

**Sunday, Jun 08, 2025**

### **See the Spirit within**

Changes in the liturgy can be striking, particularly when familiar responses are presented in a new light. For example, in 2011 the English response “And also with you” was changed to “And with your Spirit.” That opens things up—not only about how to understand this part of the liturgy but also how to understand our brothers and sisters. How amazing it is to consider that indeed the Holy Spirit is with each one of us. And not only at Mass or when we are doing “religious” things or with people we like. What would the world be like if we truly recognized the Spirit within ourselves and within one another?

#### **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26 (63). *“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”*

**Monday, Jun 09, 2025**

### **Mother Mary, comfort your church**

In 2018, Pope Francis added a memorial to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as “Mother of the Church” every year on the Monday after Pentecost as a way to foster Marian piety and the “maternal sense of the church.” The Marian title of “Mother of the Church,” was given to the Blessed Mother by Pope Saint Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council, who said of Mary: “She who once gave us Jesus, the fount of heavenly grace, cannot fail to offer her maternal help to the Church.” Ponder how your own faith can be nurtured by a deepened devotion to Mary and a maternal sense of the church.

#### **MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). *“Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.”*

**Tuesday, Jun 10, 2025**

### **Protect our common home**

In the beginning, says Genesis 1, God not only created the seas but made the “waters teem with swarms of living creatures.” Sunday was designated World Oceans Day by the United Nations, and we’re reminded that God’s creation is in real danger. As Pope Francis writes in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si’*, these formerly teeming waters are increasingly a graveyard, “due largely to pollution which reaches the sea as the result of deforestation, agricultural monocultures, industrial waste and destructive fishing methods,” all of it “aggravated by the rise in temperature of the oceans.” Visit [the Laudato Si’ Movement](#) for ways to make a difference.

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). *“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds.”*

**Wednesday, Jun 11, 2025**

### **Stick your neck out**

It requires both faith and generosity to vouch for another person, especially when that person has a less-than-stellar track record. In the Early Church, Barnabas was an outsider to the 12 apostles and worked hard to prove himself as a devout and talented orator. Consider, then, the bravery it took for Barnabas to attempt to persuade the apostles to welcome Saul of Tarsus, a former persecutor of Christians. Barnabas’ courage and vision paid off as

Saint Paul became one of the most influential figures in Christian history. Pray for the courage to take a risk for others.

#### **MEMORIAL OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:17-19 (580/361). *“Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.”*

**Thursday, Jun 12, 2025**

### **Put faith in action**

Catholic Relief Services, founded in 1943 by the U.S. Catholic bishops, offers emergency assistance where it’s most needed around the world. According to its most recent annual report, CRS reaches more than 210 million vulnerable people working with 1,883 local partners in 121 countries around the world. It is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Supporting CRS is a simple way to effectuate transformation in ourselves and in people and families most in need. CRS saves lives, addresses the root causes of poverty, and helps build more just and peaceful societies in the areas it serves. Learn more about the ways CRS “advances immediate—and enduring—change on a global scale” and what you can do to help at [CRS.org](#).

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). *“Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”*

**Friday, Jun 13, 2025**

### **Permission to hope**

The beauty and spirit of each life is held in an earthen vessel that begins decaying the minute it’s exposed to air, like some ancient artifact unsealed from a tomb. But Saint Paul, who grappled with the age-old questions of mortality, reassures us that despite our inexorable, and seemingly inglorious, march toward death, those who follow Jesus are actually sharing in the life of Christ. And for Saint Anthony of Padua, whose memorial we observe today, “The life of the body is the soul, the life of the soul is Christ.” So that with each breath we take, we are infused with the eternal power of the divine. That is why we may live in hope rather than despair.

#### **MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32 (363). *“The one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.”*

**Saturday, Jun 14, 2025**

### **A yes for all time**

Was there ever a “yes” surrendered to God as graciously and completely as the *fiat* of Mary of Nazareth? “Let it be done to me,” this sturdy teenager agreed, to the outrageous proposal of an unexpected angel caller. This was a “yes” shouted into the darkness of history, reverberating into an unknown and possibly perilous future. This was a “yes” that affected everyone who ever lived and ever would live. Did Mary know on that ordinary day that salvation history was being made? Or was it that she was always keenly aware that salvation history is made in every hour, with every human decision? Take time to consider the impact that your decisions are making on salvation history.

#### **MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37 (364). *“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the Evil One.”*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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