

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 31

### **Solemnity of Pentecost**

**Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00a, 12:00, 4:00, 6:00p**

Live Stream Mass at 10:00a

Monday, June 1

### **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Live Stream Mass at 4:00pm

Followed by Adoration/Benediction

Tuesday, June 2

### **Tuesday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**

Live Stream Mass at 8:00am

Adoration/Benediction at 12:00pm

Wednesday, June 3

### **Memorial of St Charles Lwanga & Companions**

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Live Stream Mass at 4:00pm

Followed by Adoration/Benediction

Thursday, June 4

### **Thursday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**

Live Stream Mass at 4:00pm

Followed by Adoration/Benediction

Friday, June 5

### **Memorial of St. Boniface, *bishop and martyr***

Live Stream Mass at 4:00pm

Followed by Adoration/Benediction

Saturday, June 6

### **Saturday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time**

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Live Stream Mass at 4:00pm

Followed by Adoration/Benediction

Sunday, June 7

### **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

**Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00a, 12:00, 4:00, 6:00p**

Live Stream Mass at 10:00a

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**5/18 – 5/24**

Sunday Offering	\$ 0.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 0.00
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 0.00
Coffers	\$ 0.00
Online Offertory Giving	\$ 1,524.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 1,524.00</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance (Online also)	\$ 2,035.00
Mass Intention	\$ 118.00
Funeral Donation	\$ 0.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 0.00

**Total** **\$ 3,677.00**

## Living the Liturgy

- In a group, read the story of Pentecost in Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel according to John. We hear both passages in the Sunday liturgy for the solemnity of Pentecost. What do they tell you about the acts of the Spirit? If you were trying to explain the Spirit to children, how would you describe what the Spirit does for us as individuals and as a community of believers?
- The psalm asks the Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Pope Benedict has urged Catholics to become better stewards of the earth's environment. What can you do? Begin one practice that is good stewardship of the environment. Paul's letter to the Corinthians says there are different gifts, forms of service, and workings given by the Spirit that are meant to work for the unity of the one body. What gifts, service, or ministry are you offering? Where is the Spirit calling? Pledge to find a new way to act to help Christ's body?

## Sharing Faith

- How often do you pray or dialogue with the Holy Spirit? What difference might it make if you tried this approach?
- What stewardship practice of God's gift of the earth do you practice? How does the Spirit invite you to act in the renewal of the earth?
- Where have you felt the Spirit's power?

*When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104:30).*

**ALL DAILY MASSES ARE  
CANCELED UNTIL  
June 13<sup>th</sup> (inclusive).  
Follow us on Facebook as we  
Live Stream our Masses**

# May 31, 2020 – Solemnity of Pentecost

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 104:1, 24, 29, 29-31, 34 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 | John 20:19-23*

In his writings, Luke frequently uses Old Testament stories as models to present the life of Jesus and describe the early Church. In today's First Reading, symbols from the Hebrew Scriptures are used such as a storm, wind, and fire to describe the event of Pentecost. Luke concentrates on the Holy Spirit's continuation of the mission of Christ through the apostles and early followers of Jesus. The Spirit is the force that will help open the kingdom of God to all nations as the disciples act to fulfill the mission Jesus gave them.

Today the Church sings one of the four sequences: ancient, poetic songs that precede the singing of the Gospel acclamation. In the Pentecost Sequence, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, the Church prays for the Spirit to come. Using beautifully poetic titles, the sequence calls on the Father of the Poor, the Comforter, Divine Light, Sweet Rest, and Healer, and emphasizes that if the Spirit is absent, we have nothing. But when the Holy Spirit is present, we have salvation and joy.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity"**

*Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 | Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 | 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | John 3:16-18*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

My Beloved Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy in the Risen Lord!

How wonderful it is to see some of you last weekend when we opened up our church for the public celebration of the Holy Eucharist. It was indeed an opportune time as we celebrated the birthday of the church, which is the Solemnity of Pentecost. I know that many of us are still holding back from coming out of our homes because of the threat of the coronavirus. As we have heard, as long as we do not have yet the vaccine to treat this unseen enemy, the Covid-19, we cannot still be relaxed and do the usual gatherings we had before. I would like to mention again, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still granted until the end of June.

I am very grateful for everyone's cooperation, patience, and understanding in observing the protocols to be followed, like wearing the face mask, social distancing, hand sanitizing, and to our ever-helpful volunteers to sanitize the church and restrooms every after Mass. We need to do this so that all of us will be kept safe and prevent the spread of the virus. These measures taken will be in place until we get clearance to resume our public gatherings more comfortably with new norms to be observed. It is my experience having difficulty to breathe wearing the face mask, especially even only during the distribution of Holy Communion. How much more for anyone who has medical conditions when responding and singing? But, we have to wear the face mask throughout the celebration because it is a necessary protocol to observe. And if you have difficulty observing this guideline, it would be best for you to stay home and participate in celebrating the Holy Eucharist spiritually since the dispensation is still in place.

With social distancing, our sitting capacity is limited. This past weekend, we can only accommodate a maximum of 60 individuals. Now that the wooden frames used for the covering of the poles will be taken down next week, we will be able to increase the number of people coming for Mass. The number will be determined this week as our volunteers will be working to reconfigure the benches for more available spaces. We will continue with phone reservations, and next week, we will open up online reservations for the Masses on the weekend of June 13 and 14. Anyone who has access to the internet can make reservations online already. Please go to our Parish Website to access this feature. Our Schedule of Masses are, 5 pm, Saturday Vigil Mass, 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 4 pm and 6 pm for Sunday.

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For those who are unable to attend the Mass in church, we will have two live-streamed Masses, the Saturday Vigil Mass, and the 10 am Sunday Mass. Both Masses will be accessible through our Cathedral Basilica Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica>, and the 10 am Mass will also be accessible through the Hawaii Catholic TV, [www.hictv.com](http://www.hictv.com).

Starting on June 15, we will now resume our daily Masses, 6:30 am and 12 noon. The 6:30 am Mass will be followed by the Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and it will be live-streamed. Because of our need to keep the Cathedral Basilica safe and sanitized, we will keep the church open only an hour before and after the Mass. Know that this is only temporary. We keep praying that this pandemic may now come to an end, and again, we can get clearance to resume our public gatherings more comfortably with new norms to be observed not only during Mass times but keeping the church open as we used to have. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will resume on Wednesdays and Saturdays with the new time from 10 am to 11 am on both days or by appointment.

As we slowly continue to resume our daily duties and responsibilities, I am also appealing to all of you to keep supporting our mission here at the Cathedral Basilica. I am worried about our future with the loss of our support system through our Sunday and Weekday Offerings. Our Offerings serve to maintain our daily operations, support our staff and the diocese through our parish assessment. Through your generosity, we will be able to help the ongoing programs and ministries of our beloved cathedral parish. With God's providence, the mission will go on, and this is made possible through generous people like you. Thank you very much.

Fr. Anthony and I are always grateful for your continued prayers. Ever since the lockdown took effect, we continued celebrating the Holy Eucharist, not only because it is our obligation, but also we deemed it necessary to offer it for all of you even though you are not physically present. We continued to be in communion with you as you made your spiritual communion with the Lord within the confines of your homes. And still, we continue to pray for you, for your families and your intentions.

Let us hold on to our faith in the Lord Jesus. Through our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Peace, may she intercede for us always and keep us all safe, hovering us through her maternal love and care.

Please stay safe, always. God bless you all!

Respectfully yours,

Fr. Pascual