

Saint Joseph Church

✠ ROMAN CATHOLIC ✠

PRE-VATICAN II - TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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Sunday within the Oct. of the Ascension

May 17th, 2026

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*“And the Lord Jesus after he had spoken to them,
was taken up into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God.”*

(Mark 16, 19)

* **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** *

Sunday, May 17 th	SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION ✠Geraldine Elizabeth Benso (<i>Mr. Michael Merta</i>)	5:30 P.M.
Monday, May 18 th	St. Venantius, M ✠Lilian Rojano (<i>Mrs. Carmen Garita</i>)	
Tuesday, May 19 th	St. Peter Celestine, PC ✠Iranian schoolgirls murdered (<i>Mr. Alan Caron</i>)	
Wednesday, May 20 th	St. Bernardine of Siena, C Safe travels (<i>Mrs. Lan Hoang</i>)	
Thursday, May 21 st	Octave Day. of the Ascension ✠Alfred Treder (<i>Mrs. Mary Berge</i>)	
Friday, May 22 nd	Ferial Day (St. Rita of Cascia) Donald Murphy Jr. -birthday (<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Boyer</i>)	
Saturday, May 23 rd * <i>Fast & Partial Abstinence</i>	Vigil of Pentecost ✠Brad Wolf (<i>Mrs. Florence Wolf</i>)	
Sunday, May 24 th	PENTECOST SUNDAY ✠Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Mrs. Yvonne Neer</i>)	5:30 P.M.

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *

- **THIS SATURDAY IS THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST**, a day of *Fast & Partial Abstinence* from meat.
- **NOVENA TO THE HOLY GHOST** in preparation for Pentecost. Please remember to pray the novena daily to receive abundant graces on Pentecost Sunday. Copies are available in the vestibule.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS:** will take place on Sunday, **June 28, at St. Joseph Church @ 11:30 A.M.** Please note that there will be *only one Mass here at 8:00 A.M.* The 2nd Mass will be at Mt. Vernon at 11:30 A.M. All those who have received Confirmation on 1972 and after should receive it again at least conditionally. Please see Fr. Ercoli for registration and preparation.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

Diligence

• *“Even little actions are great when they are done well; so that a little action done with desire to please God is more acceptable to Him, and gives Him more glory, than a great work done with less fervor. We must, then, give particular attention to perform well the little works, which are easiest, and are constantly within our reach, if we wish to advance in friendship with God.”* —St. Francis de Sales

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☐ **JUNE 15** ⇒ 19 Spiritual Retreat for Priests (Minor Orders)
- ☐ **JUNE 28** ⇒ First Communions & Confirmations // ☐ **JUNE 30** ⇒ **JULY 3** Boys' Camp

THE TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY GHOST by St. Augustine

The blood of Christ was shed for the remission of sins, even for that sin from which He died. Therefore He said: They hated me without cause; but when the Paraclete comes, He shall give testimony of Me. That is to say, then they hated Me, and seeing Me they put Me to death; but such will be the testimony of the Paraclete that it will make even those who did not see Me believe in Me.

And you, says He, shall give testimony because you have been with Me from the beginning. The Holy Ghost will give testimony, and you also shall give it. For since you have been with Me from the beginning you will be able to preach that which you have seen; and the fact that you do not do this now is simply because you have not as yet the fullness of the Spirit...And the charity of God that is poured forth into your hearts by the Spirit that will be given to you shall give you the courage to testify.

This had indeed been lacking in Peter until then; terrified at the questions of the servant maid, he had not the courage to give true witness, but instead he was driven by his grievous fear to deny his Lord three times. Fear such as this has no place in charity, for true charity casts out fear...After the Lord's resurrection his generous love was tested by the Prince of generosity and because of fear he was then terrified, but here restored to calm; there he denied the One he loved; here he showed his love for Him whom he had denied.

But even this very love was weak and shallow until it was enlarged and made strong by the Holy Ghost. After the fullness of grace was poured into his soul, then the spirit within, formerly so lukewarm, burn^{ed} with desire to bear witness to Christ and unsealed the lips which trembling had withheld the truth. Thus, while all the rest on whom the Spirit descended spoke in many tongues, and while the multitude of the Jews stood about them, he alone shone out above all the rest in bearing witness to Christ, confounding those who had slain Him by his testimony to the resurrection.

