

Pentecost



Today we reach the finale of the Easter season with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost. Reflecting on today’s readings inspires a sense of awe as we consider the mighty power of the Holy Spirit at work giving birth to and sustaining our Church. Just as awesome — the same Spirit is calling to us this day to take up our part in the Church’s saving work.

In the first reading, from Acts, we see the creative genius of the Holy Spirit moving through the newly confirmed Apostles “who began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” The large crowd, gathered from all over the world were “amazed” and “astounded” that each one could understand the Apostles speaking in their own language.

Each one of us, young and old alike, is personally called today by the Holy Spirit into the same mission as that of the first Apostles — to advance the Kingdom of God in our corner of the world. Just as He did on that Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in our “own language” to give us the Good News of the Gospel and urge us to share it.

We can think of our own language as the particular gifts, talents, and passions we possess. We truly serve a personal God who sees each of us as unique and individual creations. Therefore, each one of us has a personal mission to fulfill through the use of our personal gifts and talents in grateful service of the Kingdom of God. We see this described in our Second Reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians where he explains: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God...To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.”

When we consider the stewardship way of life we are called to live, we often focus on the challenges it poses. And living as a modern-day steward is indeed challenging. But on this feast of Pentecost, when we reflect on the unleashing of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Apostles, and through them the crowd, let’s remember that we Christian stewards have much to celebrate.

When we surrender ourselves to God, putting Him first in all aspects of life — our time, talents, and finances — we can count on a life that is challenging, yes, but even more so a life that is exciting, creative, and deeply rewarding. In other words, we can experience life as a great adventure because it is a life guided and directed by the very source of power and creativity— the Holy Spirit.

What’s more, when live in grateful dependence on the Holy Spirit, we can count on not only adventure, but peace — the peace that cannot be found in a “worldly” way of life where one tries to find security in wealth or prestige or self-indulgence. Rather, It is the peace that Jesus brings to us as we commit ourselves to Him. As He said to the Apostles in today’s Gospel reading from John, He says to us today, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church today let’s give thanks to God for calling us, His stewards, to the adventure of a lifetime!

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**May 29, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$	5,009.35
Vigil Candles.....	\$	117.01
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$	79.00
Helping Hands.....	\$	97.00
Father’s Day Novena.....	\$	290.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$	20.00

***Second Collection - June 11 - 12:  
Facilities Improvement Fund***



**St. Thomas More  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 7386  
BBQ Plate**



**When: July 24, 2022 (Sunday)  
Where: Carolan Hall**

**Plate:** 1/4 chicken, 1 sausage link, beans, rice, jalapeño, pickles, bread & bottle of water

**Cost:** \$10/Plate ***CURBSIDE PICKUP ONLY***

**Serving:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Need more info?  
Ask any Knight.



Parts of the Mass (continued). Well, we ‘talked about What the Mass ISN’T, What the Mass IS, We talked about the Mass introduction, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Today, we will finish it up with **the Communion and Concluding Rites:**

We conclude our Eucharistic Prayer by praying the **Lord’s Prayer** and then we offer each other a **Sign of Peace...** then we all sing or recite the **Lamb of God** prayer and Father **Breaks the Bread.**

He **presents** Our Lord to us in the form of Transubstantiated Host and Cup of Wine. He says, “Behold, the Lamb of God...” to which we respond, “Lord, I am not worthy....”. The **Communion Rite** follows.

*Remember the requirements for receiving the Eucharist worthily... one must be a practicing Catholic, have already received their first Holy Communion, be in the state of grace, and have observed the fasting-requirements (1-hour).*

*If, for whatever reason, a person cannot receive... whether they be Catholic or non-Catholic, they are invited to come for a blessing (simply present yourself to the Priest / Deacon / Eucharistic-Minister with your arms folded over your chest... and they will bless you).*

After receiving Holy Communion, return to your seat and spend a little quiet time with God thanking Him for this gift and all the gifts he has bestowed on you.

Finally, there is the Concluding Rite.

Just because you’ve received Holy Communion doesn’t mean Mass is over!

