

## TALKING ABOUT PENTECOST >>>

The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the beginning of the early Church. Pentecost, which occurs fifty days after Easter, 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. In the Scripture readings, the liturgical music, and the gestures of the assembly, the Church celebrates God's empowering activity through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

### God's Word



Read **Joel 3:1-2**, a reading that describes what will happen when God sends his Spirit.

## HELPING YOUR CHILD UNDERSTAND >>>

### Pentecost

- At this age, children can quickly grasp the change in the Apostles' behavior when the Holy Spirit came upon them.
- Normally at this age children need help understanding that a mystery is something we can know, but not completely understand.
- At this age, children usually relate well to the image of the Holy Spirit as a guide and source of empowerment.



## FEASTS OF THE SEASON >>>

### Feast of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

June 21

Aloysius was a spiritual young man. He became a Jesuit at 18 and died when he was 23. During that short period, he used his gifts to minister to the sick.

## FAMILY PRAYER >>>



Use the following prayer at mealtime or as an evening prayer during Pentecost week:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. Help us relish what is right and rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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