



A Gift for All People of All Times

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When reading aloud today's passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such far-away, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●



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Reflect

***Do I often remember that the Church encompasses people of every nation:
those gone before us and those to come?***

PENTECOST SUNDAY

"AND SUDDENLY THERE CAME FROM THE SKY A NOISE LIKE A STRONG DRIVING WIND, AND IT FILLED THE ENTIRE HOUSE IN WHICH THEY WERE."

ACTS 2:2

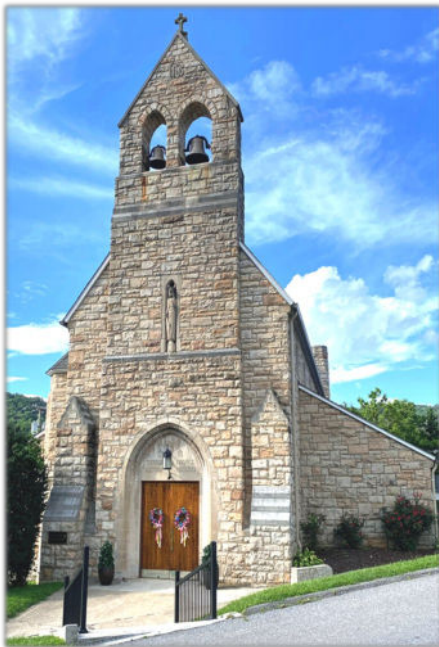


SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

1003 WYOMING ST, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701

MAY 23-24, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS



Saturday, May 23- 6:00 PM

✠Renato Andaya by Purita Buenafe

Sunday, May 24- 9:00 AM

✠Terry Lampert by St. Anne's Altar Society

Wednesday, May 27

Communion Service at 6 PM with Deacon Mike

Thursday, May 28

Communion Service at 6 PM with Deacon Mike

Saturday, May 30- 6:00 PM

✠People of the Parish (Pro Populo)

Sunday, May 31- 9:00 AM

✠Thomas McDonough by Knights of Columbus

Sacred Heart Princeton

Mass Times

Tuesdays:

5 pm - Adoration &
Confession

6 pm - Mass

Thursdays:

12 Noon - Mass

First Fridays:

12 Noon

Saturdays:

3:30 pm -Confession

4:00 pm - Mass

Sundays:

10:30 am -Confession

11:00 am - Mass

Confession: 8:30 AM on Sundays ~ 5:45 PM on Saturdays ~ 5:00 PM on Wednesdays ~ By Appointment

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 24: Pentecost Mass 9:00 AM

May 24: Centering Prayer Group 5 PM

May 25: Memorial Day, Office Closed

May 26: Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group 6:30 PM

May 27-28: Communion Services with Deacon Mike

May 31: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31: Centering Prayer Group 5 PM

June 4-12: Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena, Mass Everyday

June 5: First Friday Mass 10:00 AM

June 6-7: 2nd Collection: Maintenance

June 6: Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession at 6 pm Mass

June 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7: Centering Prayer Group 5 PM

June 8: Knights of Columbus Meeting 6 PM

CHURCH STAFF

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After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

Food Pantry Hours:
Wednesday 10:00am -2:00 pm

To our non-Catholic friends, we extend a warm invitation to for you to come forward and receive a Blessing when our Catholic brothers and sisters come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please come up to the Priest or Eucharistic Minister with your hands folded across your chest, so we will know that you wish to receive a Blessing. We are grateful for your presence.

Liturgy + Picnic
= *LitNic*

LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

Summer LitNics are back and being scheduled! We share the liturgy for spiritual growth followed by the picnic for fellowship and good food. Are you interested in having Mass at your house for parish friends? The host family is responsible for paper goods and drinks. Those attending will bring a potluck dish. LitNics begin at 6 PM on Wednesdays for the months of June- August.

DATES AVAILABLE:


June 3	August 12
July 8	August 26
July 29	

If you would like to host a Litnic please contact Ann Robinson at 304-887-2421.

