

**SUNDAY BULLETIN MAY 28, 2023**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June*

*For the abolition of torture.*

*We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 29—Pentecost Monday—Memorial Day**

7:30 AM—Deceased Members of the Parish+ (Traditional Latin Mass)

**Tuesday, May 30—Mass for Vocations to Religious Life**

5:00 PM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00PM—Fr. John McCormack+

**Wednesday, May 31—The Visitation of the Bl. Virgin Mary**

7:30 AM—Jennifer Gunderson

**Thursday, June 1—St. Justin**

7:30 AM—Fr. John Leitner+

**Friday, June 2—Sts. Marcellinus and Peter— First Friday**

8:15 AM—Rick O'Halloran+

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, June 3—Ember Saturday of Pentecost**

7:30 AM—Deceased members of the Poss family+  
 (Traditional Latin Mass)

5:00 PM—Donnie Murrell+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

**Sunday, June 4—The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 AM—People of the Parish

10:00 AM—Steve Timmons

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**Scripture Readings  
 Pentecost Sunday**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11  
 I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 John 20:19-23

**DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU OBSERVE OR SUSPECT SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## SUNDAY BULLETIN-MAY 28, 2023

### THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

#### May 29: Monday of the Octave of Pentecost

An “octave” is an eight-day period in which the Church—not content to remember some great mystery only on a single day—extends her joyful celebration for the period of a full week, with a culminating remembrance on the eighth or octave day.

The concept of the eighth day is important in Christian theology. The eighth, being one more beyond the seven-day week that represents the order of creation, symbolizes the eternal life reached after passing through this earthly life. In the Jewish reckoning, in which the Sabbath is the seventh day, Sunday—the day of Our Lord’s resurrection from the dead—can be seen as both the *first day (the new creation of light)* and the *eighth day (the gateway to eternity)*. *Running through a week like this—the week of creation that culminates in God’s rest, and beyond it to the day of the resurrection—symbolizes the fullness of the Church’s rejoicing (it is for all time) and the eternal joy of heaven.*

The Church Fathers and the medieval theologians also saw in the mathematical structure of music a natural sign: the octave, or eighth note, is, in a way, both the same note as the lower octave (a C is a C), and yet a different note (a lower C is not a higher C), so that we have the sense of both homecoming and making progress. Our earthly pilgrimage toward heaven is bringing us to the perfection and joy for which we were created in the beginning. Like passing through the notes of a scale to reach the octave, we celebrate the feast day by day to arrive at the place from which we began, in a “virtuous circle.” Life is not meaningless repetition or equally meaningless variety, but ordered steps with directionality.

The idea behind a liturgical octave is that certain feasts are so immense, so profound, so consequential, that we cannot give them only one day, as if checking off a box (“been there, done that”). Rather, just as small bodies give off no gravitational field but very large bodies do (that’s why people don’t spontaneously attract objects but the earth attracts everyone on it and holds them to its surface), so the greatest feasts—and, above all, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost—throw a certain “field” around themselves, pulling in time beforehand (the O Antiphons, Holy Week, the novena of Ascension and the Pentecost Vigil) and extending outward to an afterglow of seven more days and into a season.

The earliest extant record of the Pentecost octave is from the late sixth century—the same century in which we find the first indication of the observance of an octave day for Christmas, January 1, the feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord—but a prolonged celebration of Pentecost is probably much older, considering its universal presence in East and West. Something done by both the Latins and the Greeks unanimously and from the earliest records is likely to belong to the apostolic period or

shortly thereafter. In the English mass, the Octave of Pentecost was suppressed in the new calendar in 1970.

#### May 31: Feast of the Visitation

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet’s rendition of the scene. Elizabeth’s praise of Mary as “the mother of my Lord” can be viewed as the earliest Church’s devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth’s (the Church’s) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God’s words. Then comes the *Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)*. *Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.*

#### June 1: St. Justin Martyr

Justin never ended his quest for religious truth even when he converted to Christianity after years of studying various pagan philosophies. As a young man, he was principally attracted to the school of Plato. However, he found that the Christian religion answered the great questions about life and existence better than the philosophers.

Upon his conversion he continued to wear the philosopher’s mantle, and became the first Christian philosopher. He combined the Christian religion with the best elements in Greek philosophy. In his view, philosophy was a pedagogue of Christ, an educator that was to lead one to Christ.