Should anyone desire to contemplate this divine event, so full of meaning, let him read the Acts of the Apostles. There let him with wonder see Peter proclaiming the Christ, whom he had grieved by his denial. There he will see the tongue, changed from cowardice to confidence, from servitude to freedom, converting to the praise of Christ the tongues of so many who were His enemies...In short, such splendor of grace shone forth from him, such fullness of the Holy Ghost, such weight of most precious truth came from his mouth as he preached to them, that he made Jews who were enemies of Christ, and His murderers, into members of that great multitude who were ready to suffer and to die for Him...This the Holy Ghost accomplished, promised beforehand, and then sent down upon them...

Preparation for Pentecost by Rev. Leonard Goffine

1• *We should withdraw, after the example of the Blessed Virgin and the apostles, to some solitary place, or at least avoid interaction with others as much as possible; speak but little, and apply ourselves to earnest and persevering prayer; for in solitude, God speaks to man.*

2• *We should purify our conscience by a contrite confession, become reconciled to our neighbor, if we have lived in enmity; for the Holy Ghost, as a spirit of peace and purity, lives only in pure and peaceful souls.*

3• *We should give alms according to our means, for it is said in the Acts of the Apostles of the Gentile centurion Cornelius, that by prayer and almsdeeds he made himself worthy of the gifts of the Holy Ghost.*

4• *We should fervently desire to receive the Holy Ghost, and should give expression to this longing by frequent aspirations to God, making use of the prayer: "Come, Holy Ghost."*

* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS *



Welcome to the traditional Latin Mass, and to the unchanged Catholic Faith. The priests and parishioners of Holy Redeemer Chapel reject the changes of Vatican II. They want to preserve the Roman Catholic Faith by maintaining everything that was taught and done by the Church prior to Vatican II. In order to receive the sacraments here, it is therefore necessary that you attend exclusively the traditional Latin Mass, and avoid the new Mass and reformed sacraments. We also invite you to take our booklet entitled *The Traditional Latin Mass*, which is very informative. We encourage you to visit our bookstore for some additional reading & information about the present crisis in the Church.

* PLEASE, OBSERVE OUR DRESS CODE *

For Men: A shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes on Sundays and holy days of obligation. No earrings. **For Ladies:** A dress or skirt is required; no pants. The skirt must at least cover the knee, and should not be tight or otherwise revealing in any way. Immodest slits are forbidden. Clothing should be loose and not form-fitting. A head covering is also required. See-through blouses are forbidden, as well as clothing which is low-cut. **For Everyone:** No tennis shoes, sandals, denim, even on weekdays. The standards of Catholic modesty must be observed.

* APPOINTMENTS & OTHER INFORMATION *



If you wish to make an appointment with the priest, please call the rectory at (206) 299-1522. **Baptisms** are by appointment. At least one of the **Parents & Godparents** must be practicing Catholics in good standing who reject the changes of Vatican II. If you are contemplating **Matrimony**, catechism instructions may be needed; depending on the case, you may need to contact the priest as early as one year in advance of your wedding. When making arrangements for **Funerals**, please contact the priest before contacting the funeral director. **Extreme Unction & Sick Calls**, please do not put off making arrangements until the last moment. Let us know if a member of the Chapel is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death. For any emergency, please call **Fr. Ercoli** at (586) 215-3251.

- **Confession Schedule:** Sundays & Holydays, 30 minutes before Mass. Saturdays after Mass.
- **Blessing of Religious Articles:** Every First Sunday of the month at the communion rail.
- **Mass Intentions:** For your Mass requests there are Mass Intention envelopes available in vestibule.
- **Building Fund:** A 2nd Collection is taken on the *First Sunday* of each month. This Special Collection will go toward remodeling and building expenses.
- **St. Lawrence Poor Box:** Donations will help the poor and needy. *“He who gives to the poor suffers no want, but he who ignores them shall suffer indigence.”* (Prov. 28:27)
- **Purgatory League:** Holy Mass & Prayers for our deceased parishioners are offered on the First Sunday of each month. *May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*
- **Registration at Holy Redeemer Chapel:** If you intend to attend Holy Redeemer Chapel regularly, please complete the Registration Card in the vestibule.