

TALKING ABOUT PENTECOST >>>

The Feast of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season. It occurs fifty days after Easter. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek word that means “fiftieth day.” This feast, which commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and the Virgin Mary, is also traditionally celebrated as the birth of the Church. On this day, we celebrate the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given each of us in Baptism and Confirmation, so that we can be strengthened to continue witnessing to the Risen Lord in our daily lives.

Scripture



Read **Luke 10:21–24**, in which Jesus points out that God reveals his secrets to the young and to those with open minds and hearts. Those secrets are precious to those who know them.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Pentecost

- Most children this age relate very well to the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Usually children are interested in the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they relate to them as individuals.
- Because children this age often experience changes and growth in their friendships, they can relate to the idea of a growing relationship with God.



CATHOLIC FAMILY CUSTOMS >>>

Sealed with the Gifts

Pray together as a family for all who have received Confirmation and been sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. For nine days, pray a short prayer to the Holy Spirit, each day asking the Holy Spirit to come into their hearts, families, and lives, strengthening in them and us a different Gift or Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



During the week between Pentecost and the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, pray this prayer together daily:

Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire,
anoint us with your Spirit.

Guide us to use your gifts
to continue the mission of Jesus.

Amen.



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