LIVINGTHEWORD

- **Origins of Pentecost:** Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest feast, 50 days after Easter, when fruit had ripened and wheat was harvested. Along with bringing produce to the temple, it was also an anniversary of the giving of the Law (Torah) — the Ten Commandments — to Moses on Mt Sinai. There are fulfilment and replacement hints in the text, following the interpretive principle that the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament. Israel together at Mt Sinai. The earthquake and storm and eruption — fire. Moses speaking personally to God and being gifted with Laws to teach and guide. Disciples gathered together in the Upper Room. Tongues of fire communicating God's spirit and power to teach and guide and unify all people.
  [Q]: *How would you choose to write what Pentecost means?*
- **Not a Scattered Family:** Pentecost is also understood as the reversal of the Old Testament "Tower of Babel" story (see Gen 11). Humankind's sin and self-importance building the tower to reach and equal God eventuated in the scattering of people and the confusion caused by different languages. The gift of the Spirit at Pentecost unites people to understand each other and the Christian message.
  [Q]: *Where do you see disunity? How could you bring unity?*
- **Gifts of The Spirit:** Paul wrote to the community at Corinth because some people who didn't have the gift of tongues were considered inferior. It was causing division in the community. One gift was not to be stressed over another. Everyone is gifted.
  [Q]: *Name and claim at least 3 gifts you have. What gift do you feel you would like to develop more and use for God and the community?*
- **Serving the Body:** The Spirit and gifts are connected to the body.
  [Q]: *Which part of the body (Church) do you identify with more: eyes—seeing, head—thinking, heart—feeling, hands—serving, mouth—speaking, ears—praying? How do you show this in your daily life? How could you be more involved in serving God with this?*
- **Unlocking Fears:** Jesus passes through 'fear-locked' doors to bring peace and forgiveness.
  [Q]: *What locked doors are present in your life? Use your imagination in a time of prayer and allow Jesus to meet you on the other side of these locked doors … what happened?*
- **Plugged In and Sent:** The Spirit sends the Disciples / the Church on mission. The Church is plugged in to a living power-source, moulding everyone into the image and consciousness of Christ.
  [Q]: *What do you feel alive and energised to do for God? What is holding you back from serving with your gifts and talents?*
- **The Sequence Prayer of Pentecost:** On special feast days, the Church often has a poem—song to catch our attention. 'Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away; Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray…
  [Q]: *Which prayer image of the Sequence poem speaks to you personally? Why?*

** Pray, Reflect, Grow with the Sunday Readings at www.livingtheword.org.nz

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis's landmark encyclical on caring for our common home. This global celebration unites Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation.

Theme: From Hope to Action
This 2026 Week invites us to move from hope to action. Hope is not passive; it is lived and shared through daily decisions, community life, prayer and concrete acts of care. We are reminded that ecological conversion grows step by step, through restored relationships, protected creation, and strengthened communities. The next chapter of Laudato Si' begins with us, wherever we are.

Pentecost Sunday
There is no bad time to call on the help of the Holy Spirit. Every day, we should fall back on the ancient yet familiar prayer which begins 'Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.' The prayer ends with the hope: *'you will renew the face of the earth'.* We say those very words in today's Psalm: *'Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth'.* How can we turn that hope into action? One way is to remember today's Gospel, which reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings peace, not conflict. As St Paul says, there is only one body to which we all belong. Pope Leo XIV has been an outspoken advocate for peace. He knows the damage that war does to the whole of Creation. God's family has only one place to live, Earth. We need to look after the whole of it, rather than fighting over parts of it.

Prayer for Laudato Si' Week 2026
All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

CALENDAR

MONDAY
May 25
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Gn 3:9–15, 20 or
Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

TUESDAY
May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
1 Pt 1:10–16
Mk 10:28–31

WEDNESDAY
May 27
Weekday
1 Pt 1:18–25
Mk 10:32–45

THURSDAY
May 28
Weekday
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
Mk 10:46–52

FRIDAY
May 29
Weekday
1 Pt 4:7–13
Mk 11:11–26

SATURDAY
May 30
Weekday
Jude 17, 20b–25
Mk 11:27–33

SUNDAY
May 31
The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri	:	Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat	:	Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by mass
Sun	:	Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs. English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai	:	**First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English	:	**Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays	:	Before all masses (Thai). English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri	:	08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat & Sun	:	08:30 – noon
Public holidays	:	Closed

Good News!

May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday (A)
Acts 2:1–11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12-13 / John 20:19–23

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today's passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such faraway, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. •

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OFFERTORY: HOLY SPIRIT,COME TO US (No. 547)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263) **PLEASE KNEEL**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

DOXOLOGY **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.
All: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391) **PLEASE KNEEL**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION: VENI SANTE SPIRITUS (No. 550)

FINAL: O SPIRIT ALL-EMBRACING **PLEASE STAND**

1. Spirit, all-embracing and counselor all-wise,
Unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:
Unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;
Surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.
Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death;
Come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.
2. Beauty, ever-blazing in flower, field and face,
You show yourself amazing in unexpected place.
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;
You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;
Undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.
3. Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,
And give your servants lowly an understanding heart
To know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,
To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died:
For vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;
In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A)

Sunday, 24 May 2026

ENTRANCE: COME, HOLY GHOST (No. 559) **PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,
All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;
– and, striking their breast, they say –
Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All: **Amen.**

KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

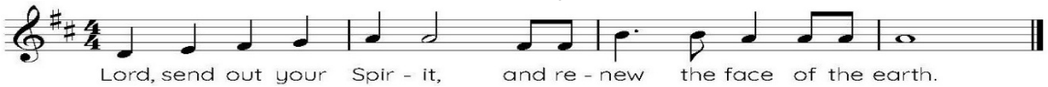
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 104: LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT



1. Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
   You are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. (R)
2. How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all—
   the earth is full of your creatures; bless the Lord, O my soul: Alleluia. (R)
3. Creatures all look to you to give them food in due time.
   When you give it to them, they gather it;
   when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. (R)
4. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.
   When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
   and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

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 who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE SEQUENCE

SEQUENCE – COME, O HOLY SPIRIT

1. Come, O Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!
   Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Come, O Father of the poor! Come, O Source of all our store!
   Come, within our bosoms shine! Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
2. You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest;
   Sweet refreshment here below; Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
   In our labour, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat;
   Solace in the midst of woe. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
3. O most blessed Light divine, May that Light within us shine, And our inmost being fill!
   Come, O Holy Spirit, come! In your absence, we have naught,
   Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
4. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew;
   Wash the stains of guilt away: Come, O Holy Spirit, come!
   Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
   Guide the steps that go astray. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

5. On the faithful, who adore And confess you, ever more, In your sevenfold gift descend;
   Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Give them virtue's sure reward;
   Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

ALLELUIA: **PLEASE STAND**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-23

Priest: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your spirit.**
Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John**.** **All: Glory to you, Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord. **All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE APOSTLES' CREED **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: I believe in God,
All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Lord, renew the gift of your Spirit within us."

PLEASE BE SEATED

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