

“We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

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Weekly Masses:

Sunday, 10:30 am
Wed & Fri, 6:00 pm

Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 am - 12 noon

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Reconciliation (Confession):
By appointment / Upon request

Baptism: By appointment
Marriage: Six months in advance

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Week of June 4, 2017

June 7 †Roxanne Ramirez

June 9 Persecuted Christians in Syria & Middle East

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

June 4 New Pentecost, 2017 Confirmands

June 11 Richard Vesely, †Seferino Ramirez

June 18 †A.B. Duncan, Stephanie Wagner

June 25 Vacation Bible School, Bill & Theresa Kainer

SANCTUARY LAMP

June 4 -10 †John Sheldon

June 11-17 Sheldon Family intentions

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Ext Ministers
6/4 10:30am	Korey Hardeman	Daniel Ortiz Michael Ortiz Rayven Ramos	Fern Carter Armando Ortiz
6/11 10:30am	Norma Ortiz	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Korey Hardeman Armando Ortiz
6/18 10:30am	Terri Longoria	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Erika Ramos
6/25 10:30am	Angel Emrich	Athena Tilley Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Armando Ortiz Ray Ramos
7/2 10:30am	Andrew Duarte	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos

GREETERS & USHERS

6/4 Elijah Ramos, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, Stephanie Woodson

6/11 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Ann Woodson, William Tilley

6/18 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson

6/25 Korey Hardeman, Margaret Jeter, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley

If you will be absent on your assigned day, please arrange a substitute. Arrive to prepare fifteen minutes before Mass. Thank you for your service to God and his people!



**News & Upcoming Events
in our Parish & Diocese**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Volunteers are needed to assist with our summer "Discovery Mission" VBS, **June 26-30**. Our **FIRST TEAM MEETING** will take place this **WEDNESDAY, June 6 @ 6:30 PM** in St. Katharine Drexel Hall after the 6 PM Mass. **REGISTRATION FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

"WE TOGETHER"

SOUTHERN POTLUCK DINNER

The Holy Cross June fellowship meal will take place after the 10:30 AM Mass on **June 25**. Please sign up with **Eunice Sharkey** to prepare a specific dish: **361-882-1090**.

ST. MARTHA'S KITCHEN: MENUDO!

Come celebrate Pentecost in the St. Katharine Drexel Parish after Mass today. **Delicious home-made menudo** is for sale at an unbeatable price. Enjoy the food and fellowship!

**The Day of Pentecost
The Holy Spirit as Wind and Fire**

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word for "fiftieth" (*pentecoste*). Pentecost is the fiftieth day after Easter Sunday. In the Old Testament, it is referred to as the Feast of Weeks, Feast of Harvest, and Day of First-fruits. Jews today use the Hebrew word *Shavu'ot* ("weeks") for Pentecost. This feast celebrated the end of the grain harvest: "You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you first put the sickle to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the feast of weeks to the Lord your God..." (Deut 16:9).

In the New Testament Pentecost is the day when the risen and ascended Lord Jesus sent the Holy Spirit in power upon the Church: "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high" (Lk. 24:49). **The "harvest of souls" for Christ's Kingdom could only begin with the Spirit's power.**

Acts 2:1-4 tells us what happened to the Apostles on this glorious day: **"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."**

Wind is a basic symbol of the Holy Spirit, as the Greek word for "Spirit" (*Pneuma*) also means "wind" and "breath." **The Holy Spirit, third Person of the Blessed Trinity, is the soul and life-force of the Church.** The Catechism tell us that "fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions... the fire of the Holy Spirit transforms what he touches." Referring to the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, **"I came to cast fire upon the earth"** (Lk 12:49). "In the form of tongues 'as of fire', the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with himself" (CCC 696).

The Greek word "tongue" (*glossai*) signifies both an individual flame and an individual language. The "tongues as of fire" (i.e., individual flames) are distributed to and rest on the disciples, thus empowering them to miraculously speak in "other tongues." This gift comes from the Holy Spirit, manifested as flames of fire on the Day of Pentecost.

Let us welcome the mighty rushing wind of the Holy Spirit that He may set us on fire as compassionate and courageous witnesses of the risen Lord Jesus in our dying world!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, Fern Carter, Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Louise Gazin, Gloria Hamilton, Doug Hopkins, Otis Jackson, Rodessa Jones, Darell Johnson, Charlester Lewis, Nathan Lopez, Fr. Seamus McGowan, Martha Moore, Billie & Hector Munguia, Emily Petru, Josie Ramirez, Randy Ramirez, Rosanne Ramirez, Phillis Ridgels, Atanacio Sanchez, Renalda Sharkey, Lamont Taylor, Carolyn Satterwhite, Eula Shaw, Les Spear, Dolores Vesely, Patricia Whitfield, Henry G. Winn

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: **Pentecost Sunday**
 Monday: St. Boniface
 Tuesday: St. Norbert
 Friday: **St. Ephrem the Syrian,
 Deacon and Doctor of the Church**
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 2:1-8; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-9; Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-17; Ps 25:2-9; Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1-10; Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb 12:1-13:8; Mk 12:38-44
 Sunday: Ex 34:4-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



Birthdays for the week of June 4th

June 9th Elijah Ramos
 June 10th Juan Aranda

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
 -2 Corinthians 9:7



Tithes and offerings

Weekly Contributions

(Sunday, May 28, 2017)

Adult Envelopes (36).....\$ 804.00
 Children's Envelopes (3).....\$ 9.00
 Loose Currency.....\$ 87.56
 May Crowning Contribution.....\$ 40.00

Catholic Communications Campaign (2nd Collection)....\$ 44.00

TOTAL \$ 984.56

May God bless you for your generous support!