

LIVING FAITH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 2026



Acts 2:1-11- The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created and they shall renew the face of the earth.”

Today, Christians celebrate with joy the coming and the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary and the disciples in a locked room, inspiring them to go forth into the world as brave missionary disciples, spreading the Good News, just as Jesus had commanded them in last Sunday’s Gospel, “to the ends of the earth” (Matthew 28:16-20)

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How do you spread the Good News today?
- Where are you called to be a proclaimer of Good News?
- Do you use words? Do you use actions? Or both?





The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



I	Z	X	B	Q	D	M	T	A	U	J	C	W	V	K	E	R	S	H	F	L	P	G	N	O	Y
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 18-25-10-24-6 _____
- 13-1-24-6 _____
- 20-1-21-21 _____
- 19-25-10-18-16 _____
- 20-1-17-16 _____
- 19-25-21-26 _____
- 18-22-1-17-1-8 _____
- 18-22-16-9-15 _____
- 21-9-24-23-10-9-23-16 _____
- 19-16-9-14-16-24 _____

WIND	SPEAK	HOLY	SPIRIT	LANGUAGE
FIRE	SOUND	HOUSE	FILL	HEAVEN

THE CHURCH TEACHES THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



The Fruit of the Spirit

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! (Galatians 5:22-23)

FOR YOUR REFLECTION, AND DISCUSSION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

How is the Holy Spirit active in your life?

What gifts of the Holy Spirit do you need to help you live fully, here and now?

What signs or fruits of the Holy Spirit do you recognize in yourself
and the way you live?

What fruits of the Holy Spirit do you recognize in others?

IN THE CALENDAR OF THE CHURCH THIS WEEK MAY 25th THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH MEMORIAL



In 2018, Pope Francis decreed that Latin-rite Catholics around the world will mark the feast of "the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church" on the Monday after Pentecost each year.

The Gospel reading for the feast, which technically is called a "memorial," is John 19:25-31, which recounts how from the cross Jesus entrusted Mary to his disciples as their mother and entrusted his disciples to Mary as her children.

Pope Paul VI in 1964 had formally bestowed the title of "mother of the church" on Mary, but that recognition of her maternal care for the church and for believers had already spanned centuries. Pope Francis approved the decree placing this memorial into the Church calendar after "having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety," the decree said.

Honouring Mary as mother of the church on the day after Pentecost reminds us that Mary was present with the disciples on the day of Pentecost, praying with them as the Holy Spirit descended upon them. At the time, Cardinal Sarah pointed out that Mary, "from the awaiting of the Spirit at Pentecost, has never ceased to take motherly care of the pilgrim church on earth."