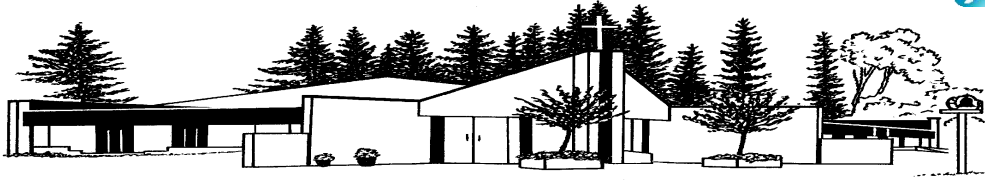


# RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ..... May 21, 2023

Saturday, May 20, Mass for May Intentions ..... 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 21, Mass for the Parish ..... 9:00 am

Tuesday, May 23, Mass for the Soul of Diana Nease, rb Rick Nease..... 8:45 am

Thursday, May 25, Mass for the Soul of Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble 8:45 am

Wednesdays 12:10 pm, Fridays 8:30 am Masses at St. Matthew Parish

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 7:00 am and 11:00 am Masses at St. Matthew Parish

### Ministry Schedule, May 27 & 28, 2023

MINISTRY	Saturday, 6:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am
Plate Minister	Jamie Miller	Paul Heath
Cup Minister	Jovita Kottraba	Pati Heath
	Missy Kapelanczyk	Neil Heino
Lector	Suzanne Johnson	Jack Fallon
	Dixon Rice	Jim Galvin
Server	Don Zimmerman	Deacon Floyd
Greeter	Sam Nease - Mary Jacobs	Tom & Terrie Alger

### PLEASE NOTE

Sacrament of Baptism by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

May	20 Rosary .....	6:10 pm
	<b>21 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	
	Rosary .....	8:40 am
	22 Into the Breach Men's Faith Formation .....	7:00 pm
	23 Choir .....	7:30 pm
	27 Rosary .....	6:10 pm
	<b>28 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	
	Rosary .....	8:40 am
	29 Memorial Day, Parish Office Closed	
	<b>No Daily Masses</b> May 29 <sup>th</sup> through June 2nd.....	
	30 Choir .....	7:30 pm
June	<b>4 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	
	5 Into the Breach Men's Faith Formation .....	7:00 pm
	6 Choir .....	7:30 pm
	10 Bake sale.....	After Weekend Masses
	<b>11 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	
	Coffee Hour	

**Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 10:00 - 3:00pm**

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon, Wednesday.

The deadline for altar announcements is noon, Thursday.

**ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

The month of May is dedicated to Mary. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the praying of the rosary before all weekend Masses during the month of May. Please sign up to lead the rosary. We have two slots open: May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The list is located on the desk in front of the office. Thank you for your participation.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS**

Adilyn Penney, Aaron Bedtelyon, Charlotte Hattel,  
Emma Patzer, Kaden Roberts

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament. Amen.

## OUR GIFT TO GOD~

Thank you to everyone who so generously supports our parish.  
Your financial support enables us to continue the on-going work of our ministry.

**May 13 & 14, 2023**

Sunday Envelopes	\$6,859
Building	15
Mass & Stole Gifts	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,044</b>

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2023 BRISKET SHOWDOWN**

The Knights of Columbus' 2nd Annual BBQ Brisket Challenge will happen on Saturday, July 15th, at the Kalispell Fairgrounds. Proceeds go to the St. Matthew School (upgrading their security posture) and to the Special Olympics spring games.

***We are still in need of volunteers.***

Point of contact is Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or [mikester55@hotmail.com](mailto:mikester55@hotmail.com).

### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

There will be server training on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> after Masses. Please attend this informative and important training.

If you have any questions, please contact Floyd McCubbins.

### **MONTHLY BAKE SALE PROCEEDS**

We would like to once again thank the bakers and the purchasers for supporting this ministry. The proceeds from our bake sale were \$293.00 to go to the Seminarian Fund.

### **RETROUVAILLE**

Even diamonds start as coal. Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Our next program begins August 4, 2023.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: at 1-800-470-2230 or visit [HYPERLINK www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names are held in strictest confidence.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023**

**FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

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Howard and Lorraine Carter, rb Kimberly Carter  
Jim Thomas, rb Bobbie Thomas  
Poat & Roberts Family, rb Chris Beyer  
Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett  
Shelley Hembd, rb Gary Hembd  
Fleckenstein Family, rb Evelyn Fleckenstein  
Christopher George Baldwin, rb George & Teresita Baldwin  
Carol Trimble, rb Risen Christ Parish

**FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Ruff and Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff  
Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt

**RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS  
FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

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Greg Grace, Curtis Gomes, Gene Jellison  
Eileen Kluesner, Maureen Neitzling, Amy Neitzling,  
Tim & Diane Slobojan, Bob & Barbara Vine, Sharon Coursey  
Mary Grace Galvin, Mike & Linda O'Neil, Larry Visocan  
Mary Reckin, Ron Bauer, Peg Gebhardt, George & Colleen Hutchens  
Joe Riska, Deacon Jay & Charlene Biedermann

**FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

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Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Dillon Armstrong, Kaleb Mitchell  
John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Alex Olmes  
Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson  
Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, Matt Keck, Jack Peed

## READINGS FOR PENTECOST

MAY 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

### PRACTICE OF FAITH

On Pentecost, the new Church embarked on its mission: to go into the world, animated by the Spirit, and continue Christ's work on earth. United by the Spirit and faith, they are compelled into action, their new identity explicitly disallowing them the protection and relative peace of isolation: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21)

♦The same Spirit the disciples receive unites and is alive in us; the same mission is laid on us, and the same faith compels us forward, despite our fear or discomfort. What gift do you bring to the Body of Christ? Make a list of your gifts and how you use them.