Justin is known as an apologist, one who defends in writing the Christian religion against the attacks and misunderstandings of the pagans. Two of his so-called apologies have come down to us; they are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate. For his staunch adherence to the Christian religion, Justin was beheaded in Rome in 165.

#### June 2: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

Marcellinus and Peter were prominent enough in the

## SUNDAY BULLETIN- PENTECOST SUNDAY

| <b>KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES<br/>JUNE 3-4</b> |  |  |
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| <b>Mass Time</b>                            | <b>Position</b>  | <b>Knight(s)</b>   |
| <b>Sat. 5pm</b>                             | Acolyte  | Shay Johnson   |
| <b>Sun. 8am</b>                             | Acolyte 1<br>Acolyte 2   | James Mathew<br>Gabriel Widner   |
| <b>Sun. 10am</b>                            | M.C.<br>Thurifer<br>Acolyte 1<br>Acolyte 2<br>Cross Bearer<br>Torch<br>Torch | Alijah Hibner<br>Jackson Reeter<br>Rocky Sherer<br>Zane Daley<br>Hudson Marcolla<br>Rowdy Miller<br>Elijah Sensenich |

| <b>LECTOR SCHEDULE<br/>JUNE 3-4</b> |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Mass Time</b>                    | <b>Lector</b>      |
| <b>Sat. 5pm</b>                     | Dorion Moore       |
| <b>Sun. 8am</b>                     | Steve Palmer       |
| <b>Sun. 10am</b>                    | Brenda Fellhoelter |

**ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY** will meet on Thursday, June 8 at 10:00 am in the K of C Hall. Hostesses are Mary Stuver and Donna Sizemore. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

June 2 is First Friday and we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Morning Mass will be held at 8:15 to accommodate the Adoration schedule which will conclude at 5:00 pm. For those that are on the schedule, please come at your assigned time and find a sub if you are unable to attend.

**The Quinn Memorial 5K Committee**, along with the families of Joshua and Abby Quinn Boies would like to congratulate these outstanding graduates! The scholarship received is to use toward their education. Allison Higgins, daughter of Mark and Mary Higgins and Jessica Reeter, daughter of Jamie and Julia Reeter will each receive \$2,000. Lilly Stedem, daughter of Frank and Mindy Stedem will receive \$1,500. Izzy Montgomery, daughter of Jason and Amy Montgomery, and Kaylynn Cranmer, daughter of Ryan and Courtnie Cranmer will each receive \$1,000. Kyan Douglas, grandson of Carole Hobbs will receive \$500. These recipients impressed the panel of judges with their essays conveying the impact that Bishop Hogan Memorial and its faith-filled environment has had on them and their futures. Josh and Abby valued education greatly and had bright futures ahead of them. These graduates exemplify these same characteristics. Josh and Abby were loved and supported by this community and now these young people are recipients of that same love and support in Josh and Abby's memory. Congratulations! Take it with you wherever your future may lead you!

memory of the Church to be included among the saints of the Roman Canon. Marcellinus was a priest and Peter was an exorcist, that is, someone authorized by the Church to deal with cases of demonic possession. They were beheaded during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. Pope Damasus wrote an epitaph apparently based on the report of their executioner, and Constantine erected a basilica over the crypt in which they were buried in Rome.

### NEW WEBSITE AND EMAIL

Our parish has a new redesigned website and address. Thank you to Kate Vandemore for maintaining our new site located at [www.stcolumbanchurch.com](http://www.stcolumbanchurch.com)

If you need to contact Kim at the office, please update her email address to [stcolumbanchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbanchurch@gmail.com)

With deep gratitude, we thank Brenda Fellhoelter for all her years maintaining our parish presence on the internet and pioneering this endeavor 25 years ago!

### BIRTHRIGHT BABY SHOWER

The annual Birthright Baby Shower will be the weekend of June 17-18 at the weekend Masses for Father's Day. The shower for last year was a tremendous success and we are asking your continued support again this year. The following are the needs for our local Birthright: diapers, especially sizes 3,4,5 and 6; wipes; gently used or new clothes in sizes newborn up to 2 years; gift cards or money which is used for the needs of clients. Birthright cannot accept any furniture or equipment described as "any item that would hold a baby".



*Weekly Offering  
May 21  
Offertory \$5,918  
Parish Prop. Maint. \$61  
Vocation Fund \$48  
Birthright \$0  
Cemetery \$80*

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