

# Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

## WHITSUNDAY, OR PENTECOST SUNDAY

### CHILDREN OF THE HOLY GHOST AND CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

*"Know ye not that you are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" – I. Cor. iii. 16.*

From the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, which you know commences with Advent, the holy Catholic Church has celebrated glorious festivals in honor of our divine Saviour. First of all was the holy feast of Christmas, when the faithful rejoiced that the Redeemer had come down from heaven to deliver us from sin and eternal damnation; after that we celebrated the joyful feast of the Resurrection, and we sang with the risen Saviour joyful alleluias because His bitter passion and our redemption was accomplished; and, finally, a few days ago, we saw our divine Saviour return to His heavenly Father, from henceforth to take possession of His throne of glory for all eternity.

But there the same Jesus, Who in this world had done so many great things for us, was not unmindful of our soul's salvation: He kept His word, which He had spoken to His Apostles, and also to us—the word, *"I will send you another comforter, the Holy Ghost,"* and this Holy Spirit will not only rule over the holy Church founded by Him, but, according to the words of my text, He will enter into every soul and enlighten and guide them in the way of salvation; in Him we shall live, walk, and work for heaven.

But do all men who have received the Holy Ghost cooperate with Him for heaven? In other words, are they all true children of the Holy Ghost? Unfortunately I must say that many men, although they have received the Holy Ghost, are not children of the Holy Ghost, but children of the world. I consider it, therefore, necessary to show you whereby we can recognize:

- I. Who is a child of the Holy Ghost, and
- II. Who is a child of the world.

I. Without doubt, dear brethren, that a Christian is a child of the Holy Ghost who avoids all grievous sins, for the Holy Ghost can only dwell in a soul which is disunited from grievous sin; He is that purest Spirit in whose eyes sin is an abomination. Therefore St. Paul writes, *"Grieve not [by sin] the Holy Spirit of God."* (Eph. iv. 30.) Sin turns the abode of the Holy Ghost into an abode of satan. St. Gregory writes, therefore: *"The sinner's heart is the devil's workshop, but not the dwelling of the Holy Ghost."*

It is especially the sin of impurity, whether committed by unchaste thoughts, words, or works, which drives the Holy Ghost out of our hearts, and closes against Him the entrance to our souls. *"The sensual man,"* writes St. Chrysostom, *"cannot receive the grace of the Holy Ghost."* And Holy Writ says, in expressive words, that on account of this sin the Holy Ghost cannot remain in man. *"My spirit,"* we read, *"shall not remain in man forever, because he is flesh"* (Gen. vi. 3); in other words, because he is addicted to the lust of the flesh.

For this reason, dear Christians, if through a sinful life you have lost the Holy Ghost, strive by penance to purify your soul again from sin, so as to receive the Holy Ghost into your heart again. Reflect upon what you have lost through sin, namely, that you are no longer a child of the Holy Ghost. Let us do penance, that we may obtain the heavenly treasure again!

Without doubt, the Christian is a child of the Holy Ghost if his heart is adorned with numerous virtues. Our divine Saviour in Holy Communion enters only into a virtuous heart, and the Christian before receiving the same should excite feelings of virtue; in such a soul He has an abiding dwelling place. Just as the oil keeps the light burning, and the flame is extinguished when the oil is all used, just so is the Holy Ghost—the light and fire of the soul—preserved within us by virtue and good works.

St. Augustine, in a sermon on the feast of Pentecost, tells his listeners: *"The promises of*

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#### HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

#### CONFESSIONS

##### Sundays

6:40—6:55 a.m. 9:15—9:55 a.m.

##### Weekdays

7:40—7:55 a.m.

and by appointment

#### HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: After 7:00 a.m. Mass  
and 9:40 a.m.

First Saturdays: after 7:00 a.m.  
Mass

We will have our annual

### SUMMER TAG SALE

on June 29 and 30. We  
are asking for donations.

Please see Mrs. Juliana  
Nesci or Theresa Kuster-  
er for more details.

**MASS**

**INTENTIONS:**

*I have Mass intentions  
until  
JULY 10, 2018.  
And I am preparing  
the list for  
Bp. Morello.*

**CATHOLIC DOCTRINE**

- Q. What are the effects of Confirmation?**  
**A.** The effects of Confirmation are an increase of sanctifying grace, the strengthening of our faith, and the gifts of the Holy Ghost.
- Q. What are the gifts of the Holy Ghost?**  
**A.** The gifts of the Holy Ghost are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.
- Q. Why do we receive the gift of fear of the Lord?**  
**A.** We receive the gift of fear of the Lord to fill us with a dread of sin.
- Q. Why do we receive the gift of piety?**  
**A.** We receive the gift of piety to make us love God as a Father, and obey Him because we love Him.
- Q. Why do we receive the gift of knowledge?**  
**A.** We receive the gift of knowledge to enable us to discover the will of God in all things.
- Q. Why do we receive the gift of fortitude?**  
**A.** We receive the gift of fortitude to strengthen us to do the will of God in all things.
- Q. Why do we receive the gift of counsel?**  
**A.** We receive the gift of counsel to warn us of the deceits of the devil, and of the dangers to salvation.
- Q. Why do we receive the gift of understanding?**  
**A.** We receive the gift of understanding to enable us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith.
- Q. Why do we receive the gift of wisdom?**  
**A.** We receive the gift of wisdom to give us a relish for the things of God and to direct our whole life and all our actions to His honor and glory.

