

And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind, and it  
filled the entire house in which they were.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:2



## Tongues of Fire

**W**hen I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase “Spirit of God” refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today’s first reading tells us that those in the house “filled with the holy Spirit” began fearlessly to tell of “the mighty acts of God” (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

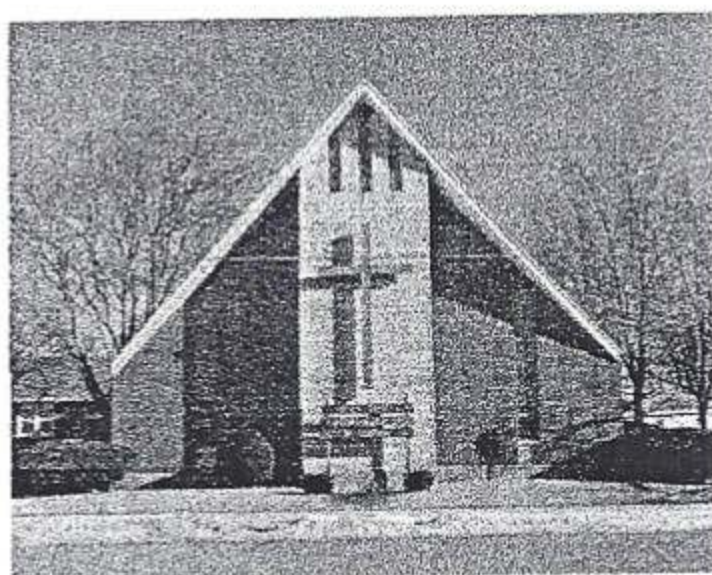
This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of “the mighty acts of God.”

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ✱ Spend some time reflecting on the characteristics of the Spirit. How have you experienced this Spirit in your life?
- ✱ How might the Spirit be working through you in the lives of others?

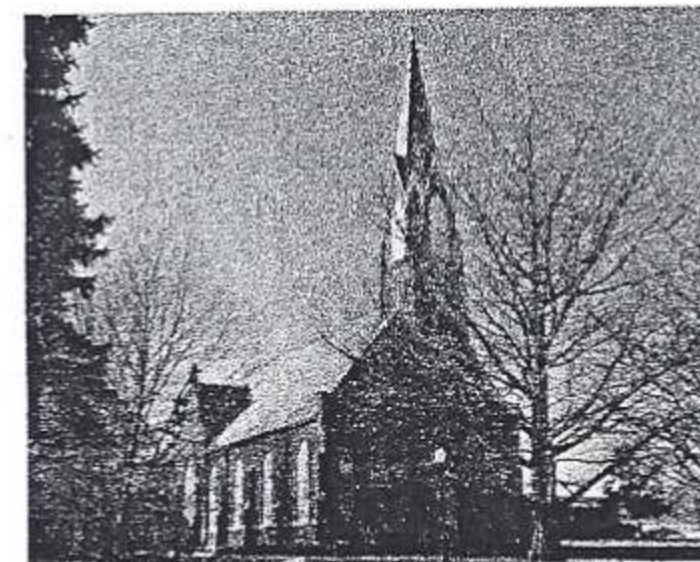




**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**



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**St. Patrick Catholic Church**

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**Mass Schedule**

Weekdays - Wednesday 5:30pm and

Thursday - 9:00am

Saturday Confessions - 3:15-3:45 PM  
or by appointment

Sunday Mass - 9:00AM

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**\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

**No Events Scheduled**

**\*\*Emergency Phone\*\***

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**Mass Schedule**

Weekday Mass -

Tuesday & Friday - 9:00AM

Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM

**Sunday (Last Chance) Mass -  
5:30 PM (Suspended)**

**Adoration Room**

Open Monday-Saturday 9AM-8PM

Sunday - 9AM - 6PM

**Divine Mercy Prayers**

Every Friday 3:00PM (Outside Lent)

**\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

**No Events Scheduled**

**St. Patrick Church**

**(Office at Holy Trinity Church)**

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Arlington, IL 61312

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**Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

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**\*\*Office Hours\*\***

Holy Trinity - Tues, Thurs, & Fri.  
- 9AM-12PM

St. Thomas More -

Wed - 9AM - 12PM

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Page - www.bureaucatholic.org

