



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

Holy Family  
Cathedral  
Michael's Mount

St. Martin de Porres  
Parham

St. Anthony's  
Potters

St. Francis of Assisi  
Villa

Good Samaritan  
Donovans



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*"The Holy Spirit, Gift of the Father"*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - 8th June, 2025 - C**

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### Monday

Holy Family Cathedral **6:00pm**

### Tuesday

Holy Family Cathedral **6:00 am**

St. Anthony's Potters **6:00pm**

### Wednesday

Holy Family Cathedral **6:00pm**

### Thursday

Holy Family Cathedral **6:00 am**

St. Francis of Assisi, Villa **6:00pm**

### Friday

Holy Family Cathedral **12:15 noon**

### Saturday

Holy Family Cathedral **8:00am**

**TODAY, immediately after the 9:00am Mass, the Parish will celebrate Pentecost Sunday Fiesta** in the HFC parking lot. There will be **FOOD, FUN & ENTERTAINMENT** for the whole family. *All proceeds will go towards the ongoing development of our parish.*

Parishioners are advised that **Sunday 15th June, 2025 is Father's Day**. A special envelope is provided for this collection. Please support the priests.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul, St Joseph's Conference** invites you to its **Annual Fathers' Day lunch on June 15th** on Holy Family Cathedral grounds from **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Contribution: **\$25.00**. A scrumptious meal awaits you. Please support.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION:** We pray for the 22 candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on Sunday 15th June, Trinity Sunday. We also pray for their parents.

**SUPPORT THE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMMES FOR THE SUMMER:** Summer Camp, Youth Leadership Conference, Youth Well-Being Workshop, Jubilee of Youth. Please support these initiatives by dropping your donation in the boxes at the three doors in the Cathedral. Thank you.

**The Catholic Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group** would like to express its gratitude to those who supported the Pre-Pentecost Lunch. Your help was greatly appreciated.

**ALL ABOARD! SUMMER CAMP 2025** will be held from June 30th to July 11th 2025 at the St. Lwanga Youth Centre. Age Group: 5 - 12 years  
Time: 9 am - 3 pm  
Cost: \$350.00 which includes daily hot meals, material and outing. Registration is now open until June 25th.

## LECTIO DIVINA



**Read:** Acts describes the dramatic gift of the Holy Spirit, whose power is experienced as wind and fire. Saint Paul says our different spiritual gifts are to be used in collaboration for God's service. The Risen Christ greets the Apostles and he breathes on them, giving them the Holy Spirit to be instruments of peace and forgiveness.

**Reflect:** The Holy Spirit is as essential as the air we breathe. But like the air we often take the Spirit for granted. Pentecost reminds us how important the Holy Spirit is for our lives and for our Christian vocations. We breathe in different ways: not only breathing imperceptibly, but also taking deep breaths when necessary, such as when doing something challenging, like swimming underwater, or something joyous, like singing. So also, the Spirit is given to us in special ways at special moments, if we ask. The Spirit is unity, charity and truth and calls us to live as the Church in unity, charity and truth, and as individuals who care for others, sharing the love of God.

**Pray:** Notice your breathing and thank God for the gift of life. Meditate on the breath of God, thank the Holy Spirit for all his gifts and guidance.

**Act:** This is a glorious feast - celebrate it with family and friends!

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION *1st June, 2025*

Cathedral	1st	2nd
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>\$1,579.02</b>	<b>\$ 786.60</b>
<b>Sunday 7:00 am</b>	<b>\$1,450.88</b>	<b>\$ 185.60</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>\$2,611.20</b>	<b>\$ 623.62</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>\$ 541.20</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Out Stations</b>		
<b>Potters</b>	<b>\$ 555.00</b>	<b>\$ 118.35</b>
<b>Parham</b>	<b>\$ 537.25</b>	<b>\$ 206.70</b>
<b>Villa</b>	<b>\$ 613.52</b>	<b>\$ 154.40</b>
<b>Diocesan Schools</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	<b>-</b>

Thanks for your Generosity

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS:

**Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick,** we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands.

