

**This Week's Message**  
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There is something beautiful about Pentecost. After the sorrow of Good Friday, the joy of Easter morning, and the wonder of the Ascension, the disciples are still gathered together—waiting, praying, uncertain of what comes next. Then suddenly, the Holy Spirit descends upon them like wind and fire, filling them with courage, faith, and hope. The frightened disciples become bold witnesses to the Gospel.

The same Holy Spirit given to the apostles is given to us. Sometimes we think of Pentecost as an event from long ago, but the Holy Spirit is still alive and active in the Church today. The Spirit strengthens us when we are weary, comforts us when we are hurting, and challenges us when we have become too comfortable. The Spirit inspires acts of kindness, forgiveness, generosity, and love. Every time we choose compassion over anger, peace over division, or faith over fear, the Holy Spirit is at work.

We live in a world that often feels noisy, divided, and anxious. Pentecost reminds us that God has not abandoned His people. The Spirit continues to guide the Church and renew the hearts of the faithful. Sometimes we look for dramatic signs and wonders, but often the Holy Spirit comes quietly—in prayer, in the Eucharist, in the love of family and friends, and in the simple moments where grace touches our lives.

This Pentecost, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Shrine, our families, and our community. May the Spirit help us to become people of deeper faith, greater charity, and joyful hope. And may we, like the apostles, have the courage to share the love of Christ with the world around us.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

**I remember you at Mass.**