

**St. Timothy's Roman
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Pentecost Sunday

Domingo de Pentecostes

May 24, 2026

Masses / Misas

Saturday:	English	5:30pm
Sabado:	Espanol	7:00pm
Sunday:	English	8:30am 10:30am (Live-streamed Mass)
Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday:	English	8:00am
Tuesday and Wednesday Communion Service:	English	8:00am

Click the link below to view a live-stream video of a St. Timothy's Mass.

https://youtube.com/@st.timothycatholicchurch7329?si=_dX5zjs-pD-SSXup

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliation:

Saturday at 4:30pm and by appointment

All Are Welcome at St. Timothy's



St. Timothy's Services and Events

5/24 Pentecost is Observed

5/25 Parish Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

5/25 Faith Study Group Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

5/29 Eucharistic Adoration Friday after 8:00am Mass

5/31 Trinity Sunday is Observed

6/1 Faith Study Group Monday at 1:00pm in the Hall

6/5 Women's Guild Mass Friday at 8:00am

6/5 Eucharistic Adoration Friday after 8:00am Mass

6/7 Corpus Christi is Observed



Faith Exposed:
Regina Caeli, St. Peter's Square
Pope Francis on John 20: 19-23
May 28, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters, good day!

Today, the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Gospel takes us to the upper room, where the apostles had taken refuge after the death of Jesus (Jn 20: 19-23). The Risen One, on the evening of Passover, presents himself precisely in that situation of fear and anguish and, breathing on them, says: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (v. 22). In this way, with the gift of the Spirit, Jesus wishes to free the disciples from fear, from this fear that keeps them shut away at home, and he frees them so that they may be able to go out and become witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel. Let us dwell a little on what the Spirit does: he frees from fear.

The disciples had closed the doors, the Gospel says, "for fear" (v. 19). The death of Jesus had shocked them, their dreams had been shattered, their hopes had vanished. And they closed themselves inside. Not only in that room, but within, in the heart. I would like to underline this: closed inside. How often do we too shut ourselves in? How often, because of some difficult situation, because of some personal or family problem, because of a suffering that marks us or the evil we breathe around us, do we risk slipping slowly into a loss of hope and lack the courage to go on? This happens many times. And then, like the apostles, we shut ourselves in, barricading ourselves in the labyrinth of worries.

Brothers and sisters, this "shutting ourselves in" happens when, in the most difficult situations, we allow fear to take the upper hand and let its loud voice dominate within us. The cause, therefore, is fear: fear of not being able to cope, of having to face everyday battles alone, of risking and then making

the wrong decisions. Brother, sister, fear blocks, fear paralyses. And it also isolates: think of the fear of others, of those who are foreign, who are different, who think in another way. And there can even be the fear of God: that he will punish me, that he will be angry with me... If we give space to these false fears, the doors close: the doors of the heart, the doors of society, and even the doors of the Church! Where there is fear, there is closure. And this will not do.

However, the Gospel offers us the remedy of the Risen One: the Holy Spirit. He frees us from the prisons of fear. When they receive the Spirit, the apostles - we celebrate this today - come out of the upper room and go out into the world to forgive sins and to proclaim the good news. Thanks to him, fears are overcome and doors open. Because this is what the Spirit does: he makes us feel God's proximity, and so thus his love casts out fear, illuminates the way, consoles, sustains in adversity. Faced with fears and closure, then, let us invoke the Holy Spirit for us, for the Church and for the whole world: let a new Pentecost cast out the fears that assail us and revive the flame of God's love.

May Mary Most Holy, the first to be filled with the Holy Spirit, intercede for us.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
The Holy Spirit is with us, a gift from "The Risen One," ready, willing and able to sweep away every reason we have to be fearful. Let us pray to Him, and listen to Him, when we face adversity, when we doubt our ability to handle situations. Rather than closing and locking the door, the Spirit will help us to open and go out into the world to witness the love of Jesus.
In Christ, Fr. Gabriel





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Unlock the Catechism for the Modern World

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Explore the relationship between free will and obedience and why true freedom isn't just about unlimited choices.

Click on the picture above to see the video in English.
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¿Seguir la voluntad de Dios nos hace menos libres?