our Redeemer have been fulfilled; our Lord Jesus Christ is ascended into heaven, and the Holy Ghost has come down from heaven;" in order that this double event be fulfilled in us, to preserve within us by a virtuous life the Holy Ghost who has descended, and by leading such life to follow Jesus Christ, who has ascended. And this virtuous life of ours should consist in a firm faith, in the hope of God's mercy, in the love of God and our neighbor, in humility, in being at peace with our neighbors, and in piety and the fear of God, especially in purity of heart and chastity. Where these virtues are found in the souls of Christians, there we find the true children of the Holy Ghost.

Finally, dear Christians, I say, a sure mark of a child of the Holy Ghost is borne by that one who is a child of prayer, especially when he often prays to God for the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Our divine Saviour demands such a prayer from us when He says: "If you, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father from heaven give the good Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke xi. ii.) The Apostles serve us with an example that the heavenly Father grants the Holy Ghost and His gifts to those who ask Him. He promised the Holy Ghost to them with these words: "And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Paraclete, that He may abide with you forever." (John xiv. 16.) What, therefore, did the Apostles do when they returned to Jerusalem after the Ascension of Jesus into heaven from the Mount of Olives? They adjourned to an upper room where they lived, and they all united together in prayer with Mary.

**And being assembled there in the same manner, in prayer, on the feast of Pentecost, suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming: and it filled the house where they were sitting, and there appeared to them parted tongues, as it were of fire; and it sat upon each of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.** (Acts ii. i, 2.)

Should we, dear Christians, pray less than the Apostles did for the Holy Ghost and His gifts? Our holy Church imitates the Apostles in invoking God for the Holy Spirit. Through the entire week of Holy Pentecost she prays by the mouth of the priests, "Come, Holy Ghost, and visit the souls of Thy servants." She sings that beautiful hymn, "Veni Creator Spiritus"

("Come, Creator Spirit"), that He may descend into the souls of the faithful, and enlighten them by the word of God. Pious Christians have always prayed to the Holy Ghost for His seven gifts. A pious abbot named John cried out to his listeners in a sermon: "We will beseech God to grant us His Holy Spirit that He may fructify and refresh our hearts with the rain and dew of His grace." Yes, we will pray frequently for his sublime grace, and with heart and voice repeat after St. Augustine those beautiful words: "Breathe perpetually, O Holy Ghost, Thy holy work within me, that I may think upon it; move me, that I may do it; persuade me, that I may love Thee; strengthen me, that I may hold Thee fast; keep me, that I may not lose Thee!" Truly, those who pray thus possess the Holy Ghost, and are indeed true children of the Holy Ghost!

II. I say, dear Christians, that the children of the world stand in direct contrast to the children of the Holy Ghost.

The children of the world, dear Christians, are manifestly those men to whom the world is everything, to whom the world and all that it offers is of more consequence than heaven—I might say, to whom the world is their God. To them belong those men who are attached with their whole hearts to transitory things; who make only the one effort to accumulate the treasures and wealth of this world, to become possessed of them. Tell me, is it conceivable that such efforts could proceed from a heart filled and animated by the Holy Ghost? Does the Holy Ghost not say in Holy Writ: "If riches abound, set not your heart upon them." (Ps. lxi. ii.) "Seek first the kingdom of God."

The children of this world are manifestly those persons who only strive after the joys and pleasures of this life. God has created us for heaven and its joys, "to the purchasing of salvation," as the Apostle writes. (I. Thess. v. 9.) At the same time, He has not forbidden us the enjoyment of worldly pleasures, for St. Paul says "Seek first the kingdom of God." But, alas! how many people think only of joy, of pleasure, of the enjoyment of pleasures, and the lust of the world! How many seek these alone, and desire to enjoy them, without thinking of the joys of heaven, or longing for them! Worldly festivities with joyful meetings, with all the pleasures of the table; worldly pleasures with rioting and debauchery; worldly feasts with music and dancing; worldly festivities on Sundays and holy days: this is what occupies the attention of so many people—

# MASS SCHEDULE

<b>SUNDAY</b> May 20	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>WHITSUNDAY</b>	R	7:00 am 10:00 am	Gertrude Cross Missa pro Populo
<b>MONDAY</b> May 21	PENTECOST MONDAY	R	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Special Intention, Requiem Mass, followed by Rosary and St. Joseph's Litany.
<b>TUESDAY</b> May 22	PENTECOST TUESDAY	R	8:00 am	Joan Parella
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> May 23	Ember Wednesday in Whitsuntide	R	8:00 am	Ismael Joseph Pomales
<b>THURSDAY</b> May 24	PENTECOST THURSDAY	R	7:00 am	Special Intention
<b>FRIDAY</b> May 25	Ember Friday in Whitsuntide St. Gregory VII, PC & St. Urban, I PM	R	8:00 am	Stephen Dominic McGuire
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 26	Ember Saturday in Whitsuntide St. Philip Neri, C & St. Eleutherius, PM	R	7:00 am	Bro. Francis and Family
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 27	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Superior Intentions Missa pro Populo

