

## Parish News:



*Pentecost Sunday is a significant day in the Christian calendar, celebrated 50 days after Easter. Its essence lies in commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Book of Acts (Acts 2:1-4). This event marks the birth of the Christian Church and the beginning of its mission to spread the Gospel to all nations. Key elements of Pentecost Sunday include:*

**The Gift of the Holy Spirit:** Pentecost celebrates the moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples, empowering them with spiritual gifts, courage, and the ability to speak in different languages.

**Unity and Mission:** The event symbolizes the unity of believers and the breaking down of barriers between people of different backgrounds, as the apostles communicated Jesus' message to people from all walks of life.

**The Birth of the Church:** Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church," as it marks the official start of the apostles' public ministry and the expansion of the Christian community.

**Renewal and Transformation:** Christians reflect on the Holy Spirit's transformative power in their lives, seeking renewal, guidance, and strength for their faith journey.

*In essence, Pentecost Sunday is about celebrating God's continued presence through the Holy Spirit, empowering believers for service and witness, and the universal call to share God's love with the world.*

**Monday Night Prayer Group:** All are welcome to join us Monday evenings at 5:00 pm in the Church for the Rosary, haplet, and General Intercessions.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the first Saturday morning of each month. **Pastoral Care for the Sick:** If you or anyone in your family has fallen ill and would like a visit or to receive the Eucharist, please inform the Parish Office.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated **on Monday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.** in our parish. All candidates, families, sponsors, and parishioners are warmly invited to join this special liturgy as our young people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us come together in faith and support as we pray for our confirmands on this joyful occasion.



The next **First Holy Communion Family**



**Gathering** will be on **Wednesday, May 27th**, at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Light Dinner and refreshments will be served by the *Couples for Christ Ministry*.

### Catholic Women's League News:

1. **CWL Wind-Up Party** is Wednesday, June 3@6:00pm, Prairie Modern Kitchen (Across from St. Anthony's School).

Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex of the Church. **Please sign up by May 24!** More info to follow.

2. **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care:** Thanks to all of you who signed up to pray for those in Palliative Care and for those who work and support Palliative Care Programs.

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### From Knights of Columbus:



Join us for **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 9:30 –12:30 pm** at the Parish Hall. Cost is a free-will donation.

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### From Couples For Christ:

### Diocese News:

**Vocations Rally:** Join the Vocations Rally 2026: Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026 - from 11 am to 4:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community. Discover, support, and pray for vocations in our diocese!

**Blooms & Blossoms: Elizabeth House Charity Dinner - May 23:** Join us for an elegant evening in support of Elizabeth House! Enjoy dinner, live music, and community while raising funds for vital home renovations.

The African communities in the Diocese of Calgary invite all to their Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by Bishop William T. McGrattan. When: **Sun, Jun 21, at 12:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic Community, Calgary.** Participating communities include: Blessed Iwene Tansi Nigerian Community, Cameroon Catholic Community, South Sudanese Catholic Community, and Eritrean Catholic Community. All are welcome!

## 2026 May Mass and Intentions Schedules

Tuesday,	26-May-25	6:30 PM	(Spec) Julio and Marites Mendoza
Wednesday,	27-May-25	10:30 AM	(Spec) Souls in Purgatory
		(Sunshine Lodge)	
Thursday,	28-May-25	9:00 AM	(Spec) Joe Surince
Friday,	29-May-25	9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of KofC and CWL Members
Saturday,	30-May-25	5:00 PM	(SPEC) Mary Ann and Arieyan Arce
Sunday,	31-May-25	9:00 AM	(Spec) St. Anthony's Parishioners
		10:30 AM	(Spec) For CFC Members

### Sacraments:

**For Anointing of the Sick:** Please email Father Lukas or, in the case of emergencies, call the Parish and press '0' to be connected to Father Lukas or Fr. Ian.

**Reconciliation:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 3:30 – 4:30 pm every Saturday afternoon and by appointment. To schedule an appointment, please call the Parish Office and leave a message for **Fr. Lukas or Fr. Ian**.

**Baptism:** Please contact the Parish Office at (403) 823-2683 to arrange an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to your desired date.

**Confirmation:** Monday, May 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

### Scripture Readings

**25 May, Monday:** First: Gen. 3: 9-15, 20 | Psalm: 87: 1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 | Gospel: John 19: 25-34  
*(Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

**26 May, Tuesday:** First: 1 Peter 1: 10-16 | Psalm: 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Gospel: Mark 10: 28-31  
*(Memorial of Philip Neri)*

**27 May, Wednesday:** First: 1 Peter 1: 18-25 | Psalm: 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 | Gospel: Mark 10: 32

**28 May, Thursday:** First: 1 Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12 | Psalm: Psalms 100: 2, 3, 4, 5 | Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

**29 May, Friday:** | First: First Peter 4: 7-13 | Psalm: Psalms 96: 10, 11-12, 13 | Gospel: Mark 11: 11-26

**30 May, Saturday:** First: Jude 1: 17, 20b-25 | Psalm: Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6 | Gospel: Mark 11: 27-33

**31 May, Sunday:** First: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9 | Psalm: Dan.3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 | Second: 2Cor.13: 11-13 |  
*(The Holy Trinity Solemnity)*

## St. Anthony's Parish

*St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church is an inviting family community united in Christ.*

**Parish Mission: Family, Faith Building, Liturgy, Environment and Social**



**Parish Priest:** Fr. Lukas Drapal ([fr.lukas.d@gmail.com](mailto:fr.lukas.d@gmail.com))

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**Pastoral Council Chair:** Paul Marshall | **Finance Council Chair:** Mary Pavich

**Catholic Women's League President:** Velma Scott

**Knights of Columbus Grand Knight:** Arlie Arce

**Couples for Christ:** Cen and Tess Felisilda

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**Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:00 pm | Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30 am**

**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm**

## **Solemnity of Pentecost: Sunday, May 24, 2026**

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief. In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

*Gospel Source: Diocese of Calgary - [Sunday Connection](#) | [Loyola Press](#)*