**\*\*Upcoming Events At Church\*\***

**No Events Scheduled**

**Daily Mass Intentions for  
Masses the Week of May 24, 2021**

<u>Monday</u>	<b>**Facebook Link - 4:00PM**STM</b>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<b>**Facebook Link - 9:00AM**STM</b>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<b>**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 5:30PM**HT</b>
<u>Thursday</u>	<b>**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00AM**HT</b>
<u>Friday</u>	<b>**Facebook Link - 9:00AM **STM</b>

<u>Offered For</u>
† No Mass
† Rene & Marguerite Pommier
† Bill Pozzi & Fred Hollinger
† Alan Hahn
Special Intention

**Next Weekend's Mass Intentions  
Weekend of May 29-30, 2021**

<u>Saturday:</u>	<b>**Facebook Link - 4:00PM **STM</b>
<u>Sunday:</u>	<b>**www.bureaucatholic.org/Facebook Link - 9:00 AM**HT</b>
	St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM (No Streaming)
	<b>**St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 6:00 PM (Last Chance Communion)</b>

<u>Offered For</u>
† Dennis & Lori Domkuski
† For The Parishioners
† Dave Miller

† No Mass (Only Holy Communion)

(\*\*Recommendation Watch Our Mass Online Or EWTN Mass Before Receiving Communion)



### Latest Offering's

Holy Trinity - \$1870.00  
St. Patrick - \$2266.00  
St. Thomas More - \$1665.00

### Visit Venerable Fulton Sheen At Cathedral in Peoria

Monday - Friday 12pm - 2pm  
Saturday 3pm - 5pm  
(Re-Opened Again)

### Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

#### Holy Trinity

##### LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?  
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

##### SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - ?  
Sunday - 8:30AM - ?

##### COUNTERS

Sunday - 8:30AM -  
? & ?

### \*\*Mass Intentions\*\*

We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekday Masses. The Masses on the web are a great occasion for family members not living in this area to pray with us for family members who have died. Please consider having a weekday Mass for a deceased member of your family and thank you. Mass intentions can be paid through our online giving program, mail or dropping by our office.

### \*\*Recurring Special Church Events\*\*

Wednesday's - Mass/Rosary - 6PM  
(On Website)

(After Wednesday HT Evening Mass)

Friday's - Divine Mercy Chaplet -

On Facebook - 3PM -

St. Thomas More Adoration Chapel

### In May

### Holy Water Available

When Easter comes, we have the great occasion to bless holy water for our personal use. While we are still not able to have holy water in the fonts at the entrance of the church. Some holy water bottles have been purchased for our parishioners and filled with holy water for you to take home and use. They are available after Mass or if you would like to call the office and we will figure out some way to get them to you.

### New First Communicants

Congratulations to the five new First Communicants at our Mass this last Sunday, April 25th at Holy Trinity. May Our Lord's Real Presence always bless them!

### Collection Envelopes

Also we still have many envelope boxes in our office. If you haven't received yours yet, please let us know how we can get them to you! We can get them to any of the three churches for you to pick them up. Thank you!

### St. Thomas More Ravs

A BIG Thank You is in order for the Rav Twisters for their contribution to keep St. Thomas More Church financially stable. Everyone has enjoyed the tasty ravs but now it is time for the Rav Twisters to rehabilitate their fingers! And enjoy the summer!

Thank you to everyone who supported the church through the purchase of the ravs!

### Confessions

Because of Memorial Day weekend, there will not be confessions next Saturday. The next confessions will be Saturday - June 5 - 10:30-11:15pm - at St. Thomas More Church in the hall.

### This Week's Update

As we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, the Church relies on the Holy Spirit today as it did back then. All of the celebrations of the Sacraments in the Church are still fulfilled by the Holy Spirit even though we can't visibly see it as it happens.

The Church, today, is in great need of our prayers and our help! The devil has a firm grasp on the workings of the Church. But Jesus will not let this continue. Now the Church has need of our gifts collectively to reinforce in our society the true teachings of the Church as established by the true Magisterium of the Church.

We can reinforce the teachings of the church by always protecting their need in our society as to what is right and just for us to live by. Sadly, the protection of life issue has lost all of its gains by our previous President because of our current President. The definition of the two sexes as created by God has been ignored by men and women who want to play God in our society. And God won't let these things continue!

