

# ***Pentecost***

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**



**First Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11**

**The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.**

**Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

**We are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Gospel Reading ~ John 20:19-23**

**Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.**



# Resources for children & youth

The [meaning of Pentecost](#) is explained in this video from the Religion Teacher.

[Pentecost Explained in 3 Minutes \(with puppets!\)](#) explains the meaning of Pentecost and the diverse group of people that were touched by the Holy Spirit. Tells about the promise of Jesus.

[Loyola Press Sunday Connection](#) gives a summary of the readings, a family reflection and prayer for those with young children.

[The Holy Spirit](#) a YouTube video for children, that explains Jesus' resurrection, the coming of the Advocate and the birth of the church.

[Pentecost Activities for Catholic Families with youth](#) from Sadlier that will offer opportunities to connect the lessons from today's readings.



# Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Wisdom** is the ability to exercise good judgment. It distinguishes between right and wrong, seeks and upholds truth and justice, and balances personal good with the common good. It is in touch with reality, demonstrates common sense and is prudent. It often increases as a person advances in years and gains life experience. In the Old Testament, wisdom is personified by “Sophia,” the mythical mother of faith, hope and love; while in the New Testament, wisdom is personified by Jesus himself.

**Understanding** is the gift of intelligence and enlightenment. It is the ability to think clearly; to perceive, comprehend and interpret information; and to have insight and discern meaning.

**Counsel** is good advice. It is the ability to teach, inform, guide, direct, warn, admonish, recommend and encourage. It is not limited to the giving of advice but extends to the ability to graciously receive it. The gift is needed by parents, teachers, coaches, supervisors, mentors, therapists, lawyers, clergy, consultants, elders and spouses — anyone who offers advice to others.

**Fortitude** is an unwavering commitment to God or a proper course of action, and it shows itself as moral strength, courage, determination, patient endurance, long suffering, a resolute spirit, stamina and resilience.

**Knowledge** is the ability to study and learn; to acquire, retain and master facts and information; and to put what is learned to good use for constructive purposes.

**Fear of the Lord** is awe, reverence and respect for God. It acknowledges that everything comes as a gift from God, downplays personal achievement and self-sufficiency, and gladly offers praise, worship and adoration to God.

**Piety** is personal holiness, and it includes devotion to God, prayer, virtue, goodness, decency, self-mastery, innocence, the avoidance of sin and obedience to God’s will.

# Reflections Questions

- *Who is the Holy Spirit to you? If you have a relationship with the Holy Spirit, how did it begin and develop?*
- *How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in your life?*
- *How can you tell when you're cooperating with the Holy Spirit?*
- *What gift of the Holy Spirit do you most desire or need at this time in your life?*
- *Have you ever been amazed by the work of the Spirit?*

