

TALKING ABOUT EASTER >>>

The Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter. It marks the end of the Easter season. On Pentecost, the sanctuary colors and priest's vestments are red, symbolizing the fire of Pentecost and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

The images of wind and fire at Pentecost signify the manifestation of God's presence and power. This presence and power transformed the disciples into courageous preachers and teachers who spread the Good News everywhere they went.

God's Word



Read **Acts of the Apostles 2:1–11**, the story of the first Pentecost.

HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

Pentecost

- Children at this age will usually relate very well to the drama of the Pentecost event.
- Ordinarily, children of this age will understand the Holy Spirit as being very powerful.
- Children this age will learn to pray to the Holy Spirit for help when they hear that others do.



FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena

April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena is one of four women Saints considered to be doctors of the Church. Saint Catherine once said: "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!"

FAMILY PRAYER >>>



During the week between Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday, pray the following prayer together as an evening prayer:

Come Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire with love and courage. Guide us to reach out in love to others and to preach the message of Jesus in our actions. Amen.



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