This is why we as members of the Body of Christ within the Church need to do our part in protecting what the Church teaches in our society. God has given us gifts to protect them. Now it is all up to us! Let us all bless the church by doing what is right for God and ourselves!

Fr. Pat Fixsen



# Dear Padre,

## Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

**T**he 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).

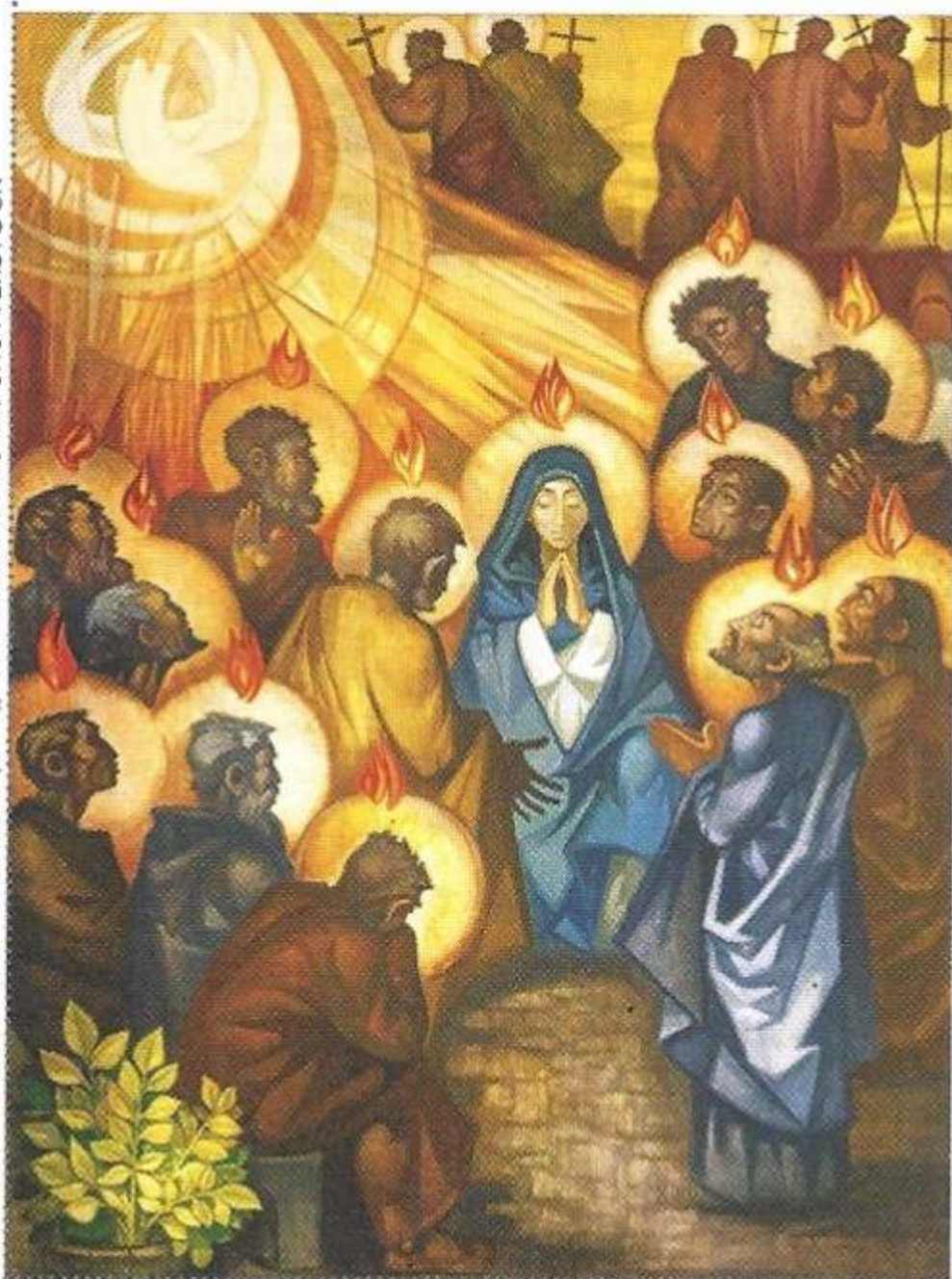
Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354–430).

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).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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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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