

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 23, 2021 | PENTECOST SUNDAY



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Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am-3:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before 7:00am Mass Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm

Other | By Appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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READINGS FOR MAY 23, 2021: PENTECOST SUNDAY

READING I (AT 4:30PM MASS)

GEN 11:1-9

The whole world spoke the same language, using the same words. While the people were migrating in the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there. They said to one another, "Come, let us mold bricks and harden them with fire." They used bricks for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered all over the earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built. Then the LORD said: "If now, while they are one people, all speaking the same language, they have started to do this, nothing will later stop them from doing whatever they presume to do. Let us then go down there and confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says." Thus the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the speech of all the world. It was from that place that he scattered them all over the earth.

Reading I (AT 8:00 & 10:00AM Masses)

ACTS 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O LORD! the earth is full of your creatures.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD be glad in his works! Pleasing to him be my theme; I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

READING II (AT 4:30PM MASS)

ROM 8:22-27

Brothers and sisters: We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts

knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

READINGS FOR MAY 23, 2021: PENTECOST SUNDAY

READING II (AT 8:00 & 10:00am Masses)

GAL 5:16-25

Brothers and sisters, live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

SEQUENCE VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor! Come, source of all our store! Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best; You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below; In our labor, rest most sweet; Grateful coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. O most blessed Light divine,

Shine within these hearts of yours, And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught, Nothing good in deed or thought, Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore And confess you, evermore In your sevenfold gift descend; Give them virtue's sure reward; Give them your salvation, Lord; Give them joys that never end. Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (AT 4:30PM MASS)

JN 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the feast, 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. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

GOSPEL (AT 8:00 & 10:00am Masses)

JN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."



FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

Graduation Weekend

A special word of congratulations to the Class of 2021 as they graduate this Sunday. Know of our prayers for you as you prepare to enter high school in the fall.

As a reminder, we will have no music at the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses this weekend to accommodate a special 11:15am Mass. This Mass was scheduled prior to the announcement of the changes around the Coronavirus rules and, for ease of scheduling, we are going forward with our original plan. Thank you for your understanding.

From the Hip Hip and Hooray Department

Recently, our school participated in Civitas. Civitas is an organization where students participate in a mock United Nations by researching topics going on in a country and proposing and debating resolutions on a global scale to aid these issues.

We had several students who were asked back to participate in the honors track for Civitas. Congratulations to these students:

6th grade--Lydia, Sophia M., Claire, and Jack 7th grade--Josh, Maggie, Anna-Grace, and Sydney 8th grade--Addi, Henry, Emillie, Alex, and Will

Corpus Christi Weekend-June 5-6

The weekend of June 5-6 will be the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Typically, this would be a weekend for us to process as a parish community around the property. However, due to social distancing A Special Day protocols, we will have to cancel this procession again this year.

We do want to honor our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament this weekend, though. From the end of 8:00am Mass until 9:50am, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the church. We encourage you to consider coming to the 8:00am Mass and staying a bit or coming a bit early to the 10:00am Mass to spend some time with Our Lord. At 9:50am, we will have Benediction.

Update on Covid Restrictions

The Coronavirus Taskforce met on May 19 to discuss the implications of the decision by the CDC, the St. Louis City Health Department, and the Archdiocese to change the facemask and other restrictions. This first meeting dealt primarily with restrictions in church but will grow over

the summer to discuss restrictions in the school and with fall sports as well.

These conversations are necessary to strike a balance between being overly cautious and being overly progressive in our response to the changes to the Coronavirus protocols. We desire to continue to create an atmosphere where people feel safe in church and at other events while trying to create as normal a situation as possible.

Please continue to keep an eye on announcements via Flocknotes or listen for updates during Mass to understand the latest changes to the COVID restrictions and at Mass.

The Last Week of School

This week is the last week of school, with the last day being Friday, May 28. When we opened school back in August, the teachers, administrators, and taskforce all had put a good deal of thought and research into our plans. We hoped and prayed that our planning would pay off in a successful school year.

Many months later, we have made it through one of the more challenging school years we will ever experience. Many thanks to our teachers and staff for the fine work in continuing to teach our children in these difficult times. Thank you to the parents for working with us in following the different restrictions related to the pandemic. Thank you to the taskforce for its great work in helping us to stay on track. Lastly, thank you, everyone, for your prayers for our school this year.

