

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

MAY 23, 2021 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

*A Servant Church  
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

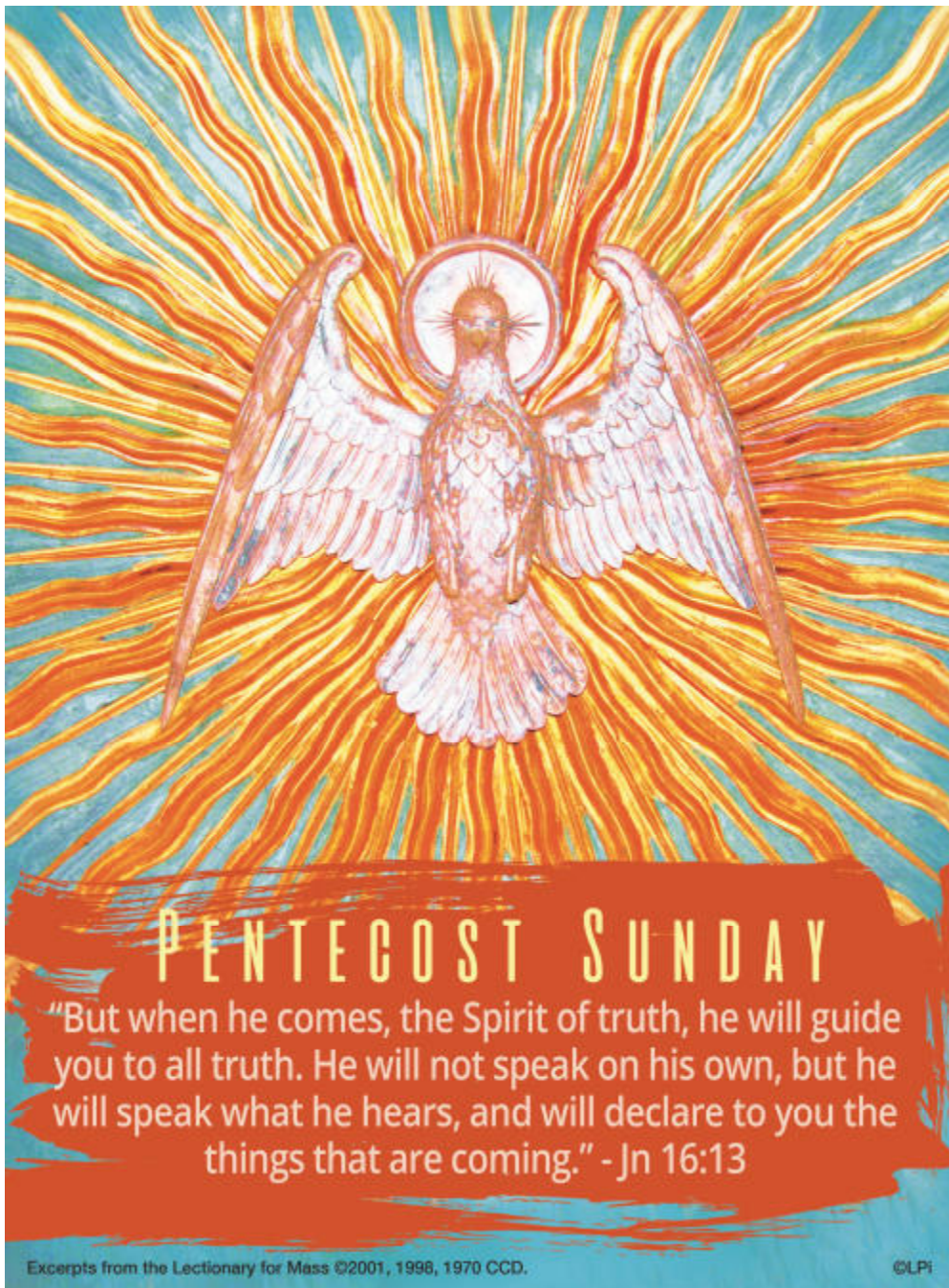
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



**MAY 24 – MAY 28**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Bill VanLoo**

Requested by Croitori Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Helen Derus**

Requested by Wojnar Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Diane Nomm**

Requested by Doug and Arlene Foley

Friday 9:15 AM

**Carole O'Connor**

Requested by Geri Adams

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS AND/OR TO HAVE THEM SENT TO YOUR EMAIL: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

# Please remember in your prayers

|                   |                    |                 |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Joan Goniea       | Sally Battishill   | Bill O'Donohue  |
| Deloris Macknosky | Chloe Lynn Roberts | Frank Adams     |
| Robert Retelle    | Raymond Rudzki     | Leianna Dutton  |
| Marlene Bergin    | Mary Duemler       | Cathy Blaszczyk |
| Gerald Grusendorf | Kimberly Plonka    |                 |

If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer Request List, please email [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call 248-477-7470. Thank you!

