

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

31ST MAY 2020.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



1ST READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place and suddenly from heaven came a sound like a strong rushing wind and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. There appeared tongues of fire which parted and came to rest upon each one of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were staying in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under Heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered, all excited because each one heard them speaking in his own native language. Full of amazement and wonder, they asked, ' Are not all who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear them in our own native language? Parthians, Medes and Asia. Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and foreigners who accept Jewish beliefs, Cretans and Arabians; and all of us hear them speaking in our own language the marvellous deeds of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1,24,29-31,34

Lord , send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

2nd READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. 12: 3-7, 12-13

No one can say, ' Jesus is the Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. There is a diversity of gifts, but the Spirit is the same. There is a diversity of ministries, but the Lord is the same. There is a diversity of works, but the same God works in all. The Spirit reveals his presence in each one with a gift which is also a service. As the body is one having many members, and all the members while being many form one body, so it is with Christ. All of us, whether Jew or Greeks, slaves or free, have been baptised in one Spirit to form one body and all of us have been given to drink from the one Spirit.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN . 20: 19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked

Where the disciples were together, because of their fear of the Jews, but Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ' Peace be with you.'

When He had said this, He showed them his hands and His side. The disciples kept looking at the Lord and were full of joy. Again Jesus said to them, ' Peace be with you. As the Father has send me, so I am sending you.' And with that He

breathed on them and said to them, " Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain people's sins, they are retained.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we hear when the Apostles locked themselves in a room for fear of the Jews.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you," wishing them peace! What a surprise! What a relief! What joy they experienced!

Again Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father, has sent me, so I am sending you." The Holy Spirit guides the Pope, bishops, and priests of the Catholic Church in their work of teaching Christ's doctrine, guiding souls and giving God's grace to the people through the Sacraments.

Then He breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit".

If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them, if you hold them bound, they are held bound."

As they received this gift everything changed.

The gift of the Holy Spirit, which cannot be seen, flows from the risen Jesus. The Holy Spirit is God's love.

The Holy Spirit takes away sin and gives us His peace because He helps us to return to God after we offend Him and unites us with Him by Love through grace.

Jesus gave His Apostles His Holy Spirit before giving them power to forgive sins and giving us the Sacrament of Penance.

FAMILY PRAYER.

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us, the fire of your love. Send us your Holy Spirit and we will be created, and You will renew the face of the earth. Amen.

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

MEMORY PASSAGE ACTIVITY.

Dear Parent's/Guardians,{ Please share and assist your children} to retell the gifts of the Holy Spirit passages set below from memory.

Urge your children to think about and pray for particular gifts of the Holy Spirit on the seven days of the coming week.



SPIRIT OF WISDOM

HELP ME SEEK GOD.

SPIRIT OF COUNCIL

**GUIDE ME IN ALL MY
WAYS.**

SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE

**TEACH ME TO DO WHAT
IS RIGHT.**

SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING

GIVE LIGHT TO MY MIND.

SPIRIT OF FORTITUDE

LET ME NEVER OFFEND YOU.

SPIRIT OF PIETY

**TO HAVE A HOLY LOVE OF
GOD.**

SPIRIT OF FEAR—KEEP FROM SIN

FAMILY PENTECOST CELEBRATION.

INTRODUCTION:

On Pentecost Sunday we remember and give thanks for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and followers of Jesus.

Sometimes described as the birthday of the church. This is an ideal time both to listen to the Spirit and to celebrate with all ages the special gift of the Holy Spirit. Make this an exciting day and involve everybody in the family.

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR PARENT'S /GUARDIANS

Dress in flames colours [red, orange, yellow]

Make a birthday cake with the inscriptions: 'Happy Birthday Church' decorate top with halved strawberries, to signify the tongues of fire. Place candles on top of cake.

Decorate room with flames colours balloons, [red, orange, yellow].

Set table with red tablecloth, red napkins, birthday cake, red drinks. A bowl of flames coloured fruits to signify the Fruits of the Holy Spirit;[**Love, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.**]

Give children flames coloured ribbons on stick to wave when they sing Happy Birthday Church.

Wind Bubbles- Ask the children to blow into a bubble-wand as they pray for people in need.

CONCLUSION: Pray the 3rd Glorious mystery—The Descent of The Holy Spirit.

Pray the Lord's Prayer in own first language.

