



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost - the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles gathered in prayer with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As tongues of fire rested upon them, they were filled with courage and power to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations (Acts 2:1–11).

Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church's public mission in the world.

Before Pentecost, the Apostles were fearful and uncertain, hiding behind locked doors. But when the Holy Spirit came upon them, everything changed. They were filled with boldness, wisdom, and zeal. They went out into the world to proclaim the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen and offers salvation to all.

The same Holy Spirit is alive and active in our lives today. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we have received the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us, guides us, and helps us grow in holiness. The Spirit gives us His gifts - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord - so that we may know God more deeply and live as faithful disciples of Christ. The Holy Spirit is essential in our daily lives. He helps us pray when words fail us, gives us strength in moments of trial, guides our decisions, comforts us in difficulty, and calls us back when we wander from God. He transforms fear into courage, doubt into faith, and weakness into strength.

Pentecost also reminds us that we are called to proclaim the Good News. We may not preach to great crowds as the Apostles did, but we proclaim Christ by the witness of our lives - through acts of kindness, forgiveness, faithfulness, prayer, and love. The world needs joyful witnesses who reflect the presence of Christ.

As we celebrate this feast, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and pray: *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.* May the Spirit renew our parish, deepen our faith, and send us forth with courage to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world.

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