



**Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel**

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**CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

***All Services at 2:00 PM unless otherwise indicated.***

May 5, 2024:	Sixth Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Carl
May 12, 2024:	Seventh Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Bob
May 19, 2024:	Solemnity of Pentecost	+Fr. Bob
May 26, 2024:	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	+Fr. Bob

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## **Prayer Intentions**

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## **Sunday Scripture Reflections – Cycle B**

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

**May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter:** “God shows no partiality.” Peter became aware of this when he recognized the Roman, Cornelius, to be a man of God. Jesus expects his followers to see God in everyone and to love as unselfishly as he did, even to the point of laying down “one’s life for one’s friends.” “Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.” (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 John 4:7-10, John 15:9-17)

**May 9, 2024 – Ascension of our Lord:** Jesus promised the Eleven that they would be given the ability to work great wonders and signs in his name. *They were to distribute this glorious heritage freely to the members of the Church.* All this would be possible because of the constant presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus ascended into heaven and yet through his body, the Church, he continues to work throughout the world. (Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Mark 16:15-20)

**May 12, 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter:** The apostles choose a replacement for Judas, who betrayed the Lord. Matthias is now one of the Twelve. He is fully aware that “whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.” With the others he awaits the coming of the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth who will confirm and consecrate them in the truth. (Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26, 1 John 4:11-16, John 17:11b-19)

**May 19, 2024 – Solemnity of Pentecost:** St. Paul urges us to “live by the Spirit.” Among the fruits of the Spirit are “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity.” What a challenge! If we fail, we can turn with trust to the Lord Jesus, who gives us the gift of forgiveness through the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23)

**May 26, 2024 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity:** Moses told the Israelites, “The Lord is God and there is no other.” Jesus’ followers also held that God is unique, but they had come to know that in God there are three divine Persons, as we can see in today’s passage from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Moreover, God has made each of us *his child and heir*, and as we read in the Gospel, the Lord *will be with us until the end of time*. How can we express our gratitude? (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40, Romans 8:14-17, Matthew 28:16-20)

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 **Pentecost**

**ON PENTECOST**, we celebrate the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in a form resembling tongues of fire, empowering them to proclaim the message that Jesus is risen from the dead. According to Acts of the Apostles (1:13–14), Mary, the apostles, and other disciples had been huddled together in an upper room after the ascension of Jesus. But on this day they went forth from that room as new people, alive in the Spirit, speaking in tongues and winning over believers by the thousands.

A few special features mark the Mass of Pentecost Sunday. The options for the First Reading for Saturday’s Vigil Mass, for example, are taken from the Old Testament. Throughout the Easter season, all the readings come from the New Testament—except, of course, the Responsorial Psalm. Saturday’s First Reading foreshadows the coming of the Spirit. On Sunday, the First Reading comes from Acts of the Apostles, and it tells the story of Pentecost. After the Second Reading, everyone sings or says the Pentecost Sequence, a special hymn that tells the meaning of this day.

If the priest uses Eucharistic Prayer I, he inserts a special phrase saying that this is the day “on which the Holy Spirit appeared to the Apostles in tongues of fire.” The Mass concludes with a double “alleluia.” The deacon or priest adds the words to his dismissal, and you answer, “Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.” This joyful acclamation concludes the Church’s celebration of Easter.

The Paschal candle burns throughout the Pentecost Mass, as it does for the fifty days of Easter Time. After Mass, however, it is moved from its place near the ambo to a position in the baptistry.

## From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**Happy Mother's Day!** The parish extends its best wishes to all mothers in the parish who will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12, 2024. A special blessing for all mothers will be conferred at mass that day.

**Thank you, +Fr. Carl!** I am especially grateful to +Fr. Carl who will be filling in for me on May 5 while I am away attending training for work.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries:

#### Birthdays:

5/6 – John Williamson  
5/14 – Sandra Murdock

#### Anniversaries:

5/20 – John and Jan Williamson

Blessings to all who will celebrate these occasions!

**Bulletin Insert (page 3):** We continue “getting to know the church, its practices and other pressing issues” with *Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish*. The short bulletin inserts provided in this resource cover a variety of liturgy-related topics that aim to assist the parish in the liturgical formation of the assembly. The author, Fr. Paul Turner, provides short catechesis on a wide variety of topics to help the reader gain a better understanding of the “what, how, and why” of the liturgy. Each insert is designed to help the reader engage the liturgy and manifest it in their lives. Fr. Paul Turner is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri, and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of Sant’Anselmo in Rome. ***This month, we learn about the Solemnity of Pentecost.***