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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 24, 2026

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## **MASS Times:**

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday → Anticipated Mass: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12-Noon

**Confessions:** 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

## **Baptisms and Weddings:**

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

## **Pentecost Sunday**

May 24, 2026  
Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 29-30, 31-34  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

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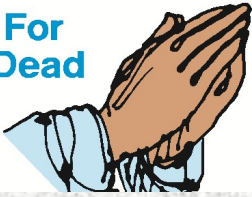
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 23</b>
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Michael Tilson Thomas</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Dennis Rush</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 24</b>
8:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Loretta Wade</i>
10:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Flo Kramer</i>
12:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Anna Swierczewski</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 25</b>
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of All Military Who Served</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 26</b>
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Joseph Michael Mennealy</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 27</b>
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Gosia &amp; Mia Walak</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 28</b>
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Fr. Kevin Larkin; In Memory of Deacon Jack Coplen</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 29</b>
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of St. Expedite</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 30</b>
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Kirby Shaw</i>
5:00 PM	<i>For the Intentions of Amelia Brynn Nolasco Tipping</i>

**Pray For  
The Dead**



**Rhio Gillis**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Sean Aguirre, Gisele Hayek, Susan Ho, Angela Samona, Denise Loren, Marilyn Bencar, Leticia Romero, Alex Chalof, Carmel Rattigan, Kathy Molloy, Glenn J. Lawlor, Jr., Olga Oshiro, Maria Berreondo, Tanya Valazquez, Catherine Crews, Deana Domsten, Mary Ann Blee, Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancale, Charlie Ho, Jackie Ward-Smith, Ann Murcia, Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale, Linda Lucas, Vickie Council, Joan Gore, William Moulprie, Rose Bann, James Armstrong, Sr., Catherine Mwamba, Kathy Polk, Pat Yahnke, Linda Mauleon, Sandra Mitchell, Sharon Crigler, Samiee Nejad, Mary Bailey, Eric Duran, Tina McConnell, Patrick McDougall, Tish Mc Daniel, Nina Barnes, Jana Rattigan, Jezebel Todd, Lauren Britton, Jen Welch, Bob Dixon, Tony Guadagno, John Proscetto, Dexter Gray, Annie Salazar, Jim Earnhart, Joseph Stockert, Rose Ang, Sheila van der Veen, Leonila Siga-an, Jonathan Jacobs, Sammi Petri, Georgina Nicoletti, Lindsay Dean, Saverio Barbieri, Davis Weld, Kevin Hogan, Catherine Sweeney, Jeffrey Paynton, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Doris McNary, Marilyn Sidley, Karin Quinn Forward, Susan Maria, Kevin Patrick, Sean Kevin, Bruce Johnson, Virginia Johnson, Fran Hurton, Arnaud Gregori, Mary Henriksen, Dominic Mantei, Edith Reeves, Stefanie Gabler, Jake Patterson, Rose Rios, Anita & Austen Canzano, David Bell, Marie Schewe, Tom & Judy King, Jonathan Masse, Steve Dee, Darya Williams, Gus Calderon, Robert Willing, Josue Meza, Thomas Oliver, Philip Graber, and Blake Cline

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 05/24	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>
Monday, 05/25	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial); Memorial Day - Holiday Observed</b>
Tuesday, 05/26	<i>St. Philip of Neri, Priest</i>
Wednesday, 05/27	<i>St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</i>
Friday, 05/29	<i>St. Paul VI, Pope</i>
Saturday, 05/30	<b>Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>

## CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 05/15 - 05/17/2026

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## May ~ *The Month of Our Lady* ~ *The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

Our spiritual exercises during the month of May can emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal Mystery.

Here are some lovely and beautiful practices to *Honor Our Lady*:

### *The Regina Caeli*

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
R. For He, whom You did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen as He said, alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
R. For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray:

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

Through the same Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

### The Rosary

Also called the *Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterized by insistent praise and supplication.

### Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

The Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known.

### The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The *Scapular* is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to Her protection, who have recourse to Her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

### Medals

These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in Her maternal protection. The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that:

"They help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."



## **Mass on Memorial Day at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery**

**11160 Stanwood, San Fernando, CA 91345**

**Twice every year, on All Souls Day and on Memorial Day, Holy Mass is offered at each of the eleven cemeteries in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:**

**Holy Cross in Culver City, Good Shepherd in Lancaster,  
San Fernando Mission in Mission Hills, Calvary in East Los Angeles,  
Queen of Heaven in Rowland Heights, Holy Cross in Pomona,  
Resurrection in Rosemead, All Souls in Long Beach, Assumption in Simi Valley,  
Calvary in Santa Barbara and Santa Clara in Oxnard.**

**On Monday, May 25th—Memorial Day, Archbishop Jose Gomez will offer Mass at 10:00 a.m. at San Fernando Mission Cemetery at the outdoor Altar. All are invited to participate.**

# Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24, 2026

With the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven, Jesus' work to make possible our redemption/salvation is complete. That ending yields to a beginning, the era of the Holy Spirit to work in and through humanity and our world until the Lord returns a second final time.

