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Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

CLERGY

Pastor

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Reverend Pawel Kawalec (863)385-3993

Deacon

Reverend Mr. Max M. Sévère
Reverend Mr. James R. McGarry (Ret.)

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday—8:00, 10:00 AM
& 12:00 Noon (Spanish)

DAILY MASS

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM
Sat. 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00—3:45 PM
In the Chapel

ST CATHERINE SCHOOL

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Mass Celebrations

Available in our
YouTube channels



Pentecost Sunday



**BEGINNING
MONDAY, MAY 31ST
OFFICE HOURS
WILL BE
8:30 A.M. — 1:00 P.M.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The birth of the Catholic Church



Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?

Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics, celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture.

Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day.

These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday. Special prayers are often said just for Pentecost.

**St. Catherine Catholic School
To Our Graduating Seniors**

To all graduating students from 8th grade, thank you for being part of St. Catherine School during your time here and for making St. Catherine School a wonderful home away from home. We will be praying for you as you begin a new stage in your life. We hope that you always know the love of Christ and the joy of his grace. God Bless!

A resounding congratulations goes out to our Natali Gomez and Anthony Manint that have been part of the School since they were 3 years old, when we began in August 2008. Your time, treasure and talent has been a great gift to St. Catherine School, thank you. We wish you the best and may you always remember that Jesus is with you and totally loves you.

Class of
2020

*Dayana Guadalupe Ambriz
Jasmin Carolina Aviles
Pedro Baque-Cevallos
Ana Paola Barragan López
Joseph Robert Collier
Noah Eller
Angelita Equite-Zarate
Natalie Gómez
Daniella Grace Jeanjaquet
Jimar Cruz Jimenez
Giselle Lemus Ambriz
Anthony Joseph Manint
Pedro Jayson Marin
Angel Gonzalo Martinez Ochoa
Makayla Mendez
William Martin Miramontes
Sheyla Brillit Ramos
Marlon Rodriguez Hernández
Carlos Trujillo-Gutiérrez*





From the Pastor

Dear sisters and brothers,

It was such a joyful feeling and a cause of celebration to welcome you back to the celebration of the Mass this past week. Everybody expressed their relief and their happiness at getting back to the sacraments. The anticipation of crowding and how to handle the overflow however did not occur. There was plenty of empty spaces at all the Masses.

We understand and continue to encourage those who are most vulnerable and/or worried about their safety to stay at home and participate in our Mass through your prayers, observance of the Mass on TV and making a spiritual communion with the rest of our parishioners. **The Bishop extends the dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation until June 28th. Our summer schedule of Masses will continue.**

Saturday Vigil Mass will be at 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses will be at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

Mass in Spanish will be at 12:00 noon on Sundays

Confessions will be heard from 3:00-3:45 PM on Saturday in the Chapel.

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost and the last day of the Easter season.

Once again, I remind you of the following safeguards for all to follow:

- Sanitize your hands before entering the Church and after leaving. Bring your own sanitizers if possible.
- Facemasks must be worn by all.
- **COMMUNION IS TO BE RECEIVED ON THE HAND ONLY. For more protection, you can sanitize your hand before we place the host on it.** Please hold your hand firmly and flat so that the priest can place the host on your hand without touching you.
- Every other pew is blocked off to help with social distancing. It is easier for the priests to bring you Communion if you are seated at the end of the pew.
- Please do not socialize at the counter or in the vestibule or porticos of the church before or after Mass.
- Offering baskets will not be passed. Instead, they will be placed on tables in the vestibule of the church. You can place your offering in them as you come or leave the Mass.

At the end of Mass, the last pews exit first. If you are moving slowly or you are concerned please wait until others have left and then take your time exiting. Please proceed slowly so that there is not a rush or grouping at the back door.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. José González
Pastor

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

This sacrament is available in the chapel, every Saturday from 3:00—3:45 PM, or by appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the sick

Baptism

Marriage

For questions or more information (863)385-0049 or e-mail at office@stcath.org

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14, Ps 87, Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18, Ps 90. Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12, Ps 123, Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15, Ps 4-5ab, Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17, Ps 119, Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8, Ps 71, Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9, Dn 3:52, , 2 Cor 13:11-13, Jn 3:16-18

WELCOME TO ST. CATHERINE PARISH

We invite you to register with us or if you have changed any of your contact information, please fill out this form.

- Visit the Parish Office during open hours.
- Mail the Parish Registration or Update Form to the Parish Office.
- Drop the Parish Registration or Update Form into the weekend collection basket.
- Register online at www.stcath.org

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City and Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
 New Registration Moving out of the
 Parish Up-date information
 Need contribution envelopes

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions forms are available at the Parish Office or online, at www.stcath.com. Return Mass Intention forms at Parish Office or drop it in the weekend collection. The usual donation is \$10.