This Sunday, May 23, is my 12th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. It is always a joy when it falls on a Sunday so I can share it with those for whom I was ordained: the people of God.

I realize on this day the great grace of being ordained and thank God for it. I also realize that I am a sinner and have often fallen short of who I am called to be as a priest. If I have offended or wronged you in my time here at St. Raphael, I do ask for your forgiveness.

I will see you online or in church! -Fr. John #SRAstrong

Parish Council Nominations Are Open!

I would like to thank the current members of our Parish Council for all of their hard work and help in navigating these times for our community during the pandemic: Dan Cierpiot, Barb Cramer, Linda Hiette, Brian McCarthy, Dan Meshoto, and Mary Niemeyer. They truly deserve our appreciation for their service.

Last year around this time, we did open up nominations for the Parish Council. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for the council. We closed the nominations at the end of the summer and have been functioning with three slots left open on the council.

Is God calling you to serve on our Parish Council? Do you have in mind someone who would be good to serve on the council?

The Parish Council meets once per month for about an hour. We discuss the current news in the parish and also discuss the future direction of the parish and how we can help to bring about that vision. The members provide an invaluable service to me as the pastor and to our community by providing necessary feedback to what is going on in the community so we can continue to grow to be a parish truly rooted in Christ.

I encourage you to nominate yourself or someone you know to serve on the Parish Council. Nominations can be submitted to the parish office by filling out the form below and dropping it off at the office or putting it into the collection basket. You can also e-mail any self-nominations or nominations to parish@strpahaelarchangel.org.



Parish Council Nomination Form

St. Raphael the Archangel

I would like to nominate the following individuals to serve on the St. Raphael the Archangel Parish Council:

Please return via the Offertory collection or to the parish office. Thank you!

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social, and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1 -2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45
Thursday	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
Friday	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26
Saturday	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18- 19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

For Sale

We have approximately 50 beige, metal chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. They are located in the lower level of the parish office. They are being sold on a first come, first sold basis. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have not yet contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so now. If you have an ACA pledge card, fill it out and drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. If you do not have a card, call the parish office or Fred Hodes (314.752.8742) and we will fill out a card for you.

Thanks to all who have already contributed.

The ACA Committee

WEDDING BANNS I

There is a promise of marriage between Emily Lesher and Cameron Dielmann to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETTES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for the end of May through mid-August are now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN NEXT WEEK FOR INFORMATION ON THIS YEAR'S "WALKS WITH FR. JOHN," AS HE VISITS OUR PARISH NEIGHBORHOOD TO OFFER BLESSINGS DURING THE WEEKENDS OF JUNE.

FROM POPE FRANCIS'S REGINA CAELI ADDRESS MAY 31, 2021

Today we celebrate the great <u>feast of Pentecost</u>, in memory of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first Christian community. Today's Gospel (cf. *In* 20:19-23) takes us back to the evening of Easter and shows us the Risen Jesus who appears in the Upper Room, where the disciples have taken refuge. They were afraid. He "stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!'" (v. 19) These first words pronounced by the Risen One — "Peace be with you" — are to be considered as more than a greeting: they express forgiveness, the forgiveness granted to the disciples who, to tell the truth, had abandoned him. They are words of reconciliation and forgiveness. And when we wish peace to others, we too are granting forgiveness, and asking for forgiveness as well. Jesus offers his peace precisely to these disciples who are afraid, who find it hard to believe what they have seen, that is, the empty tomb, and they underestimate the witness of Mary of Magdala and of the other women. Jesus forgives; he always forgives, and offers his peace to his friends. Do not forget: Jesus never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

By forgiving and gathering his disciples around him, Jesus makes them a Church, *his* Church, which is a community reconciled and ready for mission. Reconciled and ready for mission. When a community is not reconciled, it is not ready for mission: it is ready for discussions within it; it is ready for internal [discussions]. The encounter with the Risen Lord upends the lives of the Apostles and transforms them into courageous witnesses. Indeed, immediately afterwards he says, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." (v. 21) These words help us understand that the Apostles are sent to continue the same mission that the Father entrusted to Jesus. "I send you": it is not time to stay locked up, nor to regret: to regret the 'good times', those times spent with the Master. The joy of the Resurrection is great, but it is an expansive joy, which should not be kept to oneself: it is to be given. On the Sundays of the Easter Season, we first heard this same episode, then the encounter with the disciples of Emmaus, then the Good Shepherd, the farewell discourses and the promise of the Holy Spirit: all this is directed toward strengthening the disciples' faith — and ours as well — in view of the mission.