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember & Honor

**God of power and mercy,
You destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away
our tears, that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy
those men and women who have died in the cause
of freedom and bring them safely into your
kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



Communion Service

MAY 27-28

We will not be having Daily Mass next week. In its place on:

Wednesday
Adoration at 5 pm Communion Service
lead by Deacon Mike
at 6:00 pm

Thursday
Deacon Mike will be hosting
a Communion Service at 10 am

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

a journey of faith

If you are interested in the OCIA process please contact
Barbara Musolin at 304-922-1934, Claire Lampert at 304-921-2455
Or Julia at the parish office



Sacred Heart *Adult Grief Support Group*

Our volunteer run Adult Grief Support Group is a chance to talk and not face grief alone. The group has changed their meeting times to every Third Friday of the month.

Next Meeting

June 19th at 4:30 pm in Church Lounge

Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus is a fine group of gentlemen who support the church with many activities throughout the year. They meet twice a month on Mondays.

Next Meeting

June 8 at 6:00 PM



Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group!

All Men of the Parish are invited to our bimonthly Men's Prayer group meetings. The structure for the group consists of prayer, formation, Bible Study, and fraternity.

Next Meeting

May 26th at 6:30 Pm in the Lounge

Centering Prayer Group

Centering prayer is a silent, contemplative prayer method rooted in Catholic tradition, aiming to foster a deeper relationship with God.

The Centering Praying Group gather every Sunday at 5 pm to converse and to participate in centering prayer.



May 2026 Ministry Schedule

Mass Date Time	Sacristan	Rosary Leader	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Hospitality	Collection Counters	Music
Sat. 5/23 6 pm Mem.	J. McCloud	M. Zalduondo	1.D. Kelley 2.P. Buenafe	1.V. Hager 2.V. Hager 3.A. Peretti 4.A. Peretti Epistle:D. Crigger Ann.:D. Crigger POTF:D. Crigger	1.J. McCloud 2. L. Mariotti	1. L. Bolyard	The Aiello's	Dan Debbie
Sun. 5/24 9 AM Mem.	M. Malamisura	M. Malamisura	1. R. Aiello 2. C. Tran	1.M. Rebuck 2.A. Rebuck	1. G. Aiello 2. W. Aiello	1.B. Buzzo 2.C. Asbury		Jack Hobe
Sat. 5/30 6 PM	P. Buenafe	D. Crigger	1. P. Buenafe	1.D. Crigger 2.M. Zalduondo	1.T. Behrmann 2. TBA	I. Pascasio	Tommie Jo Ron	Dan Theresia
Sun. 5/31 9 AM	C. Havens	TBA	1.K. Oakes 2. R. West	1.T. Bales 2.J. Barber	1.M. Malamisura 2.A. Robinson	1.C. Havens 2.S. Copolo		Jack Mary-Ann

May 23-24, 2026

REVEAL
Christ's
LOVE

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Altar Flowers

We are now accepting sponsorship for Altar Flowers.

Please contact the office or Sherry Ciccoloni to secure your preferred dates.

Options Include:
Urns on the Altar
Floor Arrangement
Urns on the Altar & Floor Arrangement

Sacred Heart Prayer List

Parishioners: Stephanie Blevins, George Bowling, Mary Bruch, Ron Ciccolini, Benny Disibbio, Carolina Ferrare, Angie Genovesi, Julia Harrison, Daniel Kirk, Claire Lampert, Tommie Jo Longworth, Mary Malamisura, Sabrina Mazol, Aalannah McPeak, John Monaco, Feleesha Moran & Family, Annette & Claude Morgan, Laura Rogers, Sharon Rothausen, Audrey Snyder, Chris Taylor

Homebound Parishioners: Joanne Ercoline, Lou Ercoline, Mary Claire Keenan, Sue Mazol, Joan Monaco, Ernesto Pascasio, Barbara Pickett, Rosalie Rochetti, Mitzi Romeo, Miriam Salaita, Anna H. Switch

Friends & Family: Leia Allen, Ethan Atwell, Vera Lee Austin, Jean Bailey, Ann Beck, Mark Burnette, John Burton, Patrick Clark, John Clark, Amy Compton, Josh Ellison, Fr. Chapin Engler, George "Hooger" Fisher, John Genovesi, Bob Harrison, Peyton Havens, Tom Heneger, Linda Henegar, Rick Longworth, Conner McKenzie, Delores Millsap, Walt "Buddy" Pierce, Annette Pike, Dee Puckett, Nick Pullano, Dr. Amanda Hale Reese, Nicole Romano, Mike Starre, Kandi Stephenson

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or contributing to a Saturday Social Meal, please contact Sherry Ciccolini at 304-320-0397



Altar Flowers for this weekend are in memory of Joseph & Mary Falasinnu by Lara Ajulo



Catholic Sharing Appeal

We have raised \$10,075 which is 34% of our goal of \$29,970.



