

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 2026



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RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

At last! The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. We call it the birthday of the church. Try to listen to today’s scripture passages with some sense of how electrifying these events must have been to those who lived through them. Up until now, they have been waiting in the upper room. In today’s first reading, that room is filled with wind and fire and bold proclamations in foreign tongues.

In the second reading, Paul describes the Pentecost event, too. His description includes all of us. The Spirit lives on in the church in each of us who are members of the Body of Christ, given different gifts from the same Spirit. Only after Pentecost could the apostles look back and understand what Jesus meant when he said, as reported in today’s Gospel reading, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

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REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD

The disciples were cowering behind locked doors. Fear has a way of imprisoning, away from the outer world, but also from our inner world, taking away our freedom to hope, imagine, and dream. We can become comfortable working in cramped spaces, isolated and unattached, removed from life and contact with others.

But then along comes the risen Lord, arms outstretched, heart wide open, bearing gifts to transform our lives. The first gift of the risen Lord is peace (*shalom*), which translates as all good things, physically, mentally, and spiritually—all that is needed to be alive inside. This peace is a gift that the world cannot give.

The second gift is a mission: we are sent, as Jesus was sent, by the Father. Where? To the world. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:16–17). Now the Son sends the disciples—us!—to bring life.

The third gift is the Holy Spirit, given for the forgiveness of sins. The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Father and the Son, given to us at baptism, again at confirmation, and whose gifts are given to the church and its members for

the good of all, within and outside the church. Primary among these gifts is the gift of forgiveness.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before there was water, there was fire. Once in a while, a volcano hints at the sizzling magma upon which the whole human enterprise floats. Over eons, the surface cooled off a bit, and rain sizzled down for thousands of centuries, filling the oceans and sculpting the earth. We Christians can catch God’s glory in a shimmering pool of water, but we can also capture God’s burning desire to fan the tiny flames of our baptismal candles into something that will make a difference.

In Sicily to this day, there is a custom of scattering rose petals down from the ceiling of church on the heads of the faithful, an effective reminder of the “tongues of flame” descending on the apostles, and a sign that the Holy Spirit still is poured out on the baptized. It is not merely a quaint custom, but a fairly potent sign of what baptism does. An interesting sidebar: if you have traced the Epiphany blessing on your doorway in chalk, Pentecost is the day to erase it. From now on, no need to rely on the “wise men”—you are alive in the Spirit!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of May. Let us share what we have with those in need.

God Bless you – Thank you!

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de mayo. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga - Gracias!*

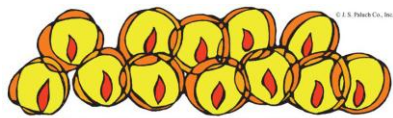
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 1Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52
- Friday: 1Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33
- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

May 16/17, 2026 COLLECTION DATA

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....	\$5,370.00
LOOSE PLATE.....	1,556.37
BUILDING FUND.....	918.00
ST. ISIDORE.....	<u>776.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTION.....	\$8,620.37

Thank you for your generosity!



COME, HOLY SPIRIT

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. — Acts 2:3

Saturday, May 23rd -

5:00-IHM – +Maria Morales Guerrero, Rodolfo Morales, Carlos C, Maria and Carlos Guerrero, Sr.; In thanksgiving for Leila Rubio and Virginia Solis Chavez’s birthdays

Sunday, May 24th –

8:00AM – IHM – +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Rodrigo DeLoera; For our Seminarists, Camron Moore and Martin Luna

11:00AM – IHM – For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, May 26th st 9:00AM-HF

+Jovita, Benjie, Daniel y Amanda Olguin;
+Jennifer y Roger Gomez

• Wednesday, May 27th 6:00PM - IHM

In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Justin & Judith Cerveney, Miguel, Natalia y Miguelito Rangel, Emilie Acevedo, Julia Madrigal, Maria Auxilio Beltran y Mary Grace Lopez; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

Thursday, May 28th 9:00AM-HF

In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Friday, May 29th 9:00AM – HF

Special Intention

Saturday, May 30th -

5:00-IHM – +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez; +Manuel y Cuquita Heredia

Sunday, May 31st –

8:00AM – IHM – Por nuestros seminaristas Cameron Moore y Martin Luna; por la salud de Jesús Aguayo; +Christopher Cardoza

11:00AM – IHM – For the People of Nolan County

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 30 – Cursillistas June 6 – Finance



Thank you for your sacrifices. The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

RAFFLE TICKETS “2026 Jamaica” are here! Get yours after any of the weekend Masses. Our Jamaica is on schedule for Sunday, September 27th!

“EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION today, **“Pentecost Sunday”**, starting at 5pm, from Holy Family to Immaculate Heart, ending with a meal in the hall. A trailer will be available for those unable to walk.

• **WEDNESDAY** – Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:00pm @IHM. Fr. Josh will be in the church after the Mass. If you need to go to confession, please let him know. He will hear confessions until 8:00pm.

OCIA –Thursdays, 6:00pm at HF Hall, 507 Crane St.

ULTREYA MEETINGS

Sunday, May 24th - 6:00pm (*English*)

Monday, May 25th - 7:00pm (*Spanish*)

Both at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit <http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

RETIRO de PAREJAS – 31 de mayo – Te invitamos a participar en el retiro de parejas **“El amor todo lo puede”**, que se realizara aqui en nuestra parroquia, Holy Spirit, Iniciaremos con la Santa Misa a las 8:00 de la mañana. **NOTE** la ultima pagina de este boletín para más informacion.

SPANISH MISSION – here in our parish, by the Mejia Family, a dynamic duo from the Diocese of New Mexico, from June 15-19, inviting all to join! More information forthcoming.

The San Angelo Deanery Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to the **Fire in the Spirit Rally** on Saturday, June 6, 2026, for a journey of prayer, praise and worship led by the Sisters of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ -- Sacred Heart Cathedral Ministry Center, 20 E. Beauregard, San Angelo, 10am – 2pm

MEN’S CONFERENCE – July 25, 2026, 8AM to 5PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral-Gym, 20 E Beauregard Ave, San Angelo; Speakers, Bishop Michael J. Sis; Bear Woznick, Deep Adventure Ministries; and Evan Lemoine, Theology of the Body.

CONGRATULATIONS - Yuvisela Hernandez, Gabriel Cerveney, Taylor Horn, Judith Juarez, Samantha Solis, Zoe Velasquez-Adame, and Cayden Reyes, all applicants, who each received a Guadalupana Scholarship for \$650. **BIG THANK YOU** to the **GUADALUPANA SOCIETY** for sponsoring!

On behalf of the Guadalupana Society -- THANK YOU for all the monetary donations; to our sponsors and everyone who sold and purchased raffle tickets in support of our Scholarship Fund. May God bless all for supporting our youth’s education.

Retiro de Parejas

El Amor Todo lo Puede (1Corintios 13,7)

31 de mayo

la Parroquia Holy Spirit en Sweetwater, Tx

(507 w Alabama Ave.)

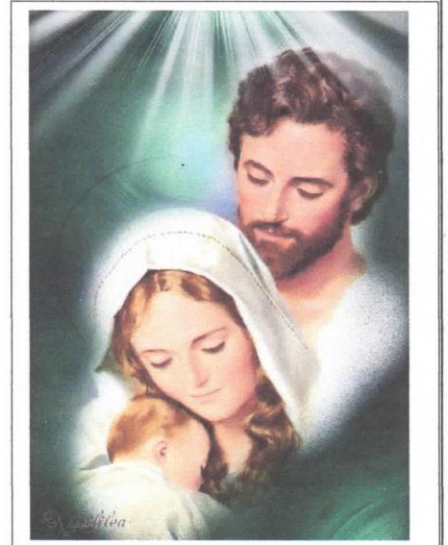


Te invitamos a participar en el retiro de parejas "El amor todo lo puede", que se realizara en la parroquia Holy Spirit. Este retiro de medio tiempo está dirigido a todas las parejas que desean restaurar y fortalecer su relación, renovando el amor y la comunicación entre ambos.

Iniciaremos con la Santa Misa a las 8:00 de la mañana.

Durante el retiro, se ofrecerán charlas,

- Dinámicas, alabanza
- Momentos de reflexión para ayudaros a crecer juntos
- Herramientas para superar las dificultades



Es una oportunidad única para compartir, aprender y renovar el compromiso del amor. Tendremos rica comida.

¡No se lo pierdan!

Para más información e inscripciones, contactar:

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