PENTECOST

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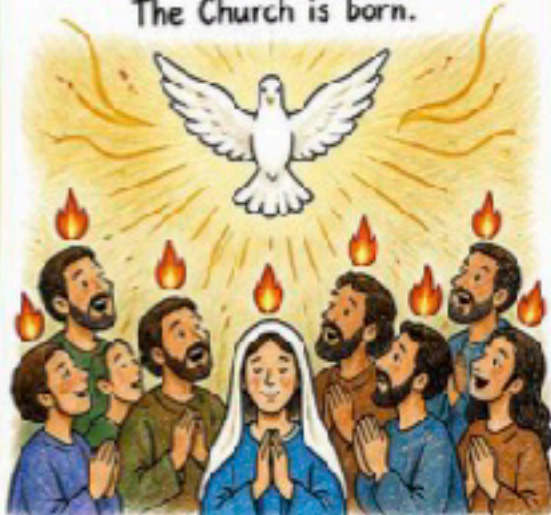


MAIN MESSAGE

- The Holy Spirit comes with wind and fire.
- The Spirit unites people and gives them courage.
- Jesus gives peace and sends His followers.
- The Church begins its mission in the world.



The Holy Spirit comes!
The Church is born.



KEY SCRIPTURE

“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

— JOHN 20:22



THE READINGS

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11



The Spirit comes like wind and fire. The disciples speak so all people can understand.

PSALM

Psalm 104



Lord, how many are your works! You send your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

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



The Spirit gives different gifts. We are many parts but one body in Christ.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23



Jesus gives peace, breathes the Spirit on the disciples, and sends them to forgive sins.

THEMES TO KNOW

- Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Unity in the Spirit
- New Life in Christ
- Power of God's Presence
- Mission of the Church

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

- Be open to the Holy Spirit.
- Use your gifts to serve others.
- Build unity and treat everyone with respect.
- Share your faith with courage and joy.

TRY THIS

- Pray "Come, Holy Spirit" and ask for help in one area of your life today.

SCAN FOR MORE



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How do you see the Holy Spirit working in your life?
- What gifts do you think the Holy Spirit has given you?
- How can you use your gifts to help your friends, school, family, or parish?



St. Timothy's Catholic Church
Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 5:30pm
Parishioners

Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 7:00pm
Parishioners

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 8:30am
Parishioners

Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 10:30am
Parishioners

Monday, May 25, 2026 at 8:00am
+ Ralph Cass

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 8:00am
Communion Service

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 8:00am
Communion Service

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 8:00am
+ Robin Frances Hewitt-McQueen

Friday, May 29, 2026 at 8:00am
+ Robin Frances Hewitt-McQueen

Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 8:00am
Edgar Perez

All Mass Intentions are \$10 per Mass.
Please call the office to request a Mass Intention.

To add a person to our prayer list: A member of the immediate family may request a person's name be added.



Prayer Requests

Fr. Alphonsus Afina
Meredith Bates
Joan Behrick
Emma Suitisang Bermudez
Rina Bermudez
Debra Gardner
Catherine Grace
Amparo Haber
Charlotte Koss
Michael R. Law
Fernando Macias
Lourdes Magallanes
Aldo Mauro
Edgar Perez
Benjamin Ramage
Tom and Maria Sears
Stephanie Seely
Jean Smith
Emily Sozinho
Annie Rohrbach-Walker

Our Extended Family at:
Bayside Care Center
Casa de Flores
Garden House

May is the Month of Mary

“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.”

- St. Padre Pio



Fr. Gabriel will be away from May 25th through July 31st, 2026. He is continuing his studies (his last year) in Washington, D.C.

If you need anything, he is only an email or call away. Please contact the office for any assistance.

The St. Timothy's Parish Family has Father Gabriel in our prayers while he is away and studying Canon Law.

World Youth Day 2027

Seoul, Korea and Nagasaki Japan

Click on the link below for more information.

<https://jmjyouth.wetravel.com/i/69c18f70dfcef2c1b101bc40#wyd-2027-seoul-nagasaki>



Office Information

The office is open Monday - Thursday, 10:00am to 1:00pm ONLY, or by appointment. The office is closed Friday - Sunday and all holidays.

If you call, always leave a message. Your call will be returned within 24 hours. If your call is an emergency, you are encouraged to call 911 and also leave a message for the office. You will be contacted as soon as possible if it is an emergency.

Thank you for your understanding.

Flocknote Update:

Are you donating with checks, using envelopes or automatically through Vanco?

Please use the QR code to migrate to FLOCKNOTE GIVING.



Why?

- * St. Timothy's will no longer use VANCO as of May 31, 2026.
- * Envelopes will eventually be discontinued.

More information to follow.

Donating through FLOCKNOTE alleviates hours of counting, data entry and errors.

If you need help, please call the office.