**We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Amen.**

*Gillian Howie, Catherine Durand, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, Arnold Gomes, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart, Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Victor Charles, Junie Browne, Colette Simon, Brenda Frederick, Elma Skerritt.*

## Prayer for Protection during the Hurricane Season

**O God, Master of this passing world,** hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



# Jubilee 2025

*Ecclesial Movements, Associations & New Communities*

7th - 8th June

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jubilees have always been seasons of good news and grace in the life of the People of God, from the time of antiquity until now. They are a year of the Lord's favor which instills in our hearts the certain hope of salvation in our lives and the world in Jesus Christ. The Jubilee of the Year 2025, with its invitation to be renewed in this hope, is likewise a powerful testament to the transformative power of a genuine encounter with the saving love and liberating truth of the Lord Jesus.

In a special way, the dedication and energy of those involved in Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities across our dioceses and archdioceses embody that living presence of Christ in our world, fostering a deeper sense of solidarity, communion and spiritual renewal. The unwavering dedication and service of these faithful men and women shine as beacons of hope, illuminating the path of faith for countless people throughout our nation and world.

This Jubilee Year also provides a unique opportunity to recognize and celebrate the distinct ministries, charisms, and gifts of the Holy Spirit that these movements and communities bring to the Church. Their diverse expressions of faith and commitment enrich the spiritual tapestry of our dioceses, offering fresh perspectives and innovative approaches to evangelization and pastoral care. By embracing their unique contributions, we celebrate the unity in diversity that is a hallmark of the mystical Body of Christ that is the Catholic Church, acknowledging that each movement and community, regardless of its size or influence, plays a vital role in the Church's mission.

## KEY SAINTS

*Holy Companions for Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities.*

- ◇ **Mary, Queen of the Apostles** (can be celebrated at Pentecost), through whom Jesus Christ was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Luke 1:26-38), joins in prayer with the Apostles in the Upper Room (the Cenacle) at Pentecost, where the outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred, and the Church began her mission in the world (see Acts 2:1-47).
- ◇ **St. Francis of Assisi** (1181-1226, feast day October 4), patron of the Franciscan order and spirituality, Catholic Action, people living in poverty, ecology, animals, and Italy. His exemplary life of simplicity, pastoral care, and community has inspired many associations of the faithful, movements, and new communities.
- ◇ **St. Vincent Pallotti** (1795-1850, feast day January 22), Italian founder of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate and the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (in 1835), who believed that all (ordained, consecrated, and lay alike) are called to be apostles, co-responsible for the Church's mission.
- ◇ **Servant of God Chiara Lubich** (1920-2008), Italian lay teacher, author, and founder of the Focolare Movement; recognized by UNESCO, which awarded her the Prize for Peace Education in 1996.

