-27; Ps 51, 12: cf. Is 32, 15-20). In the Gospel of John these prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. As it happened in creation (Gen 1, 1), in the same way the Spirit appears and descends on Jesus "under the form of a dove from heaven" (Jn 1, 32). It is the beginning of the new creation! Jesus pronounces the words of God and communicates to us the Spirit in abundance (Jn 3, 34). His words are Spirit and life (Jn 6, 63). When Jesus leaves, he says that he will send another consoler, another defender whom he will leave with us. It is the Holy Spirit (Jn 14, 16-17). By his passion, death and resurrection, Jesus wins for us the

gift of the Spirit. When he appears to the Apostles, he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit!" (Jn 20, 22). The first effect of the action of the Holy Spirit in us is reconciliation: "to those to whom you remit sins, they will be remitted and to those to whom you do not remit them, they will not be remitted!" (Jn 20, 23). Through Baptism we all receive this same Spirit of Jesus (Jn 1, 33). The Spirit is like the water which springs from within the person who believes in Jesus (Jn 7, 37-39; 4, 14). The Spirit is given to us to be able to remember and understand the full significance of the Words of Jesus (Jn 14, 26; 16, 12-13). Animated by the Spirit of Jesus we can adore God every where (Jn 4, 23-24). Here the liberty of the Spirit is lived. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom", Saint Paul confirms it (2 Cor 3, 17).

ii) Shalom: the construction of peace

In the Gospel of John, the first encounter between the Risen Jesus and his disciples is marked by a greeting: "Peace be with you!" The peace which Jesus gives us is different from the Pax Romana, constructed by the Roman Empire (Jn 14, 27). Peace in the Bible (shalom), is a word rich with a deep significance. It means integrity of the persons before God and others. It means also a full life, happy, abundant (Jn 10, 10). Peace is the sign of the presence of God, because our God is a God of Peace "Yahweh is Peace" (Jer 6, 24). "May the Peace of God be with you!" (Rom 15, 33). This is the reason why the peace of God produces violent reactions. As the Psalm says: "Too long have I lived among people who hate peace. When I speak of peace they are all for war!" (Ps 120, 6-7). The peace which Jesus gives us is the sign of a "sword" (Mt 10, 34). It is necessary to have trust, to struggle, to work, to persevere in the Spirit in order that the peace of God may triumph one day. And that day "love and truth will meet, justice and peace will embrace" (Ps 85, 11). And then, "The Kingdom of God will be justice, peace and joy, and these will be the fruits of the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14, 17) and "God will be all in all" (1 Co 15, 28).

**6. Psalm 145** I shall praise you to the heights, God my King, I shall bless your name for ever and ever. Day after day I shall bless you, I shall praise your name for ever and ever. Great is Yahweh and worthy of all praise, his greatness beyond all reckoning. Each age will praise your deeds to the next, proclaiming your mighty works. Your renown is the splendor of your glory, I will ponder the story of your wonders. They will speak of your awesome power, and I shall recount your greatness. They will bring out the memory of your great generosity, and joyfully acclaim your saving justice...

**7. Final Prayer** Lord Jesus, we thank for the word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice that which your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, your mother, not only listen to but also practise the Word. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

<https://ocarm.org/en/content/lectio/lectio-divina-pentecost-sunday>



Remember to acknowledge and pray for all priests, especially your parish priest next Sunday, as every first Sunday of the month is Priesthood Sunday in our

Diocese of Kamloops.

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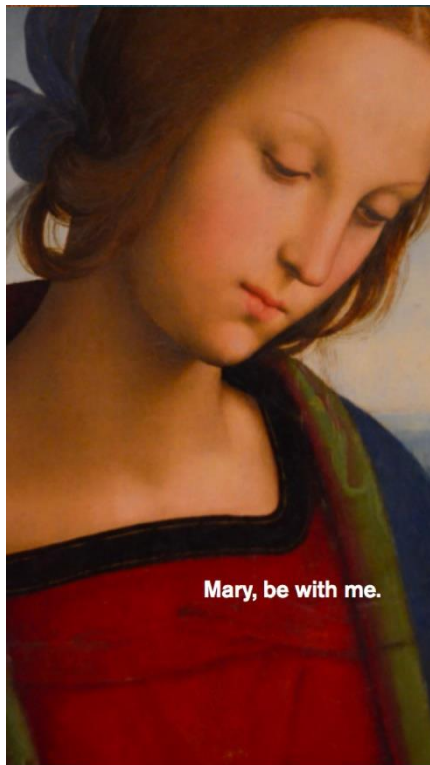
Mary, with your consent to become the Mother of God, torrents of grace poured forth upon the earth, opening up for me a path to follow.

