

## SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL Staffed by The Oblates of the Virgin Mary

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JUNE 5, 2022 Pentecost

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# The Pope's Prayer Intention for June:

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives



## SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:00PM, 5:30 PM, (en español)

**Sun.** 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM, 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

<u>Weekday Masses:</u> Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

<u>Confessions:</u> Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

> Devotions: Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM; Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM; Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

<u>Gift Shop Hours:</u> Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM\*; Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM\*; Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM\* (\*Closed during Masses)

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## Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

In a commercial exchange both parties expect that a fair and meaningful value will be traded between them for mutual satisfaction. A seller presents an item or service and a buyer provides cash or credit equal in value. The nature of the market is that someone has a need and someone else is willing to fulfill that in need in exchange for proper compensation. This the nature of the commercial economy.

It is different in the divine economy, or, the manner in which God saves us. This Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost. It is the fulfillment of the Easter Season. A certain exchange has taken place. One of us, a man from Nazareth—who is also, of course, God—has fulfilled the holy covenant with God by His holy life, defeated death by His holy sacrifice, and ascended to be at the right hand of the Father. God has honored this by returning His Spirit to the World, which was withdrawn after the original sin. This exchange is not of a commercial nature. This exchange is in the manner of a love gift. God does not bestow His Spirit upon us with the caveat that it must be of equal or lesser value to ours. We have a need for God—the greatest need in fact—but that need cannot be transacted from our end as if we were buyers. The Holy Spirit is infinitely beyond any value we posses of ourselves. The abundant life of God, which is of greater value than worldly life, has come upon us without limit on the part of God as love-love.

It is not that Jesus had to purchase the Holy Spirit for us by His blood. It is that Jesus was doing what the Son of God always does, from all eternity: He gives His life to the Father from Whom He receives it. The Son of God brought this eternal gift-giving into this world as a man. The gift-giving love between Father and Son is the Holy Spirit. Now that the Son of God has done this as a man too, the Holy Spirit is present to us all. What the Spirit enables within us is this eternal giftgiving love of God. It is now inside of us, and we are called to live from it and for it. The gifts of the Spirit empower us to do this very thing.

There is never a lesser value with God. He is always giving more because He is more, and His Spirit makes us more.

#### **Cover Art:**

Our Lady of Pentecost. Mosaic from the Rosary Cloister walk of the Franciscan Monastery, Washington DC. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P.



#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022** 8:30 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. **TSONGAS CENTER AT UMASS LOWELL**



TICKETS: Before March 31, 2022: \$39 After April 1, 2022: \$49 \*Boxed lunch available at extra cost



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#### Schedule of Events:

7:30 AM Doors open, Exhibitors available 8:30 AM Welcome, Music, Celebration of Mass 10:15 AM Break & Exhibition visits 10:45 AM Session 1: Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers & Bishop Daniel Flores 12:15 PM Lunch and Exhibition visits 1:30 PM Session 2: Bishop Robert Barron 2:30 PM Break and Exhibition visits 3:00 PM Session 3: Jackie and Bobby Angel 4:00 PM Eucharistic Congress Procession 6:00 PM Conclusion

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

#### Sunday, June 5

8:00 AM +Peter Kelly 9:15 AM +Arthur Schall 10:30 AM + Daniel Williams **11:45 AM** +Josephine DeSesa 1:15 PM +Fanny Floripe—20th anniv. 4:00 PM +Virginia Ruane 5:30 PM + Alexander & + Josephine Mathurine

#### Monday, June 6

8:00 AM Harry Auguste **12:05 PM** +Abandoned Souls in Purgato- dominion which, as the first rv **4:45 PM** Therese Belfort—good health

#### Tuesday, June 7

8:00 AM Frances Madden—health 12:05 PM + Maria Gallo 4:45 PM +Antonio Aldo

#### Wednesday, June 8

8:00 AM + Patrick Brendan McElvogue 12:05 PM Harrison Grandchamps 5:10 PM In honor of St. Joseph

#### Thursday, June 9

8:00 AM + Maria Elvira Celedon 12:05 PM +Laura Restrepo 4:45 PM +Moira Coley—birthday

#### Friday, June 10

8:00 AM +Blanca & Marielena Valencia 12:05 PM Ary-Lex Auguste & Therese 4:45 PM Janet Johnston—health

#### Saturday, June 11

9:00 AM Deacon David being ordained 12:00 PM + Doris Maher-Ferrigno 4:00 PM +Thomas Abbott 5:30 PM Accion de Gracias

## **Praver Before Mass**



My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

# **Mother of the Church**



The Monday proceeding Pentecost is the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church. From the beginning the Church has gathered around Mary as its Mother who leads us into the heart of God.

## Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

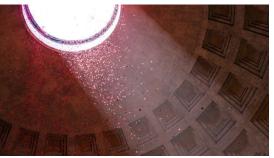
Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One. Remind us that those who believe are never alone. Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord! Amen.

## **Catholic Customs for Pentecost**

As the birthday of the Church Pentecost is a universal celebration of God's greatest gift to us, namely, His own very Spirit and life. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit live inside of all the baptized who remain in a state of grace. The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles were the first to receive the Holy Spirit on the original Pentecost after Jesus Ascended into heaven. Each believer receives that very same gift at Baptism and it is strengthened in Confirmation.

In Italy the tradition on Pentecost Sunday is for rose petals to be dropped from the ceiling of the churches in imitation of the tongues of fire that fell upon the Church at Pentecost. The day is traditionally called *Pascha Rosatum*, or Paschal Rose Sunday.



Rose petals fall from the Pantheon in Rome. Liturgical Arts Journal, Shawn Tribe, 2019.

## In many places throughout

Asia an extra service of poems and psalm prayers are read during Evening Prayer on Pentecost. While in Hungary and England the day, typically called Whit Sunday for wisdom, is traditionally designated for dancing, processions and festivals including the selection of a young girl to be the Queen of the Day.

## Come, O Holy Spirit by St. John Henry Newman

Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within, come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and enable our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves, to be your servants to the world. Amen.