## *The Jubilee Prayer (Amended)*

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

### **This Sunday's Readings**

#### ***First Reading***

Acts 2: 1-11

#### ***Responsorial Psalm***

Psalms 104: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

#### ***Second Reading***

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 Or

Romans 8: 8-17

#### ***Gospel***

John 20: 19-23 Or John 14: 15-16, 23-26



***"Receive the Holy Spirit!"***

### **Readings for Monday to Saturday**

#### **Monday 9th June**

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20 or Acts 1: 12-14

Psalm 87: 1-3 & 5-7

John 19: 25-34

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

#### **Tuesday 10th June**

2 Corinthians 1: 18-22

Psalms 119: 129 - 133, 135

Matthew 5: 13-16

#### **Wednesday 11th June**

Acts 11: 21-26; 13: 1-3

Psalm 98: 1-6

Matthew 5: 17-19

***St. Barnabas, Apostle***

#### **Thursday 12th June**

2 Corinthians 3: 15- 4: 1, 3-6

Psalm 85: 9 & 10-14

Matthew 5: 20-26

#### **Friday 13th June**

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15

Psalm 116: 10-11, 15-18

Matthew 5: 27-32

***St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor***

#### **Saturday 14th June**

2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

Psalm 103: 1-4, 9-12

Matthew 5: 33-37

***Blessed Virgin Mary***

### **WHAT THE 1ST READING SAYS TO ME**

The Bible, especially the New Testament, should never be read in the past tense. It is God's word to you and me now! Jesus is alive, His Spirit is with every Christian. This is the meaning of the Christ event, meaningfully celebrated at Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost, three aspects of the one mystery.

Luke Follows the early Christian custom of celebrating the communication of the Spirit at the conclusion of the "great fifty days," our Pentecost. Hence, he relates the outpouring of the Spirit as we have it in the First Reading. John puts the communication of the Spirit on Easter Day. The gift of the Spirit is one with the risen Lord Jesus. Notice that both traditions stress that the Christian message is not just for the Jews but for all people.

### **WHAT THE 2ND READING SAYS TO ME**

Paul is concerned about his congregation in Corinth. In it, a charismatic group has originated and glossolalia (speaking in tongues) is practiced. Its effect on the congregation has not been good. Those who have failed to participate are looked upon as second-class Christian and divisiveness has ensued. Paul does not condemn the movement. He sees in it the Spirit at work. But on the other hand he stresses that the outpouring of the Spirit must build up the community (the Body of Christ), not tear it apart.

To have the Spirit means, first of all, to confess: "Jesus is Lord." This is done in various ways, not just by speaking in tongues. Each gift, even the Least spectacular one, must be used for the common good! This could be a reminder to contemporary movements and counter-movements in the Church.

### **WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO ME**

Sometimes this reading is called "the Pentecost according to John." The theological background has been explained above. Notice that Jesus uses the symbolism of "breathing." When he communicates his Spirit to the disciples. Breath was the sign of life for the ancient Hebrews, and we ourselves still practice mouth to mouth resuscitation in a case of emergency.

This symbolism of "breathing" reminds us also of the first verse of the Bible, where the "Ruah Yahweh" (breath-spirit of the Creator-God) is mentioned as the life-giving and animating principle of all creation. Jesus was a Jew and as such deeply steeped in Hebrew literature and culture.

### **Feast Day - June 9th**

***Mary, Mother of the Church***

Taking into consideration the close ties by which Mary and the Church are bound together, to the glory of the Blessed Virgin and for our consolation, We declare Mary Most Holy to be Mother of the Church, that is, of the whole Christian people, faithful and Pastors alike, who invoke her as their most loving Mother; and We establish that by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honor to the Mother of God and offer her their supplications.

Venerable Brothers, this concerns a title by no means new to Christian piety; indeed the Christian faithful and the universal Church choose to invoke Mary principally by the name of Mother. In truth, this name belongs to the genuine nature of devotion to Mary, since it rests firmly on that very dignity with which Mary is endowed as the Mother of the Incarnate Word of God.

Just as the Divine Motherhood is the basis both for Mary's unique relationship with Christ and for her presence in the work of human salvation accomplished by Christ Jesus, so likewise, it is principally from the Divine Motherhood that the relationships which exist between Mary and the Church flow. Mary is indeed the Mother of Christ who, at the moment he assumed human nature in her virginal womb, joined to himself, as Head, his Mystical Body, which is the Church. Mary, therefore, as Mother of Christ, must also be regarded as Mother of all the faithful and Pastors alike, that is to say, of the Church.

Herein lies the reason why we, though unworthy and weak, yet in a spirit of trust and with ardent filial love, raise our eyes to her. She who once gave us Jesus, the fount of heavenly grace, cannot fail to offer her maternal help to the Church, especially at this time in which the Spouse of Christ strives with greater zeal to fulfil her salvific mission.





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