

St. Peter Claver Chapel

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Rev. Fr. Christopher Spray – Pastor

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Monday, May 25 | 7:30am | **PENTECOST MONDAY**
Pro Populo

Tuesday, May 26 | 7:30am | **PENTECOST TUESDAY**
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Wednesday, May 27 | 7:30am | **Pentecost Wednesday, St. Bede the Venerable,
St. John I, Ember Wednesday – FAST AND PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**
Private Intention - Rojas

Thursday, May 28 | 7:30am | **Pentecost Thursday, St. Augustine of
Canterbury**
Donor Intention - Living

Friday, May 29 | 7:30am | **Pentecost Friday, St. Mary Magdalene dei Pazzi,
Ember Friday – FAST AND ABSTINENCE**
Donor Intention - Living

Saturday, May 30 | 7:30am | **Pentecost Saturday, St. Felix I, Ember Saturday
FAST AND PARTIAL ABSTINENCE**
Donor Intention - Living

• Sunday, May 31 | 9:00am | **TRINITY SUNDAY**
Pro Populo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collection

5/17 - \$225

- The sanctuary lamp burns this week for the healing of a loved one by the Rojas Family
- Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are Ember days. Do not forget to observe the prescribed fast and abstinence for those days.
- Next Sunday, Trinity Sunday is the last day to make the Easter Duty for 2026 in the United States.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday brings us to the dramatic culmination of the Easter season. The quiet, expectant waiting of the Upper Room is suddenly shattered by the rushing of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire. For nine days, the disciples sat in the stillness of the "already but not yet," but today, the promise of the Father is fulfilled. The Holy Ghost descends, not just to comfort the fragile community, but to ignite it. This feast marks the birthday of the Church, transforming a group of hidden, fearful disciples into bold witnesses ready to face the world.

Before Pentecost, the disciples were gathered behind locked doors, separated from the world by fear and uncertainty. The arrival of the Holy Ghost completely opens this isolation. Through a universal language, the Holy Ghost empowers the apostles to speak in various tongues, yet everyone present hears them in their own native language. This is the divine reversal of the Tower of Babel; where human pride once fractured humanity into confused languages, the Holy Ghost brings supernatural unity without erasing diversity. Driven outward by this experience, the wind of the Holy Ghost does not allow the Church to remain a private club. It forcefully pushes the disciples out into the streets, reminding us that our faith is never meant to be kept safely tucked away inside the walls of a building.

The image of fire is central to Pentecost, and it serves a dual purpose in our spiritual lives by acting as both a purifying agent and a source of dynamic energy. In purifying the heart, the tongues of fire rest upon each of the disciples individually. The Holy Ghost enters our inner life to burn away fear, doubt, and selfishness, refining our intentions and making space for divine grace. In igniting the mission, we remember that fire spreads. The gift of the Holy Ghost is not given for our personal comfort alone, but to set us ablaze with love and zeal for the Gospel. He provides the supernatural energy required to love our neighbors, serve the vulnerable, and speak the truth in a world that is often cold and indifferent.

We do not just look back at Pentecost as a historical event; we are called to live in its reality today. Consider how you can welcome the Holy Ghost into your daily routine this week. You can stir up the gift by taking a few moments each morning to pray a simple, ancient invocation: "Come, Holy Ghost". Ask Him to guide your decisions, temper your speech, and give you the courage to act justly. We can also break down walls by identifying a relationship or a situation where communication has broken down. Ask the Holy Ghost—the Great Unifier—to help you listen with empathy and speak words that build up rather than tear down. Finally, use your charisms, remembering that the Holy Ghost equips every member of the Church with unique gifts meant for the building up of the community. Whether your gift is hospitality, encouragement, teaching, or administration, intentionally look for a way to put it at the service of someone else this week.

As we step forward into the Season after Pentecost, we do not go alone. The same Holy Ghost that filled the Upper Room is alive in us today. Let us welcome the holy fire, embrace the breath of God, and allow ourselves to be sent forth as instruments of renewal for the face of the earth.