

TALKING ABOUT PENTECOST >>>

At Pentecost we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Mary. The liturgical color for this celebration is red, which symbolizes the fire of Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit. In Scripture readings, music, and gestures, the Church celebrates God's empowering actions through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost Sunday is an uplifting celebration of God's ongoing work in the world.

Scripture



Read **1 Corinthians 12:3b–13**. It describes the varieties of gifts members of the Church are given to use for the good of the community. What gifts does your family have that can be used in service to others?

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Pentecost

- Most children this age are beginning to develop a sense of their own gifts and want to use them to help others.
- Usually children this age find guided meditation helpful to enter into a Scripture passage.
- Children this age will be interested in creating art and poetry images of the Holy Spirit.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Saint Bernardine of Siena

May 20 is the Feast of Saint Bernardine of Siena. Bernardine had two gifts he used for others. In his younger life, he had a gift for healing, which he used in a hospital with patients who were dying during a plague. Later, he received a gift for preaching, and he traveled extensively preaching about, sin, virtue, and God's mercy.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Say this prayer before your family Pentecost meal.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.*

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit, help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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