A reminder that the first 50% of our goal goes towards ministries all over the diocese, the second 50% and over raised goes straight towards Sacred Heart in Bluefield. Support Your Parish Today!

Weekly Collection	weekend May 16-17	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	3,651.00	94,139.00	106,750.00
Maintenance	350.00	4,670.00	2,000.00
Loose Offertory	542.00	9,623.05	10,375.00
Total Contributions	\$ 4,543.00	\$ 108,432.05	\$ 119,125.00
Food Pantry	200.00	10,152.00	0.00
DWC: Relig. Retirement	50.00	50.00	0.00
attendance:	6pm: 52	9am: 124	

Please Note: All Diocesan second collections are required to be forwarded to the Diocese within 2 weeks. Please be sure to submit your Diocesan collections in a timely manner. Thank you very much.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY AND A PRIEST IS NEEDED, PLEASE CALL:

Parish Office (304) 327-5623 Princeton Office (304) 425-3664 After Hours Emergency Line: 304-327-7218

In case of serious or life-threatening sickness or the actively dying: {Please consider, if Fr. Joseph out of town, it will take longer to contact a priest. Please call the church office as soon as you can} The church should be contacted as soon as possible. People deserve the opportunity to confess their sins, profess their faith, be anointed, and receive Holy Communion – the foretaste and pledge of eternal life. PLEASE don't wait until after the person is unconscious or so sedated that he or she cannot communicate. It is imperative with current situations, that there be enough time for Fr. to go through the appropriate protocol to visit the actively dying.

In case of Illness: Please call the parish office to let us know if you, a family member, or a parishioner is sick. We can place your name on the prayer list. If requested, Fr Joseph will arrange for distributing Holy Communion in the home.

Nursing homes & Hospitals: are not permitted to contact the church. If someone you know is in the hospital, please call the church office.

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 4-12



United States
Conference of
Catholic Bishops

We are celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America with a special Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus that will last from June 4-12th. Each day there will be a Mass celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus including a special Novena at closing. Join everyday as we celebrate!



The novena concludes with the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass on Friday, June 12 at 12 Noon in Bluefield.

Followed by a Special Dinner on Saturday, June 13th after 6 pm Mass.

Sacred Heart of Jesus 9-Day Novena

Day 1~ June 4

Bluefield: Mass 10:00 AM
Princeton: Mass 12 Noon

Day 4~ June 7

Bluefield: Mass 9:00 AM
Princeton: Mass 11:00 AM

Day 7~ June 10

Bluefield: Mass 6:00 PM
Princeton: Mass 12 Noon

Day 2~ June 5

Bluefield: Mass 10:00 AM
Princeton: Mass 12 Noon

Day 5~ June 8

Bluefield: Mass 10:00 AM
Princeton: Mass 12 Noon

Day 8~ June 11

Bluefield: Mass 10:00 AM
Princeton: Mass 12 Noon

Day 3~ June 6

Bluefield: Mass 6:00 PM
Princeton: Mass 4:00 PM

Day 6~ June 9

Bluefield: Mass 12 Noon
Princeton: Mass 6:00 PM

Day 9~ June 12

Bluefield: Mass 12 Noon
Princeton: Mass 6:00 PM

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Novena, please contact the parish office

Dear Padre,

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?



CARLOS DANIEL / CATHOPIC

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

At Pentecost, the apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

May 25

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or
Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
1 Pt 1:10–16
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday

May 27

Weekday

1 Pt 1:18–25
Mk 10:32–45

Thursday

May 28

Weekday

1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12
Mk 10:46–52

Friday

May 29

Weekday

1 Pt 4:7–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday

May 30

Weekday

Jude 17, 20b–25
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday

May 31

The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18