Please specify whether the person is living or deceased. *Mass Intentions must be made a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of the intention.*



SATURDAY May 30th

9:00 AM For Souls in Purgatory — Fr. José

4:00 PM WILLIAM P. TUOHY † Dianne C. Tuohy
 Erin Wright (Special Intention) — Marilyn Lower
 Sister Shirley — Marilyn Lower

SUNDAY May 31st

8:00 AM BETTY AND JOHNNY COXE † John Coxe
 FRANCIS PLESKOVIC † Gladys Zitelli

SELENE SPENCE † Mary Lou Herald

10:00 AM For all living and deceased parishioners — Fr. José

MONDAY June 1st

8:00 AM SOUL OF GERALD BUEN † The Acosta Family

TUESDAY June 2nd

8:00 AM WILLIAM JAMISON † Mary Anne La Morte

WEDNESDAY June 3rd

8:00 AM MARY BABIK AND ELIZABETH TROMBITAS † Bob Babik

THURSDAY June 4th

8:00 AM EDWARD LA MORTE † Mary Anne La Morte

FRIDAY June 5th

8:00 AM JEROME J. LESNIAK † Jerome A. and Jean Lesniak
 MARIA TERESA OLIVEROS + Liliana Mejia

SATURDAY June 6th

9:00 AM For all Souls in Purgatory — Fr. José

4:00 PM For all living and deceased parishioners — Fr. José

SUNDAY June 7th

8:00 AM BETTY AND JOHNNY COXE † John Coxe

FRED AND JULIANNA WALCZAK † Mark and Barb Walczak

FRANCIS PLESKOVIC † Mark and Barb Walczak

10:00 AM WILLIAM P. TUOHY † Dianne C. Tuohy



PENTECOST
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CARES Act

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Around the world and here at St. Catherine, we are witnessing incredible acts of kindness, faith and generosity. People are helping one another, praying for each other and supporting those in need during these unprecedented times. We are so grateful that even during an economic crisis, individuals and families continue to support St. Catherine Parish and School.

As many people are aware of, the Federal Government recently passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). However, most people are not aware that the CARES Act provides some additional tax benefits to those who donate to churches and other charitable organizations in 2020.

One of the new tax benefits will make it possible to take an above-the-line deduction for qualified charitable contributions up to \$300 for the 90 percent of taxpayers who do not claim itemized deductions on their federal income tax returns.

The CARES Act also relaxes some of the limits on charitable contributions. There are not many people with the ability to donate most of their income to charities, but for those that do, they can now get an increased federal income tax deduction for qualified charitable contributions. The deduction limit has been increased from 60 percent of their Adjusted Gross Income to 100 percent for 2020. In addition, the limitation on corporate donors has been increased from 10 percent to 25 percent of taxable income. Corporations can also increase their food donations from 15 percent to 25 percent of taxable income.

These income tax changes were included by the Federal Government to help individuals and families continue their support during this pandemic for the charitable organizations about which they care most, including St. Catherine Church and School.

To learn more about the CARES Act or how to support St. Catherine Church and School, please contact Claudia Spradlin at 863-991-3271 or by email at claudia@stcath.org. You can also visit our website at www.stcath.org.

BOOKKEEPER'S CORNER

OFFERINGS

We thank you for your generosity

May 24: Regular Collection;

\$5,856.00

Online Giving: This week; \$643.00

For Online Giving instructions visit <https://www.osvhub.com/stcath/funds>

Second Collections

(available Online and in your envelopes)

This Week: Charity Funds

Next Week: Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL 2020

Our assessment for 2020 is **\$110,000.00**. We have received pledges of **\$67,170.42**. We are at **61.06%** of our goal! Please make checks payable to CFA and in the Memo write "St. Catherine". Thank you for your generous support to St. Catherine's and the CFA. Watch the video listed below for more information:

DO YOU HAVE A RETIREMENT ACCOUNT?

The owner of an IRA or 401k names a beneficiary. One way to avoid taxes on your inheritance altogether is to designate St. Catherine Parish as your beneficiary. When you name a charity as a beneficiary to receive your IRA or other retirement assets upon your death, neither you and your heirs nor your estate will pay income taxes on the distribution of the assets. Changing the beneficiary of a retirement account is a simple process and does not generally require a change to your will or trust.

Another way to avoid taxes if you are required to take a minimum distribution from your retirement plan would be to consider making a qualified charitable distribution, naming St. Catherine as the eligible charity.

Please contact Claudia Spradlin in the Parish Office at (863)385-0049 or claudia@stcath.org and we can provide you with details and instructions.

Thank you for your support of St. Catherine Parish. Our parishioners are our only source of funds and your contributions keep the lights on, enable parish ministries, and support our outreach to the poor.

Florida Catholic

Florida Catholic has suspended print production for the months of April and May. However, their ministry will continue as they are offering an e-edition free of charge throughout April. Visit the link below each Friday to view a new, free e-edition of the Florida Catholic.

<https://digital.thefloridacatholic.org/Florida-Catholic-05292020-e-Edition/VE-1/#>



RED MEMORIAL CANDLES are in the back of the church adjacent to the Chapel. A Memorial Candle is lit and remains lighted at all times for one year in memory of a person who has passed away. You may commemorate a loved one by lighting a candle for one year with a donation of \$150.

Please come to the Parish Office to make arrangements for a Memorial Candle which will be accompanied by a small plaque with the name of the person.