Don’t worry about being the first out of the parking lot... or first in line at the restaurant!

Stick around for the ‘**Grand Finale!**’ – The Closing prayer, the announcements, a blessing, and recessional!

Father, in the **Closing Prayer** (actually the Prayer After Communion – concluding the Liturgy of the Eucharist) thanks God the Father in the name of the community for the gift received and petitions Him that its fruits may be produced in each of us.

The Lector then **Announces** any special event(s) coming during the week.

Finally, Father **Blesses** the congregation (don’t want to miss that!) and **Dismisses** us in peace.

Father and Deacon reverence the altar with a kiss and join the altar servers before the altar where all reverence the altar and tabernacle with a bow, and leave the Sanctuary area in procession; joining the congregation in singing a recessional hymn.

Well... that's about it for today.

Any questions... give me a ‘yell’. ‘till next time God Bless-DT



**Grupo de Oración**  
*Familias compartiendo la palabra*



El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756



**St. Thomas More English**  
*Prayer Group*



June 9 “Holy, Holy, Holy” “I tell you unless your holiness Surpasses that of the scribes... “ Mt 5:20  
June 23 Happy Birthday and Deathday  
“She gave birth to a son.” Lk 1:57

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**What a great time of year we are in right now!**

- Last week we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord...
- Over the last couple and this week... we celebrate the Eucharist... along with all those First Communicants!
- Next week... the Holy Trinity! And, today we celebrate **Pentecost**... The ***Birthday of the Church!***
- The day the Holy Spirit made it's presence known to those first disciples!
- And, with that, we see the Sacrament of Confirmation being celebrated throughout the Archdiocese.
- Confirmation - The Sacrament where we receive the same Holy Spirit received by St. Peter, St. Paul, St. John, St. James, and all the rest! Confirmation - the sacrament that unleashes the Holy Spirit in our life; just as it did in the lives of those first disciples at Pentecost. How fantastic is that!
- I'd like to address those soon to be confirmed - and actually, all of us who have been blessed with this wonderful gift. At our Baptism we became a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Our parents and godparents stood up and spoke for us. In Confirmation, we receive the Fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- Now, It is our (***your***) turn to stand up for our(***your***)-self and make that commitment to become an Intentional Disciple of Our Lord, Jesus! We receive the graces necessary to stand-up and speak-out for God!
- God has called each of us... we have been chosen by Him!
- It's not a coincidence we are where we are at today. God has a plan for you, a plan for me, for each of us. But, as I've said before and I know you've heard this time and time again: God will never force us to do anything. We have the free will to make the choice... If we choose to ***NOT*** use this precious gift... it will sit there (unused) as if in a closet someplace. It's our choice...
- We make hundreds of choices each and every day: what to eat, what to wear, where to go, when to arrive, who to hang-out with, and on, and on, and on. Many of our choices seem to be inconsequential but many of them build on each other. Good choices... good results... we reap the benefits. Bad choices... bad results... we suffer the consequences... And don't think it's just the big / major choices of life that are important. Little choices matter, too, because they become the foundation for our bigger decisions!
- Bottom line... make good choices! God has given us everything we need to make good choices. Everything we need to lead a good and holy life.
- Everything we need to be happy with Him forever!

Hmmm... this has the makings of a Deacon's Corner... maybe next week. 'till then... God Bless-



If some day, you misplace your Bulletin or just don't get one some week... You can always go to the Church's web site and check it out there.

It's simple enough... from your browser just type in (*and save for future reference*) the address: [www.ThomasMoreSATX.org](http://www.ThomasMoreSATX.org) (*and, don't worry about upper / lower case when typing the address. It doesn't matter - I do it because it's easier for me to 'pick out' words.*)

There's a lot of good information out there... check it out.

**CIVIL UNION?**

Is your marriage recognized by God and the Church?  
***Would you like it to be?***

Every 'case' is unique but if you would like your marriage '*Blessed by the Church,*' we would love to talk with you.

Contact Fr. Mike, either of your Deacons or call the Parish Office for more information.

