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## Pentecost



*Pentecost, Jean Restout II (1692–1768). Photo: Web Gallery of Art/Public Domain*

On Pentecost the Church that Jesus said he would build was brought into being, Peter emerging as the rock on which it was to be built. (Matthew 16: 18-19) Jesus had asked the disciples to remain in Jerusalem where they would receive the power of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 1:4,8) They had been told that they would not be left orphans and that a paraclete would be sent to teach them. (John 14:16-18; 16: 7-8)

***And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place: And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. (Acts 2:1-4)***



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SHREWSBURY PARISH MASSES

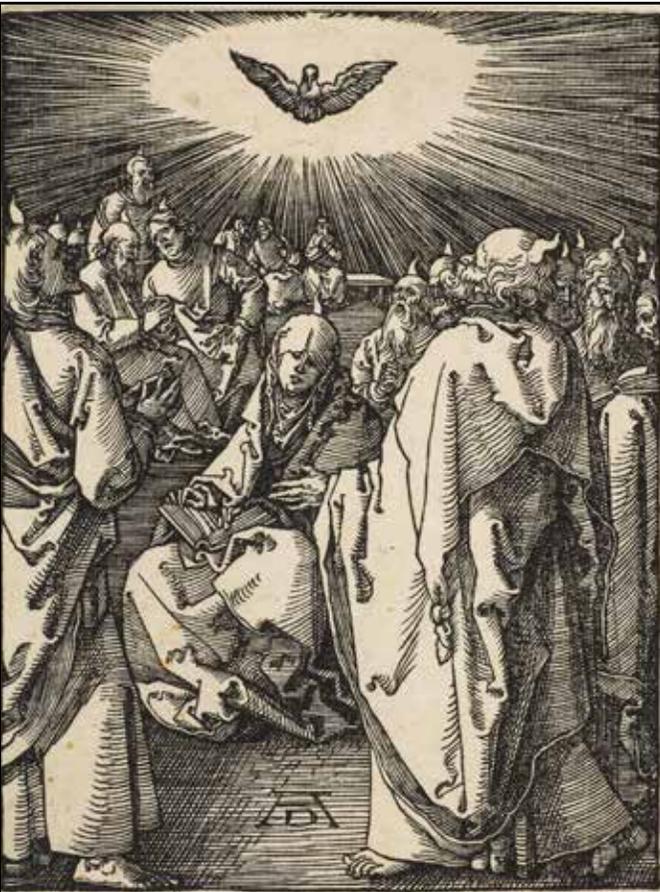


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*Weekly Schedule* \*

	Ordo	Cathedral	St Winefride's	Mass Intention
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup> June Whit Sunday,   class		11.45 Confession & Rosary 12.15 Mass 6pm Vespers/Benediction	Private Intention
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup> June Whit Monday,   class	7.30am Mass	6pm Vespers & Compline	Private Intention
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup> June Whit Tuesday,   class	7.30am Mass	5.30pm Confession & Rosary 6pm Mass	Private Intention Private Intention
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> June Whit Wednesday,   class	7.30am Mass	* No Vespers: Parish Catechesis at the Cathedral	Private Intention
Thu	13 <sup>th</sup> June Whit Thursday,   class	7.30am Mass	6pm Vespers & Compline	Private Intention
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup> June Whit Friday,   class	7.30am Mass	5.30pm Confession & Rosary 6pm Mass	Private Intention Private Intention
Sat	15 <sup>th</sup> June Whit Saturday,   class		11am Confession & Rosary 11.30 am Mass 6pm Vespers & Compline	Private Intention
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday,   class		11.45 Confession & Rosary 12.15 Mass 6pm Vespers/Benediction	Novena for Fathers

\* Changes from the usual schedule

From this day their former confusion and misunderstandings about the teachings of Jesus were gone, so that they could teach the truth of Christ. They were filled with grace, full understanding, wisdom and fortitude. They went forth full of faith and courage as witnesses to Christ, *in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth.* (Acts 1: 8)



*Pentecost, Albrecht Dürer, ca. 1510*

### Excerpt from the Liturgical Year by Don Guéranger: Pentecost

O Church of the Living God, how lovely art Thou in Thy first reception of the Divine Spirit! How admirable is Thy early progress! Thy first abode was in the Immaculate Mary, the Virgin full of grace, the Mother of God; Thy second victory gave Thee

the 120 disciples of the Cenacle; and now, 3,000 elect proclaim Thee as their Mother, and, leaving the unhappy Jerusalem, will carry Thy name and kingdom to their own countries. Tomorrow, Peter is to preach in the temple, and 5,000 men will enroll themselves as disciples of Jesus of Nazareth!