In times of loneliness,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
In times of turmoil and uncertainty,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
In times of grief, loss, or illness,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
In times of sadness or depression,  
**Mary, be with me.**

In times of lost plans and broken promises,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When I am anxious about the welfare of my family,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When a job or financial stress weighs heavily on my heart,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When I am discouraged by the weight of my sins,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When I am tempted,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When I am afraid,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When the Lord calls me to greater kindness and love,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When the Lord calls me to greater forgiveness,  
**Mary, be with me.**  
When the Lord calls me to greater purity,  
**Mary, be with me.**

On the wings of your Fiat, Mary, I proclaim mine.  
Together we sing a Magnificat of praise:

For all the blessings in my life,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For the gift of today,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For the gift of loved ones,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For the gift of my life,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For creating me with a special purpose and plan,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For never giving up on me,  
**I praise You, Jesus**



For Your infinite love,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For never leaving me,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For your inexhaustible mercy,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For laying down Your life for me,  
**I praise You, Jesus**  
For Your presence in the Eucharist,  
**I praise You, Jesus**



For the greater good You will bring out of everything, especially –

In moments when I feel helpless and vulnerable,  
**I praise You, Jesus.**  
In the midst of uncertainty,  
**I praise You, Jesus.**  
In the midst of humiliation,  
**I praise You, Jesus.**  
In the midst of

difficulty,  
**I praise You, Jesus.**  
In the midst of what appears as failure,  
**I praise You, Jesus.**  
For sending Your Mother to me in both joyful and sorrowful moments,  
**I praise You, Jesus.**

With Mary I sing:

**The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name. Amen**

*“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, call upon Mary... under her protection you have nothing to fear.” -Saint Bernard of Clairvaux*

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## Pentecost and the Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**, as the readings and the whole Church celebrate the coming and ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Jesus breathes on his jittery followers and tells them, "Peace be with you" and fills them with courage.

Monday is the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. Wednesday is the **Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and his companions, martyrs**. Friday is the **Memorial of Saint Boniface, bishop and martyr**.

The first readings this week are from the **Second Letter of Peter**, who exhorts us to "be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace" and from the **Second Letter to Timothy**: "Stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, Jesus is in the midst of a struggle with the religious leaders in Jerusalem who do not like him. He tells them the Parable of the tenant farmers, telling them that the stone rejected by builders has become the cornerstone. They almost arrest him. His opponents try to ensnare Jesus with question about the temple tax, but he isn't trapped by them. When they question him about the resurrection, Jesus tells a parable which teaches that God is the God of the living. When asked which is the first commandment, Jesus gives two - highlighting the equal importance of love of God and neighbor. Jesus is both Son of David and Messiah and Lord. Jesus warns of those who abuse widows on spiritual pretexts and tells his disciples to notice the widow who gave from her poverty.

The **10th Sunday in Ordinary Time** allows us to reflect upon the call of the tax collector, Matthew, because Jesus is criticized for eating and drinking with sinners. Jesus calls his critics and us to go learn the meaning of these words, "*I desire mercy, not sacrifice.*" *I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.*

## Daily Prayer This Week

Pentecost, and our being renewed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, comes at the end of the Easter Season, but as the birthday of the Church, it is a fitting beginning to our return to Ordinary Time. We can continue to ask that the Holy Spirit come into our hearts, to enkindle within us the fire of the Spirit's Love. We can continue to ask that we be able to join the Spirit in our taking up our role in renewing the face of the earth. It is so appropriate that this takes us to remembering that Mary is the Mother of the Church, our mother in this Spirit-filled process of being Church together. We can ask Mary to place us with her Son this week.

Throughout this week, we can watch the religious leaders of Jesus' day try to trap him and trip him up. They are not open to him at all. This can be a wonderful week to renew our openness to Jesus. It can begin with expressions of gratitude and affection. We can tell Jesus - in little in between moments of our busy days this week - "Jesus, you are the Lord of my life. My life is in your hands. Let me surrender to your love and give myself to living my life in your ways."

We might find ourselves struggling with something or someone, here or there this week. We can turn to Jesus, in those little conversations, and feel the gift of his Spirit freeing us - as the Spirit always does - and enkindling a fire within us, which is always purifying and which always stirs love in our heart. These exercises of trust and renewal will re-fresh us in the times which tempt us to give into what is cold and hard and dark. We can acknowledge the presence of the Spirit, the moment I turn for help and light and direction. And, in those moments, we can give thanks and embrace the gift.

Finally, we can let ourselves look for people in our lives, on our paths, who need comforting and the warmth of the Spirit to heal them and offer them peace. I can express my desire, "Lord, I so desire to be an instrument of your Spirit's peace and a channel for reconciliation and healing." The Spirit will respond when we pray with that openness and desire.