

Dear Padre,

I look forward to every Pentecost Sunday, when I am renewed in God's spirit. Recently I read an article that said the Holy Spirit is a she. Is the Holy Spirit female?

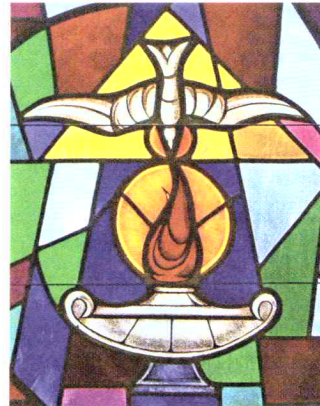
The third person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit. The word *spirit* is a translation of the Hebrew word *ruah*, which can mean "breath," "air," or "wind." This is the wind that God first sent to create the world, it is the breath that God breathed into Adam and Eve, and it is the tongues of fire that the apostles experienced on the first Pentecost.

In Hebrew, the word used for the Holy Spirit is feminine. In Greek, the word used is neuter, and in Latin, the word used is masculine. Not surprisingly, this caused a few problems for the early Church, which included many Hebrew, Greek, and Latin speakers. In areas where Hebrew or another Semitic language, such as Syriac, was spoken, the Holy Spirit was thought of as feminine, and so images of the Holy Spirit as mother were common. These various images of the Holy Spirit were openly expressed until about the fourth century, when Latin took over as the dominant language in the West.

We believe that in the life of the Trinity, God the Creator begets the Son. The expression of the love between God and the Son is the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we shouldn't think of the Holy Spirit as being either gender. Saint John describes the Holy Spirit as being God's love (see 1 John 4:7-13).

On this Pentecost and always, I wish you God's Spirit of love.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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Calendar

Monday
JUNE 1

Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or
Acts 1:12-14
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday
JUNE 2

Weekday
2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday
JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga
and Companions,
Martyrs
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday
JUNE 4

Weekday
2 Tm 2:8-15
Mk 12:28-34

Friday
JUNE 5

St. Boniface,
Bishop and Martyr
2 Tm 3:10-17
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday
JUNE 6

Weekday
2 Tm 4:1-8
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday
JUNE 7

Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
2 Cor 13:11-13
Jn 3:16-18



Look What Blew into Town

Did it really happen the way the story is told? Who would not give anything to have been there? But maybe we *have* been there. Maybe we have met people who were so open to the mysterious power of the Spirit of God that they were able to accomplish things they never thought they could. Maybe at times even we, too, have been so moved by that mysterious Spirit. Is it possible that we are mistaken about what is truly mysterious or Spirit-driven? Is it possible that we fail to see the mystery of God in everyday life?

This is not to say that nothing extraordinary happened on that Pentecost day. It certainly did! People who kept a low profile out of fear of facing the same deadly fate as their leader seemed to rush out onto the street and proclaim that leader's mighty acts. What has happened to them? How is such a reversal of behavior to be described? It happens that when something wondrous occurs we often use exaggerated images and superlative language in an attempt to capture the astounding character of the event. To embellish language does not mean that the event was not amazing. It means that it was so amazing that we are at a loss to describe or explain it. We are, after all, talking about the dynamic Spirit of God that can completely change people. This is the same Spirit we received at baptism. Are we open to have it change us?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and...Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire.
ACTS 2:2-3



Reflection

- ★ Pray that you might be open to the Spirit working in the world through you.
- ★ What mighty works has God worked in you?



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

As he did on Pentecost, the Lord wants to work one of the greatest miracles we can experience; he wants to turn your hands, my hands, our hands, into signs of reconciliation, of communion, of creation. He wants your hands to continue building the world of today. And he wants to build that world with you.

—PRAYER VIGIL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, JULY 30, 2016

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May 30, 2020

Monday, June 1, 8:00 a.m.	Pastor's Intention
Tuesday, June 2, 8:00 a.m.	Pastor's Intention
Thursday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.	Rebecca Burden
Friday, June 5, 8:00 a.m.	All Medical Workers
Saturday, June 6, 4:00 p.m.	Pauline Steinke
Sunday, June 7, 9:00 a.m.	Bernadette Lydia'

Confessions will be heard Saturdays, 3:00 p.m. and Again Sunday, 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

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<u>READERS:</u>	Tom Bachman	May 30, 4:00 p.m.
	Cindy Achen	May 31, 9:00 a.m.
	Debbie Frederick	June 6, 4:00 p.m.
	Fred Jones	June 7, 9:00 a.m.
	Gwen Waechter	June 13, 4:00 p.m.
	Steve Sullivan	June 14, 9:00 a.m.
	Tom Bachman	June 20, 4:00 p.m.
	K of C Member	June 21, 9:00 a.m.
	Karen Burden	June 27, 4:00 p.m.
	Cindy Achen	June 28, 9:00 a.m.

WE WILL NOT HAVE SERVERS, E. MINISTERS OR MUSICIANS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

As we gather please observe our Health Protocols:

Wear Masks: in charity, humility cover your face

Distance: Stay 6 ft distance between households and individuals in the Pews.

Communion: Maintain 6 feet distance in procession. Remove Mask to Receive communion.

Sign of Peace: No handshakes during the sign-of-peace.

Touch: Avoid touching doors and non-family members.

Dispensation: From obligation remains in effect. Please stay home if sick or susceptible or in contact with those that are sick.

Collection for May 23 and 24, 2020 , Envelopes \$100.00; On line giving \$416.00; Total \$516.00; Average Weekly expense \$1,989.55; Income over/under (-1,473.55)

Parish and Finance Council members needed: If you are interested in serving on either the Parish or Finance Council you are to call Fr. Peter or any member of the Parish or Finance Council. (a list of those members is listed on the bulletin board at both entrances of the church).

We will be having a rummage sale again this summer, (no date has been set), but if you have items you would like to donate we will gladly accept them anytime, but we will **NOT BE ACCEPTING CLOTHES THIS YEAR.** You may call any of the following people to bring items to the hall . Tressa Powers, 355-6206; Jana Jenkinson 290-5201; Carolyn Robertson 290-5569; or Gwen Waechter 272-1030.

-HEARTLAND CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY WILL BE HOSTING WEBINARS THE 2ND THURSDAY IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m CT.

Must register to receive Link Via-e-mail <https://heartlandspirituality.org/webinars/>
Critical Thinking Skill – June 11, COVID 19 Conspiracy and the Mark of the Beast – July 9, Can a Christian Believe in Evolution – Aug. 13, What does it mean to be Pro-Life – Spt. 10.