



# JUNE 5, 2022 PENTECOST SUNDAY

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**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SCHEDULE**  
Weekends: 4:00PM Saturday - 8:30AM Sunday  
Daily: 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday  
Hour Hour 7pm Wednesday Adoration 7:30am Saturday  
**Confessions 30 minutes prior to every Mass**

## Mass Intentions

Sat	June 4	4:00 PM	St Ann Parishioners
Sun	June 5	8:30 AM	Jayson Clayton+
Mon	June 6	8:30 AM	Edna Sander
Tue	June 7	8:30 AM	Rowe family
Wed	June 8	8:30 AM	James Gerling+

Thur	June 9	8:30 AM	Gary Roethle+
Fri	June 10	8:30 AM	Joe Schmidt+
Sat	June 11	8:30 AM	Richard Schmidt+
Sat	June 11	4:00 PM	Marian Smith & family

<u>OFFERING</u>	
May 29	\$ 5608.25
Online giving	\$ 600.00

PRAYER REQUESTS  
Bill Greim, Tim Pingell, Michael Sena,  
Stephan 'Doc' Kohl

## FROM FATHER DREW

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Thursday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

There are 28 chapters in the Acts of the Apostles. Luke wrote that Paul was in Rome for two years, confined to house arrest, accepting visitors and “he preached with all boldness and unhindered.” That’s the end. That is the ending of the Acts of the Apostles.

Not much of an ending is it? Luke was a good writer, so one would figure he would close out the story better than that. The ending has led some scholars to believe that Luke wasn’t able to finish the Acts of the Apostles. Perhaps he was even martyred around the same time as Paul, during the persecution of Nero. Rome burned in 64 AD, the fire probably started at the order of Nero himself. (What today is called a “false flag” operation.) Nero blamed the Christians and ignited a persecution against them.

Before Paul went to Rome, he went back to Jerusalem one last time. Before he set sail Paul said: *Behold, now I am going to Jerusalem, and I’m not sure what will happen to me there, but every town I stop in they tell me persecution and imprisonment await me there.* That was true enough. Paul entered the temple and was recognized by some Jews from what’s now Turkey and they stirred up a riot against Paul. They almost killed him, but the Romans intervened and Paul was led to the Roman barracks. They were about to scourge him, when Paul warned them they had better not. For he was a Roman citizen and he had rights.

The tribune then allowed Paul to address the people. Paul stated that he used to arrest Christians, and have them killed, but now he had come to the truth. But the Jews did not want to hear it. To them, Paul was a traitor who traveled all over the Roman Empire telling Jews they didn’t have to follow the Law of Moses anymore. That caused an uproar and the tribune had to put Paul back in custody.

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## ***Fr. Drew, Continued***

Later Paul's nephew heard that forty Jews had taken an oath not to eat or drink anything until they killed Paul. That information was brought to the Roman tribune who whisked Paul out of Jerusalem and sent him under guard to Caesarea Maritima, northwest of Jerusalem where the Roman governor lived. Paul's fate would be settled there. Paul's fate would be to go to Rome.

The great St Paul of Tarsus was a Roman citizen. That was not an accident. There are no accidents with God. Peter and Paul went to Rome, because God told them to. *For just as you have borne witness to my cause in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness in Rome.* Rome, not Jerusalem, would be the headquarters of Christianity. Jerusalem was the headquarters of a chosen race of people; the race that ushered in Jesus Christ. Rome was the headquarters of the world, and Christianity would be the Catholic, the universal religion for all mankind. This is an answer to one of Christ's last prayers, heard in today's gospel: *So that they may all be one.*

Sign up for our **Catholic Youth Summer Camp** (School, Boot camp) **Tuesday, Wednesday June 7, 8.**

**From 8:00-2:30.** We will have some instruction and fun and games built around Pope Benedict XVI's quote: "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." Sign up sheet in vestibule, questions see Carrie Watson. The kids are putting together care packages for Mary's Home for Mothers. We would appreciate donations of travel size toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, Golden Books, Hot wheels cars, tiny dolls or stuffed animals, children's sized socks, crayons, coloring books...new items please. You may leave them in the donation box provided.

## **MISSOURI PRIESTS vs KANSAS PRIESTS**

Pitching for Priests softball game between the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph & the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas priests is BACK! Come cheer on our team as they defend rights to keep the Pitching for Priests trophy. Gametime 7 pm Friday. Tailgating begins at 4:00. June 10 at the KC Monarchs Stadium. Money goes to seminarians' education. Sponsored by Catholic Radio Network. Go to the link below to order tickets.

<https://catholicradionetwork.ticketspice.com/pitching-for-priests-2022>

We welcome Father Paul from Franciscan Oblates as he speaks on behalf of his mission.

**Make a holy hour early on Saturday mornings.** Friends, for almost a year I have exposed the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 am on Saturdays. Get up early and come, especially on First Saturdays of the month, which Our Lady asked to be devoted to her. Bask in the silence and "stay awake and watch" (see Mt 26:41) with Our Lord.

To listen to Fr Drew's homilies, go to the "Podcast" app on your phone. Search "Daily Homily Father Kevin Drew". Touch that screen and listen to current and past episodes of his homilies.

Two ways to listen to the daily Mass at St. Ann, tune into Catholic Radio 1090 AM or go to [catholicradionetwork.com](http://catholicradionetwork.com). Click on "Listen Live"; aired at 11:00 AM; daily homily airs Monday-Friday at 3:50 PM.



**If you would like to register to St Ann Parish call, email, or see Fr Drew after Mass .**

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Victim Assistance Coordinator, Whitney True-Francis, 816-392-0011