Smart Giving from Your IRA or 401(k)






If you are at least 73 years of age and you have certain retirement accounts, like traditional IRAs and 401(k)s, you are required to withdraw a percentage of your savings each year, known as a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). RMDs are taxed as ordinary income in the year they are taken, which can increase overall taxable income and potentially push you into a higher tax bracket. Additionally, RMDs can affect the taxation of Social Security benefits, making a larger portion of them taxable as your income rises. Did you know that you can use your RMD to make a charitable gift to our parish and **REDUCE** your yearly tax burden?

Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Saint Timothy's Parish

Suppose, instead, you decide to give all or a portion of your RMD to Saint Timothy's as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), a tax-free transfer of money from your retirement account to a qualified charity. Look at the following hypothetical comparison of using a QCD to make a \$10,000 donation instead of the regular method of taking an RMD, paying taxes on that amount, and then donating the after-tax proceeds to the parish:

WHAT HAPPENS	REGULAR RMD	THE SMART WAY (QCD)
STEP 1: Withdraw from IRA	Take an RMD of \$10,000 and add it to your yearly income	Your IRA custodian sends \$10,000 RMD directly to St. Timothy's Parish. Our Federal Tax ID number is: 94-1658139
STEP 2: Pay your taxes	You owe taxes on the \$10,000 withdrawal	You owe \$0 in taxes on the QCD (not counted as income)
STEP 3: Make a donation and specify its use by the parish	Make your after-tax donation to Saint Timothy's Parish	Already done! St. Timothy's receives the full \$10,000 donation as a QCD

Benefits of Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution:

-  Lower taxes, more money in your pocket
-  Counts as all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution
-  May lower Medicare premiums and Social Security taxes
-  Works even if you don't itemize deductions
-  No complicated tax calculations needed


Getting Started - It's Easy!

STEP 1: Contact your IRA custodian (bank, brokerage, etc.)

STEP 2: Request a form to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution

STEP 3: Provide Saint Timothy's tax information: Saint Timothy's Catholic Church, 962 Piney Way,
Morro Bay, California 93442, Federal Tax Identification Number 94-1658139

STEP 4: Keep records for tax filing

 **Questions?** For more information and help through the process, please contact us at (805) 772-2840 or email us at legacy.sttims@yahoo.com.

The examples in this document are for informational purposes only and do not constitute legal or tax advice. Please consult with qualified professionals when making decisions about charitable giving and taxes.

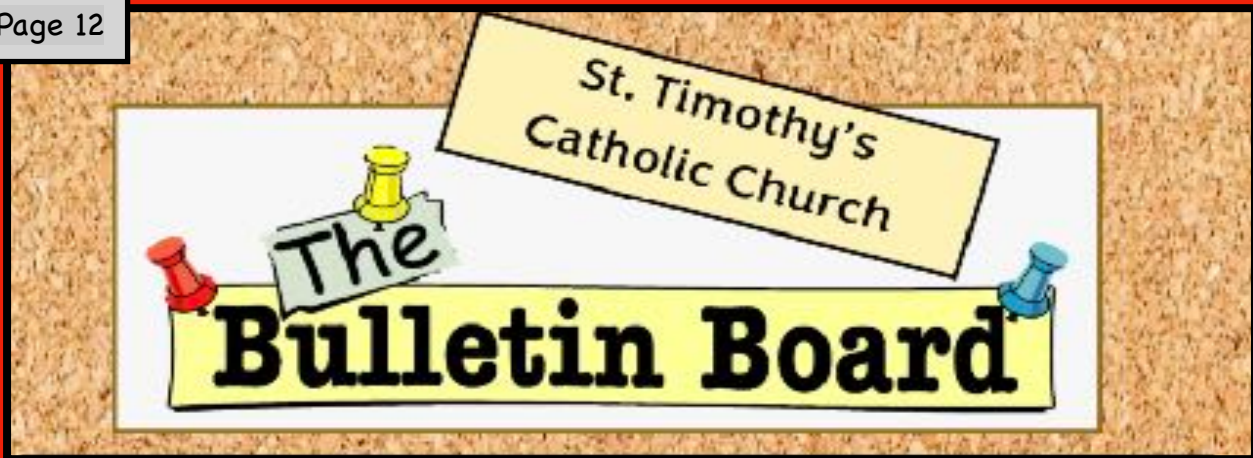


MAKE A LASTING GIFT TO

OUR PARISH

BECOME A LEGACY PARTNER





Pentecost Sunday

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - John 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety, or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not you last resort.

- * Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God.
- * It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives.

- * Sign up today to attend one of the WWME weekends on July 10-12, 2026 in Danville, CA, or August 21-23, 2026 in Sonoma, CA. Go to wwme.org to find the Experience that is just right for you!



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The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2026:

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

May

That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

