

Dear Padre,

Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

The eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13–14; 2:1–13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23).

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

Calendar

Monday
 MAY 24
*Blessed Virgin Mary,
 Mother of the Church*
 Gn 3:9–15, 20
 or Acts 1:12–14
 Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday
 MAY 25
Weekday
 Sir 35:1–12
 Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday
 MAY 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
 Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17
 Mk 10:32–45

Thursday
 MAY 27
Weekday
 Sir 42:15–25
 Mk 10:46–52

Friday
 MAY 28
Weekday
 Sir 44:1, 9–13
 Mk 11:11–26

Saturday
 MAY 29
Weekday
 Sir 51:12cd–20
 Mk 11:27–33

Sunday
 MAY 30
The Most Holy Trinity
 Dt 4:32–34, 39–40
 Rom 8:14–17
 Mt 28:16–20

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Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 22 - May 28

Sat 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
 Sun 11:00 am †Bob Fisher
 Sun 6:00 pm †Bob Fisher
 Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
 Tue 8:00 am NO MASS
 Wed 8:00 am NO MASS
 Thr 8:00 am NO MASS
 Fri 8:00 am NO MASS

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of May 22 - May 28

Sat 4:00 pm †Radich Family Members-Deceased
 Sun 9:15 am †Ann Newman
 Tue 6:00 pm †All Souls in Purgatory

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment
 1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm
 at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel
 Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm

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