

## ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Mass intentions for May 23, 2021 *Pentecost*

**Saturday, 5 p.m.** —  
People of the parish

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.** —  
† Agustin & Mary Gonzales  
By: Joe Gonzales

**9:30 a.m.** —  
People of the parish

**Wednesday, noon** —  
People of the parish

### *Pentecost*

**Acts 2:1-11**—The apostles and Mary were all in one place together. Suddenly a noise like a strong driving wind came from the sky, filling the house. Then tongues as of fire came to rest on each one, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.



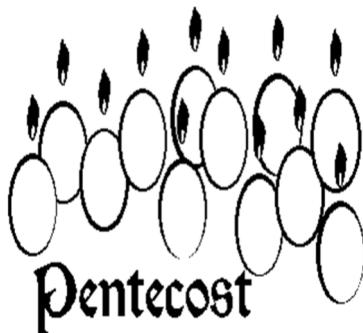
**Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34**—Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**—There are different gifts but the same Spirit. To each, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were baptized into one body.

**John 20:19-23**—On the day of his resurrection, Jesus came to the disciples, who were behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

## No Dispensation

Beginning this weekend, Catholics living in the Diocese of Knoxville are expected to attend Sunday Mass (on Saturday evening or Sunday). Exceptions include illness, caring for the ill and significant fear of COVID exposure at Mass,



### FEAST OF WEEKS

Israel is a fertile country with two or more harvests a year. The first one comes around the beginning of June, about seven weeks after Passover. Biblical people celebrated a sort of Thanksgiving holiday, called "The Feast of Weeks" or Shavuot in Hebrew. It also recalled the Covenant God made with the Israelites at Mount Sinai. The Apostles were holding a secret observance of the holiday to avoid being arrested. Suddenly their fear vanished when the Holy Spirit descended on them. We know the Feast of Weeks as "Fifty Days"—in Greek, Pentecost.

Materials for Sunday bulletins. They may be freely reproduced in any non-profit publication. © 2000 by Father Richard Lonsdale

## Weekly readings

### *Pentecost Sunday*

Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 104:1, 24,  
29-30, 31, 34  
1 Corinthians  
12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

### *Monday*

*Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church*  
Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
John 19:25-34

### *Tuesday*

Sirach 35:1-12  
Mark 10:28-31

### *Wednesday*

*St. Philip Neri*  
Sirach 36:1, 4-5a,  
10-17  
Mark 10:32-45

### *Thursday*

Sirach 42:15-25  
Mark 10:46-52

### *Friday*

Sirach 44:1, 9-13  
Mark 11:11-26

### *Saturday*

Sirach 51:12cd-20  
Mark 11:27-33

### *Most Holy Trinity*

Deuteronomy  
4:32-34, 39-40  
Psalm 33:4-6, 9,  
18-20, 22  
Romans 8:14-17  
Matthew 28:16-20

## Pentecost

Pentecost marks the end of the 50-day Easter season on the Church calendar. The theme of Easter season, which runs from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, is resurrection from the death of sin to a life of grace. The last 10 days of the Easter season (from Ascension Thursday through Pentecost) focus on the promise of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

— From *Catholic Source Handbook*



### Did You Know?

On the Monday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of the Church. St. Leo the Great indicates that the birth of the Head (Jesus) is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is both the mother of Jesus (the Son of God) and the mother of the members of his mystical body (the Church). Mary became Mother of the Church at the foot of the cross when Jesus said "woman, behold your son," indicating the disciple John, who represented the Church. Her mission as Mother of the Church began on Pentecost, when she prayed with the disciples as they received the Holy Spirit.

### Holy Spirit Prayer

(from St. Augustine of Hippo)

Breathe on me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my works, too, may be holy.  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy.



### Saintly Wisdom

"We have the right, the duty and the joy  
to say that Pentecost goes on!"  
— St. Pope John Paul II —

### Parish Life

**Sunday Mass Time Changes** — Beginning next weekend, St. Elizabeth Church will return to having only one Sunday Mass, and it will be at 9 a.m. This weekend is the last weekend for 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.

**Parish & Diocesan Websites** — Websites for St. Elizabeth and the Diocese of Knoxville can be accessed at the following sites:

- St. Elizabeth — [stelizabethsparish.org](http://stelizabethsparish.org)
- Diocese of Knoxville — [dioknox.org](http://dioknox.org)
- *East Tennessee Catholic*, the diocesan newspaper — [etcatholic.org](http://etcatholic.org).

The parish also has an online presence through the MyParish App and Facebook. Thank you to parishioner Cathy Champon for keeping the parish sites up to date.

**Happy Anniversary!** — Happy anniversary to Harold and Barbara Crawford who will celebrate their 15th anniversary on Thursday (May 27).

**Address Changes** — If you have moved or changed your phone number or email address, please let the church know. Updates may be given to Coleen Schneider at 202-6387 or [coleenschneider@gmail.com](mailto:coleenschneider@gmail.com).

### Diocesan Mask Mandate Lifted

Beginning this weekend, Bishop Richard Stika is making optional the wearing of a face mask at Mass and all parish functions. Priests, deacons and eucharistic ministers are required to wear face masks when distributing communion, however. Also starting this weekend, the obligation is restored to attend Mass on Sunday (or Saturday vigil) and holy days of obligation. In addition, social distancing is reduced from 6 feet to 3 feet.