



# ST. JOHN FISHER

## *Catholic Parish*

### A FAMILY OF FAMILIAS

#### MASS MISA

##### Tuesday/Martes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Wednesday/Miércoles:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Thursday/Jueves:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

##### Friday/Viernes:

Catholic Charities @ 12:00 PM

##### Saturday/Sábado:

Church/Iglesia @ 6:00 PM English

##### Sunday/Domingo:

Church/Iglesia @ 8:00 AM Español,

10:00 AM English, 12:00 PM Español

#### CONFESSIONS CONFESIONES

##### Saturday/Sábado:

5:00 PM-5:45 PM

#### ADORATION ADORACIÓN

##### Thursdays Blessed Sacrament/ Jueves Exposición del Santísimo

8:00 AM-6:45 PM

#### OFFICE HOURS

##### HORARIO DE OFICINA

##### Monday – Thursday/Lunes – Jueves

8:00 AM-5:00 PM

(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)

12:00 – 1:00 PM

##### Friday/Viernes:

8:00 AM-NOON

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

##### SATURDAY/SABADO:

8:00 AM-11:00 AM

## MAY 31, 2020 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP

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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

<b>SUN 5/31</b>	<b>Vigil:</b> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. <b>Extended Vigil:</b> Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. <b>Day:</b> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
<b>MON 6/1</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
<b>TUE 6/2</b>	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
<b>WED 6/3</b>	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
<b>THR 6/4</b>	2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
<b>FRI 6/5</b>	2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37
<b>SAT 6/6</b>	2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44
<b>SUN 6/7</b>	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

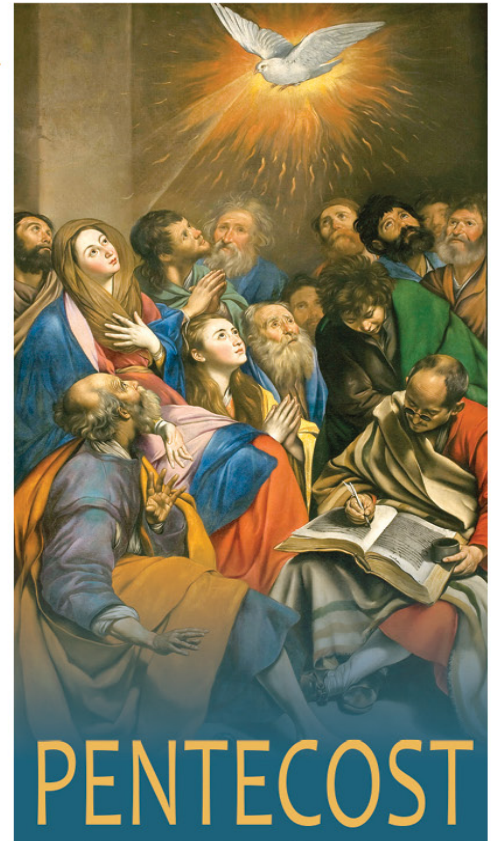
### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	Pentecost Sunday
<b>Monday:</b>	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Norbert, Bishop

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life changing things!



*And they  
were all filled  
with the  
Holy  
Spirit*

-ACTS 2:4



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.”

— Jn 20:21-23

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

#### First Reading

The birth of the Church occurs with the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Apostles. Luke presents this as an experience of unity. How do you see your faith community promoting unity of mind and spirit?

#### Second Reading

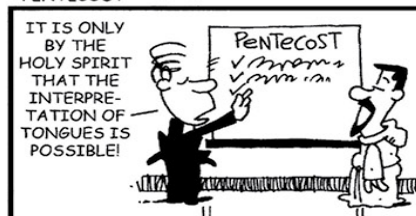
Paul speaks to the Christians in Corinth of the gifts and benefits of the Holy Spirit for believers. What Spirit-driven gifts do you possess?

#### Gospel Reading

John tells us how the resurrected Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit directly to the disciples, empowering them to forgive sins. How often do you use the gift of forgiveness?



#### PENTECOST



SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



# PARISH INFO

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

### RESPONDING *to the Call*

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

##### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

###### *We Are Never Alone*

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

##### Catholic Life Explained:

###### *Tithing vs. Stewardship*

#### Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

#### Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.

# PARISH ACTIVITIES

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## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### 3 EASY STEPS

#### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

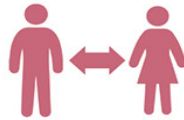
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*Jesus stood up and  
exclaimed, "Let  
anyone who thirsts  
come to me and drink.*

*As Scripture says:*

*Rivers of living water  
will flow from  
within him who  
believes in me."*

*He said this in  
reference to the Spirit  
that those who came  
to believe in him  
were to receive.*

*- Jn 7:37b-39a*

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# PASTOR'S DESK

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## DEAR ST. JOHN FISHER FAMILY,

I have asked the two seminarians staying with us during this summer to introduce themselves to you. Seminarian MJ wrote this:

"Hi! My name is Michael James Arianza (o Miguel Santiago), "MJ" for short, and I am from St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy, TX. I've been a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for a little over a year now and study at Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving, TX. During the school year, I study Philosophy at the University of Dallas. When I finish in 2022, I will move into my theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston.

