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## The Week in Liturgy

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### Monday, May 22

Pentecost Monday. "On the Gentiles (translate: Russians, Cubans, Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Irish, Norwegians, etc.) also the grace of the Holy Spirit had been poured fourth" (Epistle). The glory of the New Testament is that it is not a tribal covenant, that it will lend itself to no human pretensions, that its demand of faith is one which any many can meet with God's grace. The Jews were His chosen people, but chosen to prepare the way. Our elder brothers in the way, they were the first to recognize that in Jesus the Father had broken every human barrier. "God so loved the world" (Gospel).

### Tuesday, May 23

Pentecost Tuesday. The Spirit celebrated in our pentecostal feast is no foreign spirit, no spirit whose promptings run counter to the good news of Jesus. Today's Gospel tells us that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. Hence Catholic unbelief at the claims of various times that the prophetic Spirit is testifying against the Church as an institution. This has been the claim of every group in history that has broken from hierarchial obedience. The Catholic can understand the tension, even the impatience, knows that Church leaders have often been startlingly remiss in recognizing the accents of the Spirit. But he believes that one must still enter by the door into the sheepfold (Gospel). It may take longer. It may even be more hazardous in some sense than climbing up another way. But it respects the truth that when Jesus, Church and Spirit are divorced only human wits and politics can be the winners.

### Wednesday, May 24

Ember Wednesday of Pentecost. The three lessons of today's Mass all proclaim the obligation of every Christian to cherish the Spirit, to grow in attentiveness to His impulses, and to speak. This means not only to speak in the liturgy, in our public worship. There, certainly every Catholic will bring his mind and will offer his voice in a common praise and prayer with his broth-

ers. But it means also the willingness and the courage to be God's spokesmen outside Mass. The Spirit and the Bread that we have received are not for ourselves alone. It is for the world God loves. And no sense of inadequacy or of guilt is great enough to absolve us from this responsibility.

### Thursday, May 25

Pentecost Thursday. Saturday of this week is an ordination day. Today's Mass reminds us that the Spirit works differently in each of us, according to our vocation. The Apostles went out to preach with an authority that compels obedience. This is the special grace of the hierarchy, the apostolic college, our bishops in union with the Pope. As the structure of the Church, the Spirit grants to them a protection and an infallibility which is not a gift of our Confirmation nor of His eucharistic coming. But that, too, is for all of us. So that our prophetic voices will have a sure text and a solid base.

### Friday, May 26

Ember Friday of Pentecost. The first lesson gives us a picture of heaven, for the Spirit present in us now is an anticipation of heaven. The Old Testament sees justice and bountifulness as twins, not in a materialistic way but because all things are God's. And He disposes. The Gospel, too, is a foretaste. Jesus healed, but only because men must somehow be made to see that they are not forever enmeshed in the web of their sins, that hope is possible. The Pentecostal Church, the Church of the Spirit, is here and now in a "space-between." Important as space of the world is, it is not the end.

### Saturday, May 27

Ember Saturday of Pentecost. Apart from ordination Masses and other solemn occasions, today's Bible readings in the liturgy may be simplified to the first and the last two lessons. The first lesson and the Epistle call for gratitude at the coming and operation of the Spirit. The Gospel illustration of Jesus' healing and saving mission assures us that He acts now in the sacraments, that we truly meet Him in the sacred signs.

### THIS EVENING

This is the time of year for returning "borrowed" jackets, slide-rules, typewriters, golf clubs, or money. It's the time for checking over your possessions. If you've lost something (a missal, for instance) take five and stop by the Dean of Students office and look over the things that have been turned in there.

### CLOTHING DRIVE

Each year about this time those who plan to walk the center-aisle during the summer come looking for information about teaching positions for "the little woman". A large number of positions for lay teachers are open in schools of the diocese for next fall. However, arrangements should be made at once. All inquiries should be addressed to:

Msgr. William Lester  
Diocesan School Office  
2000 Wells Street  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

The following information should be given: College education (years and/or degree); teaching experience, if any; teacher's license, if one; parish, city, or area in which one would be willing to teach.

### IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following. Deceased: Rev. John H. Murphy, C.S.C.; wife of Prof. Stephan Ronay of the English Dept.; mother of Richard Engles; Clarence J. McCorkle; friend of Dick Tushla of Lyons; brother of Rev. Charles Mohr. Ill: Father of Jim Higgins of Dillon; grandfather of Clyde Hightower of Fisher; friend of Jim O'Leary of Sorin; friend of Phil Yawman of Dillon. Four special intentions.



When a priest passes away here at Notre Dame, there is seldom a eulogy. The Mass of Requiem is celebrated by the priest's superior; his fellow religious gather about the altar to pray for his soul. Then, the religious, young and old, accompany the remains of the deceased to the little cemetery behind Holy Cross Seminary.

This morning, the procession formed again, this time to accompany the remains of Father John Murphy to his last resting place. During the past few days, the steady and varied stream of visitors to the Corby chapel was an eloquent testimony to the great charity of a priest who had served the University as Vice President.

God's acre, where priests have been laid to rest since the University's founding, is a place of pilgrimage too often neglected by students, faculty, and visitors. The history of America's wars can be recalled here, as well as the history of the University. Beneath the great oaks lie chaplains who served in all our wars since the war between the states.

Whether a priest served God as a bishop, a university official, a great scholar, or a celebrated teacher, at death his remains were interred beneath the figure of the Saviour of mankind with arms outstretched.

The quiet setting gives little indication of the busy lives that can be recalled simply by a walk through the long rows of crosses.

The grave of Fr. Sorin is no different from the grave most recently opened. All markers are simple crosses, standing over the remains of every priest, brother, and seminarian as a symbol of hope. Each says: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believes in Me, although he be dead, shall live."

Whether you're interested in the founders of the University, or the priest who blessed the soldiers from Antietam to Gettysburg, or the priest who discovered synthetic rubber's basic formula. All are to be found there.

These spring evenings when you're looking for a change of pace, take a walk along the road to St. Mary's, pass under the little iron archway that leads into the cemetery and say a prayer for those great priests and religious who have been laid to rest there.