## The Jewish History of Pentecost

"Pentecost" is from the Greek word *Pentekoste* meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the Jewish Festival of Shavuot celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. Shavuot is also known as the "Feast of Weeks" and the "Feast of 50 days". On this day, the first fruits of the grain harvest were offered to the Lord (Lev. 23:15-21 and Deut. 16:9-11). The second chapter of Acts begins with the 12 Apostles together in one place on Pentecost (the Feast of Weeks) when suddenly a sound like the rush of a mighty wind was heard and tongues as of fire resting on each apostle (Acts 2:1-3).

## Miracles the Apostles Experienced

When the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles as tongues of fire, they received the courage to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone. Miraculously, the people of many different languages and nations crowded in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks could understand the Apostles in their own languages. This miracle reflected God's desire for the Gospel to be preached to all, and for all the peoples of the earth to be united in faith.

## The Most Important Effect of Pentecost

The miraculous tongues of fire, along with the Apostles' ability to speak in different languages, is impressive. However, the most important and most lasting effect of Pentecost surpassed those. Pentecost marks the point from which the apostles carried the message of Christ to the whole world. The authority that Christ gave His Apostles through the Holy Spirit extends through the bishops today. The Holy Spirit guides the Church. In fact, St. Augustine said that the Holy Spirit was the soul of the Church. Just as the soul gives life to the body, so also the Spirit gives life to the Church.

## The Spirit Continues to Make Christ Present

"No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). After the Ascension Jesus is no longer physically present on earth. However, Jesus has not left us alone. Indeed, Jesus is still present to us in other ways. Jesus has left us the sacraments through which the Holy Spirit conveys the grace of God in a physical and tangible way. Pentecost marks the beginning of this new, sacramental era in which we live today.

## What are the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

**Wisdom** is both the knowledge of and judgment about "divine things" and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.

**Understanding** is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to "see" God.

**Counsel** allows a person to be directed by God in matters necessary for his/her salvation.

**Fortitude** denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.

**Knowledge** is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.

**Piety** is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all people on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our parents and to our country; since God is God of all, the worship of God is also called piety.

**Fear of God** is, in this context, "filial" or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from God—as opposed to "servile" fear, whereby we fear punishment.

## Did You Know? Digital Safety Video Series

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children debuted a new video series called Into the Cloud™ discussing online safety for children. The video series presents digital safety lessons in a fun and age-appropriate manner including strategies for handling cyber-bullying, recognizing and reporting unsafe/inappropriate interactions and content, and preventing online exploitation. To watch the series in both English and Spanish visit: <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/intothecloud>



### ***“The Shroud of Turin: An Immersive Experience”***

at Christ Cathedral in Orange County, California, is a landmark — 10,000 square foot museum dedicated to exploring the mystery of the *Shroud of Turin*; the most studied archaeological object in the world and the purported *Burial Cloth of Jesus Christ*. Featuring 360-degree projection room theaters, Shroud replica, new sacred art, interactive kiosks and more. The Shroud of Turin Immersive Experience offers a one-of-kind examination where faith and forensics meet.

A visit to the Shroud of Turin Immersive Experience takes at least 90-minutes. It is intended for guests 10 years old and above, as well as people of all faiths. The privately funded, \$5-million museum opened in Fall 2025 on the Christ Cathedral Campus (formerly known as the Crystal Cathedral), down the street from the Anaheim Resort District.

The Shroud of Turin Immersive Experience is presented by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange in partnership with Othonia and Papaian Studios. Othonia is part of the Institute of Science & Faith of the *Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum* in Rome. The Mission of Othonia is to encourage people to examine the Shroud through the eyes of both reason and faith. Through its educational materials, exhibits and speakers, Othonia invites people to answer for themselves the question that Jesus asked His followers: *“Who do you say that I am?”*

### **What is the Shroud of Turin?**

The Shroud of Turin is a blood-stained cloth bearing the image of a crucified man. It is believed by some to be the actual linen burial cloth that wrapped the Body of Jesus Christ after His Crucifixion, a practice common among the 1st-century Jewish people. Its name is derived from its long-time home in Turin, Italy, where it has been since 1578.

There has been such extensive interest in the Shroud, that there is a name for the formal study of it: *Sindonology*. It is considered the most studied artifact in the world, with more than 100 different disciplines closely examining it. The original Shroud — kept in a state of careful preservation and not currently on display — has been in the formal possession of the Holy See since 1983. Its history prior to 1354 is not well-documented.

It is important to note that the Catholic Church has not taken an official position on the Shroud of Turin’s authenticity, but recognizes its importance as an object of veneration and reflection. The Church acknowledges the ongoing scientific investigation into the Shroud’s origins and properties, entrusting scientists with the task of finding satisfactory answers to questions surrounding it. Popes have consistently recognized the Shroud’s significance as a powerful image that points to the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, inviting believers to deeper contemplation and conversion.

**It is recommended that tickets are purchased in advance to ensure availability.**

**The Shroud Exhibit runs on a timed-entry system with intervals of 90-minutes & limited space per seating.**

Tickets are available online at: [www.theshroudexperience.com](http://www.theshroudexperience.com) or by phone at: 1-877-5-SHROUD

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