♦Pray to discern how these gifts may continue to be used to further Christ's work on earth, then do so.

At Home With the Word 2023

### RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call Helen Tobiason, (406) 212-0063 or Jackie Jensen, (406) 756-1178 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available and they will return your call.



### PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community.

**Jovita Kottraba, 212-8461,  
Judy Stack, 752-4411,  
Ken Barrett, 755-0269,  
Jamie Miller, 257-9636,  
Vicki Walbruch, 758-0170**

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are:

**Peg Gebhardt, Christopher Gill,  
John Gunnerson, & Wally Walbruch.**

### FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

If there is a birth, a sickness, or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 250-8610. She will be happy to send a card.

### RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

We now have scapulars, holy water fonts, rosaries, children's bracelets and much more. Please see Connie McCubbins or Andrea Wright before or after weekend Masses. If you would like to make a purchase during the week, please stop in the office.



### **LOST & FOUND**

Please check our lost and found bin, we have several items that need to be claimed.

You will FIND these items in the foyer by the literature rack.

### **PENTECOST**

This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

#### ***The timing and origins of Pentecost***

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter is a moveable feast without a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.

#### ***What happens at Pentecost?***

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

A "strong, driving" wind filled the room where they were gathered, and tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, allowing them to speak in different languages so that they could understand each other. It was such a strange phenomenon that some people thought the Christians were just drunk - but Peter pointed out that it was only the morning, and said the phenomenon was caused by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit also gave the apostles the other gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission - to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations. It fulfills the New Testament promise from Christ (Luke 24:46-49) that the Apostles would be "clothed with power" before they would be sent out to spread the Gospel.

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### **ST. PHILIP NERI, FEAST DAY MAY 26**

*St. Philip Neri is the patron saint of joy, and with this in mind, he could become a powerful intercessor for people who have periods of feeling down.*

O holy St. Philip Neri, patron saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts.

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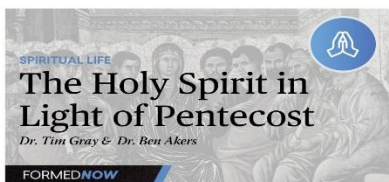
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Week of May 21, 2023



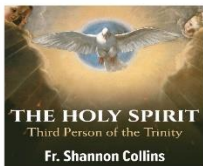
## Pentecost | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to enhance your prayer and expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss Jean Restout's depiction of Pentecost.



## The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



## The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon Collins

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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Fr. Stan

*The Nazareth Page*  
*A Gospel meditation for your home*  
*May 21, 2023 – The Ascension of the Lord*  
*Matthew 28:16-20*

We have new eyes on the universe around us. And one of the most important things we are looking for is part of what's described as the exoplanet survey, the effort to find planets orbiting distant stars. As of now we have identified well over 5000 planets and that number increases each day. Some astronomers suspect that there are millions of planets.

And once found, we are currently evaluating the possibility that some of these planets may have life on their surface. It is a search as to whether conditions are such that could create the *presence* of living creatures. And a central part of that search is an answer to an old question: Are we alone? Or do we have some neighbors in the vast universe where we live? If we learn that we do ... wow!

I have highlighted the word *presence* because it is such an important idea. Philosophers and psychologists point out that our sense and awareness of what and/or who is present around us is a central human concern. And a very important aspect of that question came to the first followers of Jesus after his death. Part of their question was answered after the resurrection and then again, on this week's feast, the Ascension of Jesus. So where did he go? And secondly, is God in Jesus no longer here?

There are multiple answers to that question, but they all relate to the matter of whether God is present or absent to us. Are we deprived of God being with us? Or did Jesus really leave us?

As one who has wondered about this question and studied it for many decades, I'll give you a few of my thoughts. First, God is always and everywhere with us, as creator and sustainer of all that is seen and unseen. And the same I would say about the presence of Jesus. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, in the bread transformed, in the Word of God proclaimed and preached, and in the people of faith gathered.

Further, God is also with us in all our interpersonal relationships: where two of three are gathered, said Jesus, I am there. That's why I often refer to family and friends. And finally, from today's gospel (a critical turning point) we read, "I am with you always until the end of the age." And a last thought, words from a favorite hymn: Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found." Yes, God is present to us always. The only question worth considering: Am I present to God?

David M. Thomas, PhD