And thou, bright Pentecost! day of our truest birth! how fair, how glorious, thou makest these first hours of Jesus' Bride on earth! In thee, O Pentecost, we find realized the hopes foreshadowed in the mystery of the Epiphany; for though thou thyself art promulgated in Jerusalem, yet thy graces are to be extended to all that are afar off, that is, to us Gentiles. The Magi came from the East; we watched them as they visited the crib of the Divine Babe, for we knew that we, too, were to have our season of grace. It was Thou, O Holy Ghost, that didst attract them to Bethlehem: and now, in this Pentecost of Thy power, Thou callest all men; the star is changed into tongues of fire, and the face of the earth is to be renewed. Oh, grant that we may be ever faithful to the graces Thou dost offer us, and carefully treasure the gifts sent us, with Thee and through Thee, by the Father and the Son!

The mystery of Pentecost holds so important a place in the Christian dispensation, that we cannot be surprised at the Church's ranking it, in Her liturgy, on an equality with her Paschal solemnity. The Pasch is the redemption of man by the victory of Christ; Pentecost is the Holy Ghost taking possession of man redeemed. The Ascension is the intermediate mystery; it consummates the Pasch, by placing the Man-God, the Conqueror of death,

and our Head, at the Right Hand of the Father; it prepares the mission of the Holy Ghost to our earth.

Observe, too, the season of the year, in which the Holy Ghost comes to take possession of His earthly kingdom. Our Jesus, the Sun of Justice, arose in

Bethlehem in the very depth of winter; humble and gradual was His ascent to the zenith of His glory. But the Spirit of the Father and the Son came in the season when sunshine decks our earth with loveliest flowers. Let us welcome the life-giving heat of the Holy Ghost, and earnestly beseech Him that it may ever abide within us. The liturgical year has brought us to the full possession of truth by the Incarnate Word; let us carefully cherish the love, which the Holy Ghost has now enkindled within our hearts.

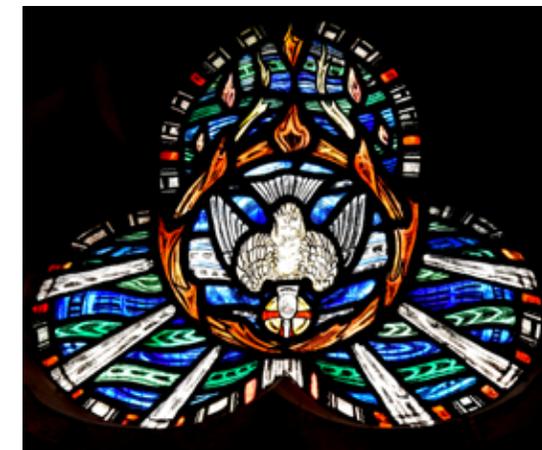
The Christian Pentecost, prefigured by the ancient one of the Jews, is of the number of the feasts that were instituted by the Apostles. It formerly shared with Easter the honor of the solemn administration of Baptism. Its Octave, like that of Easter, and for the same reason, ends with the Saturday following the Feast. The Pentecost solemnity, like Easter, begins on the Vigil, for the neophytes used to immediately put on their white garments after being baptized during the Vigil: on the eighth day, the next Saturday, they laid them aside.

In the middle ages, the Feast of Pentecost was called by the beautiful name of "The Pasch of Roses," just as the Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension was termed the "Sunday of Roses." The color and fragrance of this beautiful flower were considered by our Catholic forefathers as emblems of the tongues of fire, which rested on the heads of the 120 disciples, and poured forth the sweet gifts of love and grace on the infant Church. The same idea suggested the red-colored vestments for the liturgical services during the whole Octave. In the 13th century, a dove was allowed to fly about in the church, and flowers and flaming tow were cast down from the roof, during the Mass on Pentecost; these were allusions to the two mysteries of Jesus' Baptism, and of the Descent of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.

Throughout the Octave, Holy Church celebrates the Hour of Tierce with unusual solemnity, in order to honor more markedly the mystery of Pentecost. This portion of the Divine Office, which corresponds with our nine o'clock in the morning, begins with a hymn to the Holy Ghost composed by St. Ambrose; but today She uses instead the

sublime and mystic Veni Creator, which, according to our Catholic Tradition, was written in the 9th century by St. Karl the Great (Charlemagne).

It was St. Hugh, Abbot of Cluny, in the 11th century, who was inspired with the thought of introducing it into the Tierce of Pentecost; and our Holy Roman Church showed Her approbation of the practice by adopting it into Her liturgy; thus the custom of singing the Veni Creator before or during the Mass of Pentecost, in churches where Tierce is not sung. During this soul-stirring hymn, the faithful should fervently adore the Holy Ghost, and invite Him into their hearts. If there be no obstacle on our part, He will take possession of our souls. Showing Him how our souls are sealed with Himself, by the indelible characters of Baptism and Confirmation, let us beseech Him to defend His own work. Let us remember that, in order to receive the Holy Ghost and keep Him within us, we must renounce the spirit of the world, for our Savior has said: "No man can serve two masters" (Matt. 6: 24).



*From Baptistry window by Margaret Rope at Shrewsbury Cathedral*

### Novena for Fathers

The novena will be offered for nine days, starting on Trinity Sunday, 16th June.

Pick up a novena card pack and see poster at the back of the church.