



December 24, 2024 -  
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June 8, 2025  
Pentecost Sunday

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# BuildingFaith@HOME

## Jubilee Year - Faith Fun

### The Gospel of John and Pentecost

Pentecost weekend has a variety of readings that are used. The Vigil Mass has a unique set of readings, and Pentecost Day provides a choice of readings that can be used. In our page today, let's briefly look at the three selections from the Gospel of John provided for the weekend.

The Gospel of John offers a unique perspective on Jesus and the Holy Spirit. John wrote to help believers recognize Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. His Gospel highlights Jesus' divine nature from the very beginning, portraying Him as the Word made flesh.

For the Pentecost Vigil readings, John's Gospel emphasizes the gift of the Holy Spirit. In **John 7:37-39**, Jesus promises that those who believe in Him will receive "rivers of living water," referring to the Spirit, which would be given after Jesus is glorified. In the Pentecost Sunday readings, **John 20:19-23** recounts Jesus breathing on the apostles and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit," signifying the Spirit's initial bestowal. The option using **John 14:15-16, 23b-26** emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sent by the Father to teach and remind the disciples of Jesus' teachings. These passages highlight that the Holy Spirit proceeds from God and is consubstantial with the Trinity.

John's Gospel helps us understand Pentecost as the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Spirit, empowering believers and revealing divine truth..

### June 9th - Jubilee of the Holy See

The connection of the Holy Spirit to the papacy begins with St. Peter, who was chosen by Jesus to be the leader of His followers and the first Pope. On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, empowering them to boldly proclaim the Gospel and establish the Church. This event marked the beginning of the apostolic tradition, where the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire the successors of St. Peter through the ages. Each pope, including the current Pope Leo XIV, inherits this sacred mission, ensuring that the teachings of Christ and the unity of the Church remain vibrant and alive. As we approach the Jubilee of the Holy See on June 9th, we celebrate this unbroken line of leadership and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, affirming our faith in the continuity of apostolic authority from St. Peter to today.

### Fun Fact...

According to the Vatican,  
Pope Leo XIV is the **267th** pope to  
lead the Catholic Church!

<https://bit.ly/Vatican-List-Popes>

### Family Table Talk

- Which Gospel did you hear in Mass this weekend?

- What in this reading touches your heart?

## Wear RED to Mass this weekend!

Cut & Pray!



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and 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.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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# More Faith Builders!

Just for fun....

## Holy Spirit Digital Spinner

Visit this link each day this week to focus on a Gift of the Holy Spirit!

<https://bit.ly/Spinner-Fun>



Write the gift you spin for each day:

Sunday \_\_\_\_\_

Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_



## Fruits of the Spirit

Pentecost is the day when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' friends, the Apostles. The Holy Spirit gave them special gifts to help them live like Jesus and share His love with others.

When we accept these gifts and use them every day, we start to see the **fruits of the Holy Spirit** growing in us—things like **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**. These fruits help us become more like Jesus and show His love to the world.



## A Very Symbolic Pentecost Cake!

**The Catholic Kitchen**



**Celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church, with this birthday cake!**

- A **white cake with white frosting** reminds us that Pentecost is also known as **Whitsunday**.
- A **large candle** in center represents **Christ our Light**, who promised to send the Holy Spirit
- **12 smaller white or red candles** represent the **12 Apostles** who received the tongues of fire.
- **7 red hearts** represent the **7 gifts of the Holy Spirit**..
- **12 strawberries**, placed around the cake, represent the **12 fruits of the Holy Spirit**.
- Sing *Happy Birthday to the Church*, and blow out the candles with a "**mighty wind**."

## Pilgrims of Hope - June 9th The Jubilee of the Holy See

Though this celebration in Rome is dedicated to the men and women who work at the Vatican, this moment can be used as a chance for all Catholics to reflect more deeply on the efforts of the Holy See and the Holy Father, whose ministry is to unite and shepherd the universal Church. The Pope is the successor of Saint Peter, whom Jesus entrusted with "the keys to the kingdom of heaven" after telling him, "upon this rock I will build my church" (Mt 16:18,19). For two millennia, Saint Peter and his successors have served as the Vicar of Christ on earth.

