

PENTECOST @ HOME

Pentecost Sunday, May 31

Alleluia!

Liturgical Color is **Red**

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

2nd Reading Eph 1:17-23

Gospel John 20:19-23

Today the church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit and the apostles spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. There is a sense of unity this day as we celebrate our identity as members of the Body of Christ. Unity is supported by peace and forgiveness, both of which the Holy Spirit provided for the apostles. Jesus said, "Peace be with you", in other words, "the Holy Spirit will overcome your fears so that you may witness the Good News. Jesus also gave the apostles the power to forgive. The power to absolve sins is an essential part of the work towards unity. Happy Birthday Church! (Gutierrez, Omar *Unity in the Spirit: Pentecost and the Church*. NCRregister. May 20, 2018)

As you celebrate the birth of the Church and the unity of its members, reflect on how you are called to use your gifts as a member of the Body of Christ.

Celebrate @ Home Activities

Wear Red! Celebrate the Holy Spirit!

Pray: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

Symbol: Wind - Make a windsock, pinwheel or hanging swirl that illustrates the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit.

Symbol: Dove - Make origami doves to symbolize the Holy Spirit.

Symbol: Tongues of Fire - Bake a "Pentecost Cake" to celebrate the birthday of the Church. Light seven candles to symbolize the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Sing "Happy Birthday to the Church". As you eat the cake as family, discuss how to use the gifts of the Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus.

Make a fruit salad to symbolize the Fruits of the Spirit... have members of the family share how they can demonstrate each of the fruits of the spirit in daily life. Pray the Scripture reading on the Fruits of the Spirit -

(Gal 5:22-23)

Links for More Ideas and Activities

[Catholicism](#) - *Ideas For Celebrating Pentecost With Kids: Crafts, Activities, And More* - Many crafting ideas for the celebration of Pentecost in the home

[NCRregister](#) : *8 Things to Know and Share About Pentecost*. National Catholic Register (June 9, 2019) A very good short blog post to learn more about Pentecost.

[Youtube](#) : *Pentecost in 2 Minutes*, Busted Halo

[Daniellesplace.com](#) : *Pentecost Bible Crafts and Activities*. Pentecost Windtwirls and other activities



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

1. The Gift of Wisdom
2. The Gift of Understanding
3. The Gift of Counsel
4. The Gift of Fortitude
5. The Gift of Knowledge
6. The Gift of Piety
7. The Gift of Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe)

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

HEN mama!
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for sharing these great ideas for families!
Our website RCfaithquest.syrdio.org has many ideas for this holy season!