*For those wishing to have Masses said, an expected stipend of at least \$20.00 must be paid at the time of the request. (more may be offered) If this is to be paid by check, make the check payable to Fr. Rodriguez or Company of Jesus and Mary*



May 20th	5:00 pm	Fr. Rodriguez
May 27th	NO MASS	
June 3rd	9:30 am	Fr. Bachtiger
June 10th	5:00 pm	Fr. Rodriguez

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*O Holy Spirit of truth, come into our hearts; shed the brightness of Thy light upon the nations, that they may please Thee in unity of faith.*

**NOTICE TO NEWCOMERS**

Founded in 1973 in the wake of the disastrous Second Vatican Council, the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel is to maintain and restore as far as possible the traditional faith, values and liturgical practice of the Roman Catholic Church, and to provide a haven of sanctity where men and women of good will may grow in love for God and their neighbor. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask questions. After Mass come to the Social Hall, and join us for coffee and refreshments. We hope your visit with us is a pleasant one, and we look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you as a member of Our Lady of the Rosary. **We welcome Spanish-speaking guests, and confessions are heard in Spanish and English every Sunday and by appointment with the pastor.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE:** First and second Sundays of the month will begin at 9:30 A.M. (before the Holy Rosary), and the other Sundays will begin immediately after 10:00 o'clock Mass.

**REQUIEM EVENING MASS:** For the Poor Souls Society— Monday at 7:00 P.M.

**CATECHISM FOR ADULTS** will begin a few minutes after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

their hearts desire it, without ever being satiated. Now tell me, dear Christians, do not all these worldly pleasures and enjoyments generally bring grievous sins in their train? Do they not at least bury virtue beneath their pleasures, and are you not led thereby to eternal damnation? Can the Holy Ghost dwell and work in the hearts of such people, who only serve the spirit of the world?

The children of this world, I will say further, are manifestly those people who lead a tepid life, forgetful of God; in them the Holy Ghost cannot be, for He is and lives only in the pious and God-fearing. Holy Scripture says of Simeon that he was God-fearing, and it adds these words: "*The Holy Ghost was in him.*" (Luke ii. 25.) He came, as it says further on, "*in answer to the Holy Ghost, and he had the grace to take into his arms the Infant Jesus, and he blessed God for this grace*" (Luke ii. 28.) Would Simeon have had this grace if the Holy Ghost had not dwelt in him, and if he had not led a pious, God-fearing life?

Can we, then, say of lukewarm Christians that within them dwells the Holy Ghost, who instills in men the virtue of the fear of God and piety; may we say that of the lukewarm Christian who does not fear God, who does not lead a pious life nor visit

the temple of God frequently, who neglects his morning and night prayers, who receives the Holy Sacraments either not at all or only once a year? No, I reply, he is a child of the world, he lives only for the world, he feels no desire to do good for heaven, and for this reason that it cannot be said of him, as of the pious Simeon: "*The Holy Ghost is in him.*"

In conclusion, those are the children of the world, and not the children of the Holy Ghost, who speak the language of the children of the world, and not the language of the Holy Ghost. But what language does the Holy Ghost speak? We see this in the holy Apostles. They are zealous to receive the Holy Ghost, who came down upon them in the form of fiery tongues, that they may speak for the holy faith; they preach virtue, they exhort to charity and peace, to mercy and justice, to chastity, and to a holy Christian life.

But what is the language spoken by so many children of the world, over whom the Holy Ghost descended in the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation? I reply, they speak the language of the devil in derisive discourses on the holy faith; in unchaste conversations and stories; in curses and maledictions; in blasphemies against God and everything that is sacred to a Christian; in

slander and seducing their neighbor to do wrong. The fiery tongue of the Holy Ghost, I might almost say, which descended upon them as it did upon the Apostles, even if invisibly, has been exchanged for the poisonous tongue of the devil, and for this reason they only speak the language of the devil, and not the language of the Holy Ghost.

O Christian, if your heart is so made that it only strives for the treasures and joys of the world; O Christian, if your heart is cold and lukewarm in the service of God; O Christian, if your tongue does not speak the language of the Holy Ghost, but the language of the devil, then, be horrified at the unhappy state of your soul -- the Holy Ghost does not live and operate in your heart! On this holy festival of the Holy Ghost, therefore, lift up your hands to God and pray fervently for your soul: "*O my God, who hast enlightened the hearts of Thy faithful through the Holy Ghost, grant that henceforth I shall speak only in this same spirit of heavenly things, that I may pray and work only for that which is heavenly, only accumulate treasures and merits for heaven, so that I may be found worthy one day to reach there where Thou with the Holy Ghost rules on the throne of heaven for all eternity.*" Amen.

Taken from: Sermons of the Cure of Ars

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