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Solemnity of Pentecost, May 24, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

A family driving a large camper pulled up in front of the Church just as the pastor started toward home. Desiring to be friendly, the pastor introduced himself and expressed his admiration for the camper. The man of the family told him rather proudly: *"This camper sleeps eight people."* Then he asked: *"What is the capacity of your Church, Pastor?"* The beleaguered pastor replied rather glumly, *"Oh, it sleeps about eighty."* -- It is embarrassing, sometimes, how little modern-day Churches resemble the Church that first Pentecost: the sound of a wind-storm, tongues of fire, disciples speaking in different languages, thousands being added to the Church and lots of excitement – excitement everywhere!

Today's first reading describes in detail the miraculous transformation that took place during the first Pentecost, thus fulfilling Jesus' promise to his apostles that they would receive *"Power from on high."* There was first *"a noise like a strong driving wind."* Then there were *"tongues as of fire"* resting on the disciples and Mary, filling each of them with the Holy Spirit. The first manifestation of the apostles' reception of the Holy Spirit came immediately, as the formerly timid, frightened men burst out the door and began to proclaim the Good News of Jesus! Then, everyone there (regardless of their many different native languages), was able to understand the Apostles' proclamation of the Good News of the salvation of mankind, *"in his own tongue."* The Jews in the crowds came from sixteen different geographical regions. The miracle of tongues on Pentecost thus reverses the confusion of tongues wrought by God at the Tower of Babel, as described in Genesis 11. In today's second reading, St. Paul explains how the sharing of the various spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit enriches the Church.

Today's Gospel relates how the Risen Jesus gave his apostles a foretaste of Pentecost on the evening of Easter Sunday by appearing to them, sending them to carry on the mission given to Jesus by his Heavenly Father, then empowering them to do so by breathing upon them and saying, *"Receive the Holy Spirit."* On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to them the Advocate or Paraclete. This gift of the Spirit would enable the Apostles to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the Gospel to all nations. Today's Gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. *"Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained"* (Jn 20:23). These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit with the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words remind us of the Christian vocation we *all* have, to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

Life messages: We need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives: 1) by constantly remembering His Holy Presence and behaving well; 2) by praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits, and addictions; 3) by asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading, and talking to Him in personal, family, and liturgical prayers; and 4) by asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat May 23	5:00 p.m.	Becker, Bedford, Tillman, Kirby, and Dyke Families+
Sun May 24	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun May 24	12:30 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Tue May 26	6:00 p.m.	1st Holy Communion & Confirmation
Thu May 28	5:00 p.m.	Marcela Garcia Larios+
Fri May 29	12:30 p.m.	Jody Vidrine & Family+
Sat May 30	5:00 p.m.	Fontenot, Thibodeaux, Vidrine, & Manuel Families+

Parish Giving

May 17, 2026

1st Collection	\$2,766.00
2nd Collection	\$ 187.00
3rd Collection	\$ 514.00
Children's Collection	\$ 40.50

2nd Collection	May 24	Helpers in Ministry
2nd Collection	May 31	Faith Formation

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m.	<u>64</u>
10:00 a.m.	<u>136</u> and 12:30 p.m. <u>107</u>

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



**Happy are they who walk in the way of
God's love. Their hearts are changed.**

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Mass for 2026 Graduates

This year's graduates (high school/college), please notify the office with your name latest by this week. There will be a Mass in your honor on June 7.

Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday.

Faith Formation

Important Dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Candidates

May 26 - Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Mass at 6:00 p.m. celebrated by the Most Reverend Gregory Kelly, Bishop of the Diocese of Tyler.
- Arrival time for Confirmands and Communicants no later than 5:15 p.m. - Dinner after Mass.

Dinner after Mass on May 26

This weekend is the last weekend to sign up if you plan to attend the dinner after the Mass. The sign-up forms are in the church foyer. Include the total number attending. You don't need to bring anything. Thanks.

Food Pantry

Thank you to all who donate to the food pantry. Your contributions help meet the nutritional needs of our neighbors. If you or someone you know needs food assistance please contact the church office.

Knights of Columbus - Donations for Newborn Babies

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations of baby wipes in May to be given to the Gabriel Project for distribution to mothers and babies in need. Boxes for donations are in the church foyer and the north entrance to the Church. All donations are very much appreciated.

Parish Group Meetings

Your weekly bulletin contains the dates for the following parish groups: Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, Men's Ministry, the Women's Ministry, and the Youth Group. Take a bulletin home and keep it for reference.

From the Diocese of Tyler - Catechist Conference - Youth Conference - World Youth Day

Diocesan Formation (Catechist) Conference - August 8, 2026 - Register at dioceseoftyler.org.

DCYC Youth Conference - all high school students - 8a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Saturday, October 10, 2026 - JAMA Global Campus, Lindale. Students must be registered with a parish to attend DCYC. Early bird registration ends on May 31. For more information contact: dcycregistration@dioceseoftyler.org.

WYD Information Session & Young Adult Gathering

The Office of Faith Formation is hosting a World Youth Day Information session and Young Adult Gathering (ages 21-35) on **Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 3:00-5:00 pm** in the St. Paul Meeting Room at the Diocesan Chancery. Come to learn more about the diocesan pilgrimage to Korea for WYD 2027 and meet other Catholic Young Adults! Learn more about the diocesan pilgrimage for WYD 2027 at www.dioceseoftyler.org/wyd. For questions about WYD or about this information session and gather contact Rita Martinez at rmartinez@dioceseoftyler.org or 903-534-1077 x158.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for May 10

Kids: a. Son of Manasseh
b. At Elim

Answered correctly by Vicky Gutierrez, David Gutierrez and Zaya Monnen

Adults: a. The Amorites
b. On Mount Hor

Answered correctly by Zeny Williams, Neri Gutierrez, Mimi Plumb, Nazaria Coralde, Glenda Means, Carolyn Barrett, Theresa Cheatham, Jason Reed, Andrea Gustafson, Linda & Leo Rossler.

Congratulations for the 5 weeks' answers to Linda Rossler.


Questions for May 24 (Deuteronomy 6-10)

Kids: a. What would happen to the Israelites if they forget the Lord, and follow other gods, serving and worshipping them?
b. "I (Moses) made an ark of _____ wood, and cut two tablets of stone like the former, and went up the mountain carrying the two tablets..."

Adults: a. What were the Israelites asked to do with the images of the gods of the pagan nations?
b. On what reason the Israelites were asked to befriend the aliens?

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