One thing people ask me is "what do seminarians do all day", typically imagining a very monastic lifestyle, praying all day and staying within the confines of the seminary all day long. While I do spend a portion of my day in contemplative prayer, the prayer that makes up the majority of my day is primarily through my work offered up for God, whether that be studying, ministry, exercise, and even recreation. Here at St. John Fisher, I hope to learn much of the life of a diocesan priest from Fr. Jesse and from you, the community of St. John Fisher! Please keep me in your prayers as I pray for you!"

And seminarian Riley wrote this: "My name is Riley O'Sullivan and I just completed my first year as a seminarian. I was born and raised in Cypress, Texas, as the youngest of four. On April 15, 2012, on the Feast of Divine Mercy, me and my family were confirmed into the Catholic Church after converting from Anglicanism. I graduated from Saint John XXIII College Preparatory in 2019 and began seminary studies the following year. I am currently studying at Saint Joseph Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana. I have 8 years to go before I'm ordained a priest. In my spare time, I like to read Tolkien while smoking my pipe as well as play the ukulele. I am very excited to be here at Saint John Fisher to serve "a

family of familias!"

So, on this Pentecost Sunday, let us pray to the Holy Spirit for these young men, that they may grow in holiness and wisdom, especially while they are here with us. And let us also pray to Him who will bring forth many holy vocations to the priesthood in our church.

*Fr. Jesse Garcia*

## QUERIDA FAMILIA DE ST. JUAN FISHER,

Les he pedido a los dos seminaristas que se quedan con nosotros durante este verano que se presenten a ustedes. El seminarista MJ dijo esto:

"¡Hola! Mi nombre es Michael James Arianza (o Miguel Santiago), "MJ" para abreviar, y crecí en la parroquia de San Bartolomé en Katy, TX. Hace poco más de un año que soy seminarista de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston y estudio en el Seminario de la Santísima Trinidad en Irving, TX. Estoy estudiando Filosofía en la Universidad de Dallas. Cuando termine en el año 2022, pasaré a mis estudios teológicos en el Seminario de Santa María en Houston.

Una cosa que la gente me pregunta es "qué hacen los seminaristas durante el día," pensando que vivimos un estilo de vida muy monástico, rezando todo el día y permaneciendo dentro de los confines del seminario. Si bien paso una parte de mi día en oración contemplativa, la oración que constituye la mayor parte de mi día es principalmente a través de mi trabajo ofrecido a Dios, ya sea estudiando, ministrando, haciendo ejercicio e incluso el recreo. Aquí en San Juan Fisher, espero aprender del p. Jesse acerca de la vida de un sacerdote diocesano y de aprender también mucho de la comunidad de ustedes! ¡Por favor, sigan orando por mi como yo por ustedes!"

Y el seminarista Riley dice esto: "Me llamo Riley O'Sullivan y acabo de terminar mi primer año como seminarista. Nací y crecí en Cypress, Texas, y soy el más joven de cuatro hermanos. El 15 de abril del 2012, en la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia, mi familia y yo fuimos confirmados en la Iglesia Católica después de convertirnos de la iglesia Anglicana. Me gradué de Saint John XXIII Escuela Preparatoria en el 2019 y comencé los estudios de seminario al año siguiente. Actualmente estoy estudiando en el Colegio-Seminario de San Jose en



Covington, Luisiana. Me quedan 8 años antes de ser ordenado sacerdote! En mi tiempo libre, me gusta leer el escritor Tolkien mientras fumo mi pipa y también toco el ukelele. Estoy muy emocionado de estar aquí en San Juan Fisher para servir a esta "family de familias".

Entonces, en este día de Pentecostés, oremos al Espíritu Santo por estos jóvenes, para que crezcan en santidad y sabiduría, especialmente mientras están aquí con nosotros. Y oremos también a El que haga surgir muchas vocaciones santas al sacerdocio en nuestra iglesia.

*P. Jesse Garcia*

# CALENDAR & EVENTS

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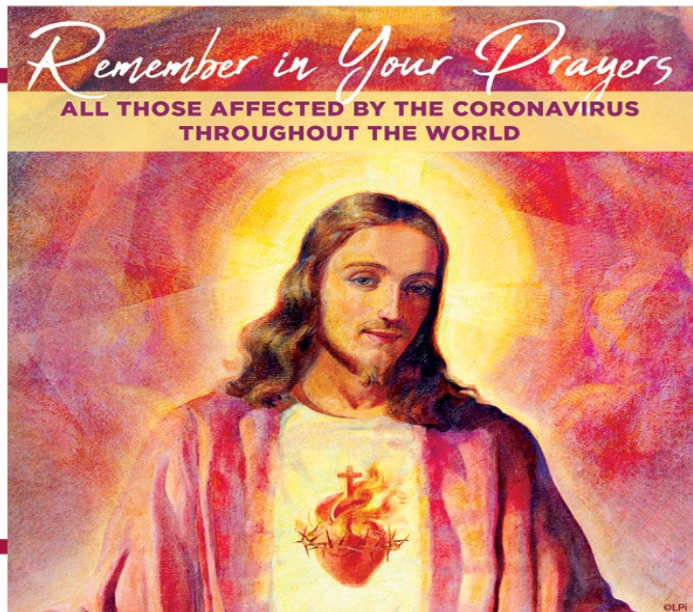
## PRAY



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JUNE 5

*Chosen  
for  
Greatness*



Compassionate and Loving Father,  
In the face of confusion and concern  
impart to us the calm of Your presence.  
In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and  
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them  
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and  
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world  
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then  
serve as instruments of that love  
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.  
Amen