

# EPIPHANY



May 28, 2023

Peace be with you!

Pentecost  
Sunday



WELCOME to Epiphany

# Pentecost

*May, and among the miles of leafing,  
blossoms storm out of the darkness—  
windflowers and moccasin flowers. The bees  
dive into them and I too, to gather  
their spiritual honey. Mute and meek, yet theirs  
is the deepest certainty that this existence too—  
this sense of well-being, the flourishing  
of the physical body—rides  
near the hub of the miracle that everything  
is a part of, is as good  
as a poem or a prayer, can also make  
luminous any dark place on earth.*

~Mary Oliver



# About God's Word

## THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

### **I, the Lord of wind and flame**

The Spirit of holiness enters the gathering in driving wind and burning flame. It also comes more gently, as Jesus breathes on his friends and wishes them peace. How can the Spirit be so forceful, yet soft as a breath? The same way love is impassioned in some hours, light as a caress in others. Sometimes our loving presence is required in bold, dynamic, and powerful action. At other times, presence alone is enough: a hand held or silence shared. The more fully immersed in Spirit we are, the more we'll know what to do when the time comes.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (63). *"There came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind.... Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire."*

**Monday, May 29, 2023**

### **Waiting for your call**

"Mother of the Church" is one of Mary's many titles, first appearing in the writings of Saint Ambrose in the fourth century. But it wasn't until 1964 that the title was made official by Pope Paul VI. Pope Francis made this title a movable feast in 2018, placing it the day after Pentecost, as a reminder that Mary was with the disciples as the Holy Spirit descended. As the mother of Jesus, the head of the church, and given to humanity as a mother by Jesus at the foot of the cross, her presence at the event that is known as the "birthday" of the church affirms her role as mother to the church as a whole and to each Christian individually. You can call on Mary.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). *"Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.'"*

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

### **A Christian's job description**

On this day in 1937, 10 unarmed demonstrators died in the Memorial Day Massacre in Chicago as police opened fire on a parade of workers and their families. Catholic writer Dorothy Day was there. "We look upon our work, our lives, and we say, 'How do these things square with Christian teaching? Can we go on making money at the expense of our brother?'" she would later ask, echoing Catholic social teaching on the dignity of work and workers. "If we wish to follow Christ, we will be workers like Jesus, like Saint Joseph, like Saint Paul. We will think of the dignity of labor, we will respect the worker, will bear our share of responsibility toward making that new social order wherein justice dwelleth."

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (348). *"To refrain from evil pleases the LORD, and to avoid injustice is an atonement."*

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

### **Mary in living color**

Mary of Nazareth wears many different mantles—literally and figuratively. In images honoring Mary's Immaculate Conception, Mary wears a baby blue cape evoking calmness and purity. As Our Lady of Mercy, Mary protects the people beneath a brilliant bold red cloak. As Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Mary wears a cerulean *tilmahtli* emblazoned with gold stars, rebelling against death and oppression and promising hope and new life. Mary is all

these things: quiet and comforting, strong and protecting, rebellious and lifegiving. As we celebrate the Visitation, let us reflect on the unique ways that Mary has visited us in our own lives.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). *"Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth."*

**Thursday, Jun 01, 2023**

### **Suffer for the Kingdom**

Justin Martyr was a significant philosopher and Christian apologist who was not born Christian but experienced a conversion to Christianity. His writings are still published, and one of his better-known sayings—aimed at the Romans who persecuted and killed Christians—is, "You can kill us but you cannot harm us." The blood of many courageous martyrs has strengthened the church. Do you know anyone who has suffered in order to follow Christ? Pray for them today.

MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52 (350). *"So they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.'"*

**Friday, Jun 02, 2023**

### **Little known but never forgotten**

Not much is known about the fourth-century martyrs Marcellinus and Peter. Like other martyrs, stories about their faithfulness were remembered more so than hard data about their lives. Such stories were salve to a church suffering under an oppressive Roman empire, and martyrs often became saints by public acclaim. Though lacking the thoroughness of today's canonization process, the Early Church recognized the importance of lifting up unknown martyrs as well as well-known ones. For in them, the people could see a reflection of their own suffering and faithfulness and know that they were not forgotten by the church. What can you do to ensure that the martyrs of our own age are remembered by the church?

MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351). *"Yet these also were godly; their virtues have not been forgotten."*

**Saturday, Jun 03, 2023**

### **You don't need permission to act for justice**

Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in 1963 in response to a "Call for Unity" statement from white clergy of Birmingham criticizing King's nonviolent protests for civil rights, encouraging him to settle things in the courts, not take to the streets. Those in authority do not like folks who don't follow the rules they themselves have established to protect their authority. But faith-filled prophetic leaders, from biblical times down to the present, act on higher authority. The God of justice calls us to question authority.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33 (352). *"By what authority are you doing these things? Or who gave you this authority to do them?"*

# Which Step Are You On?

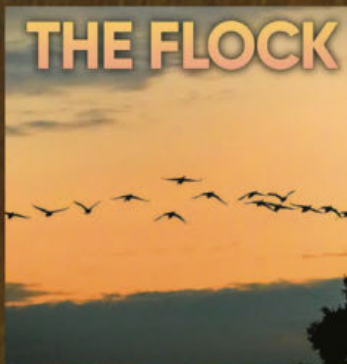


## The Rock

Passionately engaged in, and has taken personal ownership for, direction and growth of Epiphany

## The Building Blocks

Face of the Epiphany; leads or is active member of at least one ministry; participates in faith formation



## The Flock

Attends and donates regularly, volunteers occasionally



## Clock Watcher

Attends occasionally, donates periodically



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## EVENTS

**MAY 28 - JUN 4**



**Pentecost Sunday**  
11:00am Class Mass &  
Sunday Scripture Program  
12:00pm Hunger Sunday  
12:30pm Parish Alpha  
7:30 Young Adult Mass



**Memorial Day**  
Rectory Closed



11:00am 22 Club  
12:10pm Mass  
2:30pm Prayer Corps  
7:00pm Connect



12:10pm Mass  
12:40pm OLPH (Church)  
7:00pm Bereavement Program  
7:00pm Breaking Open  
The Word via Zoom



12:10pm Mass  
6:30pm SOS Group  
7:00pm Legion of Mary  
7:00pm YA Alpha



12:10pm Mass  
6:30pm Sant' Egidio  
Fridays



3:00pm Rosary w/  
Ladies of Charity  
4:00pm Vigil Mass



11:00am Family Mass &  
Sunday Scripture  
12:30pm Parish Alpha  
7:30 Young Adult Mass

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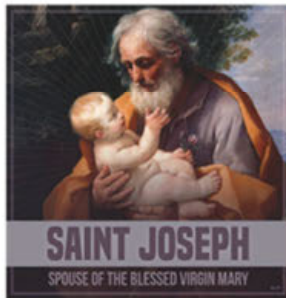
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	COLLECTIONS vs EXPENSES	
	May 2022 - Apr 2023	May 2019 - Apr 2020
collections	\$575,932	\$807,961
expenses	937,149	845,136
net	<b>\$(361,217)</b>	<b>\$(37,175)</b>

Source: Epiphany



**DON'T FORGET YOUR FATHER!**

After Father's Day, every Mass in June will include a special plea for fathers, living or deceased, listed on our Father's Day Novena envelopes, which can be found in the Narthex. Complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest. We need fathers, and our fathers need us - **and our prayers!**

**MASSES**  
**Monday-Friday 12:10pm**  
**Saturday Vigil: 4pm**  
**Sunday 11am & 7:30pm**

**THIS WEEK'S  
 ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 27**  
 4:00pm Zenaida Mamsaang  
**Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday**  
 11:00am Vicenza Gazzettino  
 7:30pm Peter St. John Bonnet  
**Monday, May 29 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 12:10pm **NO MASSES TODAY**  
**Tuesday, May 30**  
 12:10pm Josefa Przybyla  
**Wednesday, May 31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 12:10pm Joan J. & Nathaniel Fougner  
**Thursday, June 1 Memorial of Saint Justin**  
 12:10pm Urfia Stamatelaky  
**Friday, June 2**  
 12:10pm Sean Harrington  
**Saturday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**  
 4:00pm Philip Soroka  
**Sunday, June 4 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**  
 11:00am John Maruffi  
 7:30pm Ann Ahern  
**Monday, June 5 Memorial of St. Boniface**  
 12:10pm Patrick Monroe  
**Tuesday, June 6**  
 12:10pm Maureen Filip

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**May 28 - June 3**  
**Philip Soroka**

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.**

**June 10-11 Second Collection**  
**Support our Catholic Home Missions**  
**and our Church in Latin America**

This collection supports American parishes which lack regular access to pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education.

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