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***"Be the change you wish to see in the world and light up the darkness!"***

**This Week at Our Parish**

\*\*\* *Religious Articles from Holy Land on Sale this Weekend* \*\*\*

**Sunday, June 5, 2022 - Pentecost**  
10:00 am KC Corporate Mass - Church

**Monday, June 6, 2022**  
5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - RMR  
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Board Mtg - Rectory Meeting Room

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**  
5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Rm  
6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Rm  
7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - Church

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**  
7:00 pm Guadalupanos Choir Practice - Church

**Thursday, June 9, 2022**  
7:00 pm English Prayer Grp - Church  
CDA Board Mtg - Rectory Dining Room  
Grupo (Retreat Prep) - Rectory Mtg Room

**Friday, June 10, 2022**  
7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**  
4:00 pm Reconciliation - Church

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**  
8:00 am CDA Plant Sale - Playground Area  
6:30 pm Guadalupanos Rosary - Church



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Rev. Bushu*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 6 - 12 junio**

**Lunes:** Gn 3:9-15,20; Sal 86:1-3,6-7; Jn 19:25-34  
**Martes:** 1Kgs 17:7-16; Sal 4:2-5,7-8; Mt 5:13-16  
**Miércoles:** 1Kgs 18:20-39; Sal 15:1-2,4,5,8,11; Mt 5:17-19  
**Jueves:** 1Kgs 18:41-46; Sal 64:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
**Viernes:** 1Kgs 19:9,11-16; Sal 26:7-9,13-14; Mt 5:27-32  
**Sábado:** Hch 11:21-26; 13:1-3; Sal 97:1,6; Mt 5:33-37  
**Domingo:** Prov 8:22-31; Sal 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-1

**Readings for the week of June 6 - 12**

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 87:1-3,6-7; Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday:** 1Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5,7b-8; Mt 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** 1Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2b,4,5ab,8,11; Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 1Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26  
**Friday:** 1Kgs 19:9a,11-16; Ps 27:7-9,13-14; Mt 5:27-32  
**Saturday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:33-37  
**Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022 - Pentecost**  
8:00 am †Joseph Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
**For Orphans** by Kim Nguyen  
5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, June 5, 2022**  
8:00 am †Carrington Michael Brown by Family  
**In thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen  
10:00 am †Alice Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
†John Evancho by Evancho Family  
12:00 pm †Guadalupe Aguilar by Anita Gaytan  
†Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet

**Monday, June 6, 2022**  
8:00 am †Joseph Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
**In Thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**  
8:00 am †Genevieve Oswald by Bill & Linda Volpenhein  
†Jose Luis Samaniego Zavala by Family

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**  
8:00 am †Ray Flores by Flores Family  
**In Thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, June 9, 2022 (Communion Svc)**  
8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**  
†Julie Anna Ramos

**Friday, June 10, 2022**  
8:00 am †Mary Piarowski by Phyllis Byington  
**†Aborted Souls** by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**  
8:00 am †Joseph Nguyen by Thuy Nguyen  
**For Orphans** by Kim Nguyen  
5:00 pm †Juanita Cruz Mireles by Mireles Family  
†David Krause by Krause Family  
†Ruben Benavides

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**  
8:00 am †Hector Roman by Sylvia Roman  
**In thanksgiving** by Kim Nguyen  
10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Teresa Clark  
†Medardo E. Morales & Evangelina G. Morales by Morales & Briseno Families  
12:00 pm †Carrington Michael Brown by Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**  
5 pm **Altar Servers - (None)**  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Rolando, DC John, (+1 Vol - IN)  
**Lector -** R.Ellis

**Sunday, June 12, 2022**  
8 am **Altar Servers - (None)**  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Roalndo, (+2 Vol - If Needed)  
**Lector -** S.McCarthy

10 am **Altar Servers - (Volunteers)**  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Tim, Y.Aguilar, H.Rodriguez  
**Lector -** Ali.Perez

12 pm **Altar Servers - (Volunteers)**  
**Eucharistic Ministers -** Dcn Tim, A.Martinez, G.Martinez  
**Lector -** N.Obregon / F.Tobar