



Good morning
everyone!

Welcome



Today we are going to hear about the Holy Spirit.

The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and this gave them the courage to go out and tell everyone about Jesus.

Let's think some more about the Holy Spirit today.

Opening prayer



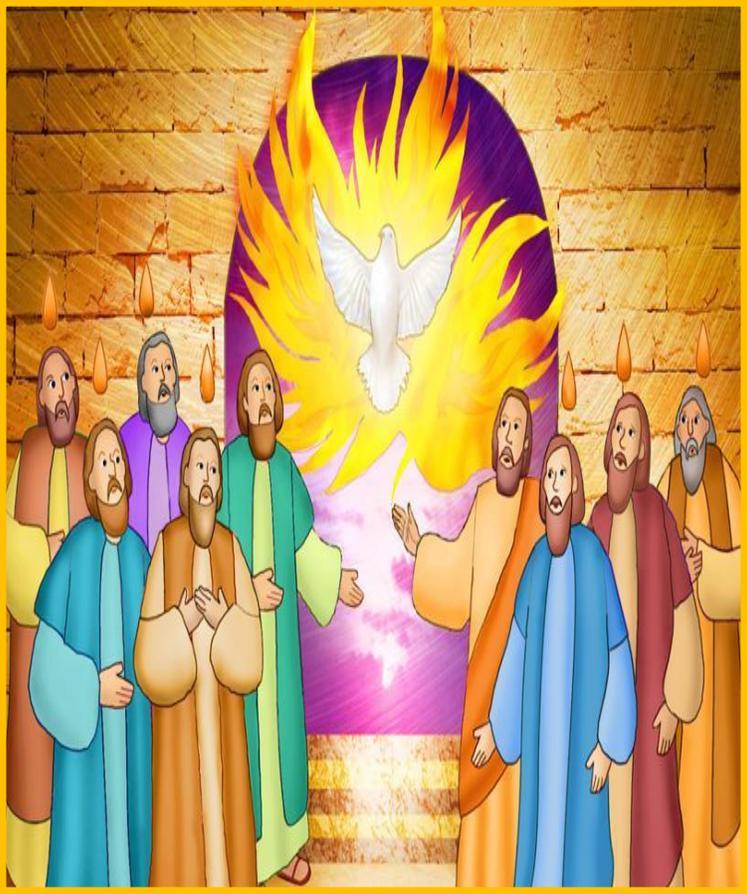
Generous Lord,
you give us your gift of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to be inspired like the apostles to go out and
do good work in your name.



Amen.

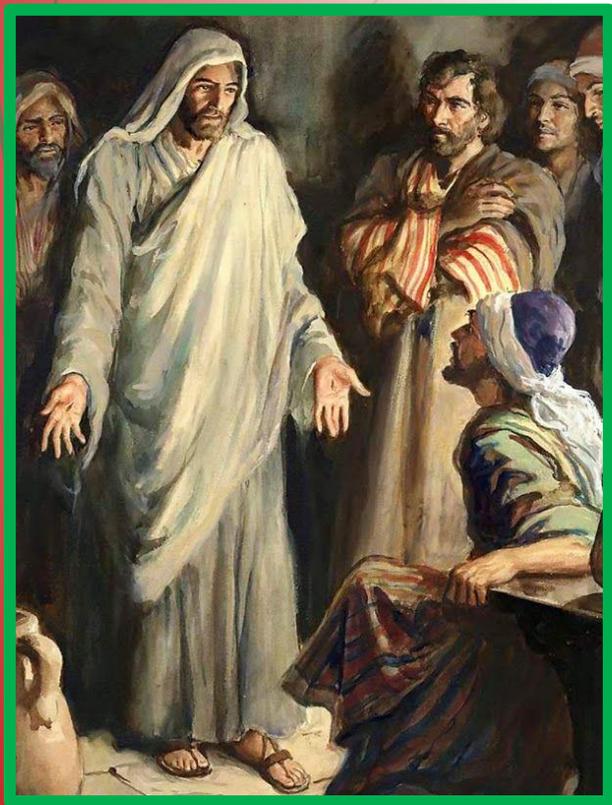
Reading : Acts 2:1-11



When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages.



Gospel: John 20:19-23



It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”



Gospel reflection

What do you remember from today's reading?



The disciples were scared of people they thought would hurt them and so they were hiding away.

But when Jesus came they rejoiced, and he gave them a very special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel reflection



What do you remember from the First reading today?



Suddenly the room that the disciples are sitting in is filled with the sound of a strong wind.

Then the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit.

They go outside to tell people about Jesus and everyone can understand them – even people from far away who speak a different language! How do you think this happens?

Gospel reflection



Why do you think Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples? What difference do you think the Holy Spirit made to them?

The Holy Spirit can be a difficult idea to understand.
We can't see it, like we can see each other.

The Holy Spirit is like the wind. We can't see the wind, but we can certainly feel it on a windy day.

We can see the leaves moving in the trees because of the wind, or a kite flying high in a sky. The wind can be very strong and powerful.



Gospel reflection

Can you think of any other ways that you can see the wind? Can you think of ways in which the wind is helpful?

Just like the wind, we can see the effects of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit can work through us when we are kind to our family and friends, when we think about other people around the world, and when we work for people who are in need.





Let us Pray



Let's think about the courage and change that the Holy Spirit can bring as we pray together:

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that the Holy Spirit may bring us the strength to make our world a fairer and better place for all people to live in.

Lord in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers

God of hope, send your Spirit and fill us with courage and hope of a world where all people have the chance to live free from poverty.

Lord, in your mercy...

All Response : Hear our prayers





WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS WEEK TO SHOW THE EFFECTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE?

**THE BIG
QUESTION**



*Have a
Blessed Week!*



*Love one another
as I have loved you.*

John 13:34

