

# Saint Joseph Church

✠ ROMAN CATHOLIC ✠

PRE-VATICAN II - TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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## Pentecost Sunday

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Rev. Carlos A. Ercoli - Rev. Héctor L. Romero*



### *The Descent of the Holy Ghost*

*“And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them: And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...” (Acts II, 2 & 3)*

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\* **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK** \*

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Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> ☩ Holy Souls in Purgatory (Mrs. Yvonne Neer)	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>
Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PENTECOST MONDAY</b> Mr. James Burke & family (Fr. Ercoli)	
Tuesday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PENTECOST TUESDAY</b> Father Romero (The Aguirre family)	
Wednesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> * <u>Fast &amp; Partial Abstinence</u>	<b>Pentecost Wednesday</b> (Ember Wednesday) ☩ All deceased (Mrs. Coleen Cortese)	
Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pentecost Thursday</b> ☩ Alfred Treder (Mr. Michael Treder)	
Friday, May 29 <sup>th</sup> * <u>Fast &amp; Complete Abstinence</u>	<b>Pentecost Friday</b> (Ember Friday) Our children & grand children (Mrs. Christine Hall)	
Saturday, May 30 <sup>th</sup> * <u>Fast &amp; Partial Abstinence</u>	<b>Pentecost Saturday</b> (Ember Saturday) Our children & families (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lambert)	
Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> Spiritual & temporal needs of the family (Luke & Alice Womochil)	<b>5:30 P.M.</b>

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\* **ANNOUNCEMENTS** \*

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- **MAY CROWNING:** is Today, before Holy Mass.
- **WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY ARE EMBER DAYS.** Please observe the *Rules of Fast & Abstinence*.
- **FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES:** are available in the Vestibule, to remember all the living and deceased fathers of our Chapel. Please turn them in by Father's Day 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass.
- **FIRST COMMUNICANTS RECOLLECTION:** on Saturday, **June 20 - 9:00 A.M. @** Holy Redeemer.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS & CONFIRMATIONS:** will take place on Sunday, **June 28, at St. Joseph Church @ 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.

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**WISDOM OF THE SAINTS**

*Diligence*

- *"Much more is accomplished by a single word of the Pater Noster said, now and then, from the heart, than by the whole prayer repeated many times in haste and without attention."* —St. Teresa of Avila

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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## THE GIFT OF FORTITUDE

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by St. Thomas Aquinas

**O**vercomes obstacles to action. The human will is hindered in two ways from following the rectitude of reason. First through being drawn by some object of pleasure to something other than what the rectitude of reason requires; and this obstacle is removed by the virtue of temperance. Secondly through the will being disinclined to follow that which is in accordance with reason, on account of some difficulty that presents itself. In order to remove this obstacle fortitude of the mind is requisite, whereby to resist the aforesaid difficulty, even as a man, by fortitude of body, overcomes and removes bodily obstacles.

**2. It is a condition of every virtue.** The term fortitude may be taken in two ways. First, as simply denoting a certain firmness of mind, and in this sense it is a general virtue, or rather, a condition of every virtue, since as the Philosopher states, it is requisite for every virtue to act firmly and immovably.

**3. The object of fortitude—fear and daring.** It belongs to the virtue of fortitude to remove any obstacle that withdraws the will from following the reason. Now, to be withdrawn from something difficult belongs to the notion of fear, which denotes the withdrawal from an evil that entails difficulty. (...) Hence fortitude is chiefly about fear of difficult things, which can withdraw the will from following reason. And it behooves one not merely to bear firmly the assaults of these difficulties by restraining fear, but also moderately to withstand them, when, to wit, it is necessary to dispel them altogether in order to free oneself therefrom for the future, which seems to come under the notion of daring. Therefore fortitude is about fear and daring, as curbing fear and moderating daring.

**4. Principally about the dangers of death.** It belongs to the notion of virtue that it should regard something extreme: and the most fearful of all bodily evils is death, since it does away with all bodily goods. Wherefore Augustine says that the soul is shaken by its fellow body, with fear of toil and pain, lest the body be stricken and harassed with fear of death lest it be done away and destroyed. Therefore the virtue of fortitude is about the fears and danger of death.

**5. Endurance is its chief act.** Fortitude is more concerned to allay fear than to moderate daring. For it is more difficult to allay fear than to moderate daring, since the danger which is the object of daring and fear tends, by its very nature, to check daring, but to increase fear. Now, to attack belongs to fortitude in so far as the latter moderates daring, whereas to endure follows the repression of fear. Therefore the principal act of fortitude is endurance, that is to stand immovable in the midst of dangers rather than to attack them.

**6. Fortitude in the fight against our enemies.** The spirit gives evidence of fortitude to some extent by resisting that concupiscence of the flesh which is opposed to it; yet a greater fortitude of spirit is shown, if by its strength the flesh is thoroughly overcome, so as to be incapable of lusting against the spirit. And hence this belongs to Christ, whose spirit reached the highest degree of fortitude.

### PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE GIFT OF FORTITUDE

*Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome, and separated from Thee, my God and greatest good. Amen.*

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\* A NOTE TO NEWCOMERS \*

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.