And precisely to inspire mission, Jesus gives his Spirit to the Apostles. The Gospel states: "he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'." (v. 22) The Holy Spirit is fire that burns away sins and creates new men and women; he is the fire of love with which the disciples can 'set the world on fire', that tender love that favours the little ones, the poor, the excluded... In the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation we received the Holy Spirit with his gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of God. This last gift — fear of God — is the very opposite of the fear that first paralyzed the disciples: it is love for the Lord; it is the certainty of his mercy and his goodness; it is the confidence that we are able to move in the direction he indicates, without ever lacking his presence and support.

The feast of Pentecost renews the awareness that the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit abides in us. He also gives us the courage to go outside the protective walls of our "Upper Rooms," of our little groups, without easing into a quiet life or withdrawing into sterile habits. Let us now raise our thoughts to Mary: when the Holy Spirit came, she was there, with the Apostles, a protagonist with the first Community that experienced the wonders of Pentecost, and let us pray that she obtain for the Church the ardent missionary spirit.

Spiritual Communion of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Sunday, May 23

8:00am Delores Roberts 10:00am People of the Parish 11:15am SRA Class of 2021

Monday, May 24

7:00am Kimling Family 8:00am Dorothy Lawson

Tuesday, May 25

7:00am Linsay Cann 8:00am Donald Dyleski

Wednesday, May 26

7:00am Mario Coronado 8:00am John Davidson Campbell, Sr.

Thursday, May 27

7:00am Betty Ann Bahr 8:00am James H. Boyer

Friday, May 28

7:00am Olga Leonard, SI

Saturday, May 29

7:00am Wesley Lown 4:30pm Agnes and Ralph Hager

Sunday, May 30

8:00am Jack and Jane Follen 10:00am People of the Parish

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today, as we celebrate Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives. Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the love of God to the poor by assisting 15 families, providing \$300 in food vouchers, \$668 for utility bills and \$2,215 toward rent. Thank You!

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 16, 2021 (Envelopes Used)	This Week		Year to Date
Regular Env. (47)	\$	2,946.00	\$ 202,107.00
Loose Money	\$	947.00	\$ 46,960.00
School Support	\$	180.00	\$ 8,184.00
Building Fund	\$	75.00	\$ 10,773.00
Holy Days	\$	0.00	\$ 8,034.00
Online Giving (54)	\$	2,963.00	\$ 25,031.00
New Parishioner	\$	20.00	
Catholic	(\$	145.00)	
Communication			
Cardinal Glennon	(\$	100.00)	
Grand Total	\$	7,376.00	
Total for Parish	\$	7,131.00	\$ 407,158.00
Amount Needed	\$	9,000.00	\$ 414,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$</u>	1,869.00)	<u>(\$ 6,842.00)</u>
FYE 2020			(\$ 37,795.00)

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SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



















Updated Summer Camp Pricing!

- Registration fee now only \$15 per child
- Multiple child discount of 10% off after first full -price tuition
- Sessions are from June 7—July 23, 2021
- Register today at https://sraschool.org/student -life/summer-camp

Our Explorer Club (3-5 year olds) program is full. Do not miss signing up for our Adventure Club (6-8 year olds)!



Weekly Devotion in Honor of St. Joseph

The Fifth Joy and Sorrow of St. Joseph

Most watchful guardian of the Infant Jesus, great was your grief when, obeying the voice of the angel, you fled to Egypt with Mary and the Infant Jesus. But how great was your joy to have God Himself with you and to see the idols of the Egyptians fall prostrate before Him.

By this sorrow and this joy, I pray that you help [name] to banish from his/her heart all sinful habits so that Jesus and Mary may come and lead his/her soul to Heaven.

Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.

Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.



A special thank you to everyone who contributed to decorating our beautiful church during the Easter season!

A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: (here name them). Amen.



Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name:	
Address:	City, State, Zip:
Phone:	E-mail:
Please check the appropriate item(s):	
New Parishioner	Please Contact Me
New Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number	Please Do Not Publish Phone#