

HOLY MASSES

at Our Lady of the Skies Chapel

Saturday, May 22, at 5:00 PM

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, May 25, at 12:15 PM

Wednesday, May 26, at 12:15 PM

Thursday, May 27, at 12:15 PM

Friday, May 28, at 12:15 PM

Saturday, May 29, at 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 30, at 1:00 PM for Mamie DiBenedetto (20th Anniversary)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following sick:

Sue McCormick

Louise Cirillo

Lindsey Jefferies

Linda Cavello

Mike O'Sullivan

Doreen Hrubes

Lindsay & Kimberly Keenan

Charles Erny

Maureen Ramazzotti

Anthony DiBenedetto

Yolan DePhillips

Maureen Devine

Walter McNally

Phylis Lucas

Mae Lavery

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following deceased:

Leila Bichotte

Joseph Rizzo

Rev. James T. Rooney

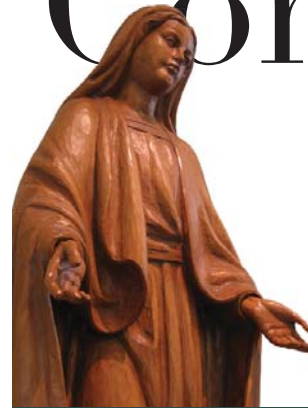
Marie Cioffi

Raymond Francis

Almighty God, you have created the earth and the skies, you have given your people the ability to fly across the world and travel through the air. Keep me safe in the flight I am about to take. Give to the pilots, flight attendants and air traffic controllers your peace and tranquility. Strengthen them in body, mind and spirit, and make them free from any distractions. Send us your holy angels to guide us through the air free of turbulences. May all traveling today reach their destinations, and be united with their loved ones. Keep me always on your path, and at the end of my life welcome me at the Father's home, where you live forever and ever. Amen.

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MAY 23, 2010 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

JOHN 14:26



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Spiritual Orientation: Pentecost

The Greek word for Pentecost (*Pentecoste*) means “fiftieth,” and in early Christianity it referred to the entire Fifty days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (*Shavu’ot*), the 50-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (see Acts 2:1-11).

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The seven gifts are enumerated in Isaiah 11:2-3. Here are the names of the seven gifts, as given in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, along with a description of each gift, as defined by St. Thomas Aquinas in the *Summa Theologica*:

WISDOM - With the gift of wisdom, we see God at work in our lives and in the world. For the wise person, the wonders of nature, historical events, and the ups and downs of our lives take on deeper meaning. The matters of judgment about the truth, and being able to see the whole image of God. Lastly being able to see God in everyone and everything everywhere.

UNDERSTANDING - With the gift of understanding, we comprehend how we need to live as a follower of Jesus Christ. A person with understanding is not confused by all the conflicting messages in our culture about the right way to live. The gift of understanding perfects a person’s speculative reason in the apprehension of truth. It is the gift whereby self-evident principles are known, Aquinas writes.

COUNSEL (right judgment) - With the gift of counsel/right judgment, we know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right. A person with right judgment avoids sin and lives



Ingeborg Psalter: Pentecost (before 1210)

out the values taught by Jesus. The gift of truth that allows the person to respond prudently, and happily to believe our Christ the Lord

FORTITUDE (Courage) - With the gift of fortitude/courage, we overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ. A person with courage is willing to stand up for what is right in the sight of God, even if it means accepting rejection, verbal abuse, or even physical harm and death. The gift of courage allows people the firmness of mind that is required both in doing good and in enduring evil, especially with regard to goods or evils that are difficult.



Petrus de Raimbucourt: Pentecost (1323)

KNOWLEDGE - With the gift of knowledge, we understand the meaning of God’s Revelation, especially as expressed in the life and words of Jesus Christ. A person with knowledge is always learning more about the scriptures and tradition. The gift of knowledge is more than an accumulation of facts.

PIETY (Reverence) - With the gift of reverence, sometimes called piety, we have a deep sense of respect for God and the church. A person with reverence recognizes our total reliance on God and comes before God with humility, trust, and love. Piety is the gift whereby, at the Holy Spirit’s instigation, we pay worship and duty to God as our Father, Aquinas writes.

FEAR OF THE LORD (Wonder and Awe) - With the gift of fear of the Lord we are aware of the glory and majesty of God. A person with wonder and awe knows that God is the perfection of all we desire: perfect knowledge, perfect goodness, perfect power, and perfect love. This gift is described by Aquinas as a fear of separating oneself from God. He describes the gift as a “filial fear,” like a child’s fear of offending his father, rather than a “servile fear,” that is, a fear of punishment. Also known as knowing God is all powerful. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7) because it puts our mindset in its correct location with respect to God: we are the finite, dependent creatures, and He is the infinite, all-powerful Creator.