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**PENTECOST SUNDAY.**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.**

**23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021.**

**LECTIONARY YEAR B**

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Acts of the Apostles. 2: 1-11

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

2<sup>ND</sup> Reading: St Paul to the Galatians. 5: 16-25

Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

## REFLECTION:

In today's first reading we hear Jesus's Disciples were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire spreading out; and each person there was touched by a tongue. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to remain with the church forever. The church was publicly made known to the people. The Gospel began to spread among the nations.

Today the Holy Spirit makes the Church grow. Through Him the Church is able to carry on the work of salvation given to it by Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit guides the Pope, bishops and priests of the Catholic Church in their work of teaching Jesus's doctrine, guiding souls and giving God's grace to the people through the Sacraments.

The Holy Spirit guides the people of God in knowing the truth. He brings the church together in love and worship.

The Holy Spirit gives us the virtue of FAITH by helping us to believe God's word and to know that God loves us and cares for us and that we can trust Him.

The Holy Spirit gives us the virtue of HOPE, because in Jesus God has promised us His love and care forever and will never leave us if only we remain close to Him.

The Holy Spirit gives us the virtue of LOVE, the love of God and people, because they too belong to God.

The Holy Spirit also gives us ACTUAL GRACE, a special help we need for mind and will to be good and avoid evil..

The Holy Spirit unites us with God by love and helps us to keep our friendship with Him by prayer. He makes our prayer more pleasing to God through His special help.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Glorious mystery—The Descent of The Holy Spirit.

**Pray the Lord's Prayer in own first language.**

## **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**

**HOLY SPIRIT COLOURING PAGE FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS.**