### FEELING ILL?

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill. **We are asking that you wear a mask when you come to church.**



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 30, 2021

|  |  |  |               |  |  |                   |  |  |
|--|--|--|---------------|--|--|-------------------|--|--|
| <b>5:00 PM</b>   |  |  | <b>May 29</b> |  |  | <b>Fr. Briffa</b> |  |  |
| For <b>Richard McAskin</b><br>Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship       |  |  | Lector        |  |  | Isabelle Gerhardt |  |  |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>   |  |  | <b>May 30</b> |  |  | <b>Fr. Briffa</b> |  |  |
| For <b>Beth Croitori McLoughlin</b><br>Requested by Judy Bieske          |  |  | Lector        |  |  | Candy Rosowski    |  |  |
| <b>10:15 AM</b>  |  |  | <b>May 30</b> |  |  | <b>Fr. Morris</b> |  |  |
| For <b>Richard Orrell</b><br>Requested by Diane Bonadeo & Rosalie Rudzki |  |  | Lector        |  |  | Jim Bergin        |  |  |
| <b>12:00 PM</b>  |  |  | <b>May 30</b> |  |  | <b>Fr. Morris</b> |  |  |
| For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>  |  |  | Lector        |  |  | Paulette Mullin   |  |  |

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### Offertory Snapshot

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| Actual Offertory for Weekend of May 16     | \$ 5,843.00  |
| Budget Offertory for Weekend of May 16     | \$ 8,407.00  |
| Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of May 16 | \$384,990.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of May 16 | \$395,129.00 |

### Just a Note . . .

During this unprecedented time, please note that there are collection baskets located in the back of the church for your weekly donation. Thank you.



**Our Lost and Found drawer has become very full with items that have been left here at the church over the past year. Please take a look on the table in the gathering space of the church after Mass this weekend to see if one of these items could be yours. Unclaimed items, will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul.**





# Pentecost Sunday

## READING I

ACTS 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34



## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located in the hallway rack in the education section of the building and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door.

Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

## READING II

1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

## SEQUENCE

**VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS**

## GOSPEL

JN 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

## Prayer For The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts  
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.  
I want to receive the fire of Your love  
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.

Come with wonder and awe,  
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,  
with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness  
to Your presence in my life.

Help me to see the ways my strengths  
can serve others in their weakness.

In all my interaction, I want to radiate  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness,  
and self-control.

Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.

# Teen News . . .

## CALLING ALL STUDENTS AND PARENT HELPERS!



Come help us to plant red geraniums on the church grounds. We will be meeting after the 10:15 AM Mass and after the 12:00 PM Mass this weekend.

Bring gloves, a small hand shovel and dress for the weather. Please respect distancing and mask protocols. Water and snack will be provided for our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!



**Congratulations to all our graduates of the parish this year. We know it has been a trying year, but you made it! Always know that your parish family is proud of you and here to support you with our prayers as you move into a new chapter in your life. May the Lord continue to bless you all the days of your life!**

## ***Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Knowledge***

*“Every man is the son of his own works.”*  
Cervantes

*“The wisest men follow their own direction.”*  
Euripedes

*“There is no such thing as great talent without great willpower.”*  
Honore De Balzac

Taken from the Book Abounding Grace, by  
M. Scott Peck, M.D.



## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE 2ND BANN**

Let us pray for Monica Rose Melonio and Daniel Joseph Sprys as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on June 5, 2021.

## **CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN**

Believe it or not our campaign for the 2021 CSA has begun. If you made a donation to the CSA campaign in the last three years, you should have received a mailing from the Archdiocese of Detroit with your new pledge card for the 2021 campaign. If you did not, please call the Parish Office, as we have blank cards available.

Our CSA goal for 2021 is **\$70,574.00**. We are asking each family to contribute **\$285.00** this year to meet our goal. Having said that, we know there are some families who can afford more; and some families who cannot afford anything. That is why we say it is not an equal gift, it is an equal sacrifice.

It is also important to remind you that any shortfall to the goal of \$70,574.00 has to be made up from our savings account. However, any extra we collect over this goal, we get to keep. Your generous support of past CSA efforts at St. Gerald have been most appreciated.

Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese everyday. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

Please note the new address on the return envelope is directed to Minnesota. Also, all checks should be payable to *The Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA*. If you choose to give on-line, go to **<http://stgerald.aodcsa.org>**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



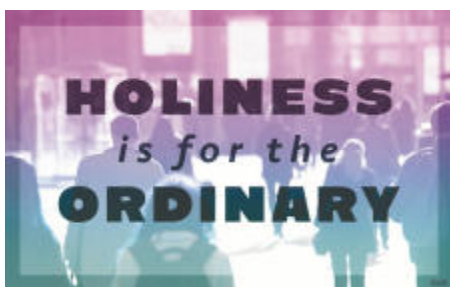
**GOSPEL MEDITATION****ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will**

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**My Church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its' pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of the things that I want my church to be. Amen.**





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**CATHOLIC VS. PROTESTANT BIBLES**

**Question:**

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

**Answer:**

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament. ©LPi

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**SACRAMENTS**

**Rite of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

**Sacrament of the Sick:**  
Please call the office.

**Baptism:**  
Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

**Matrimony:**  
St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

**Registration of new members:**  
Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

**RCIA:** Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please call Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for more information.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!**  
If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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