

Pentecost Sunday Year C

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Readings: 1) Acts 2:1-11 2) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 3) John 20:19-23

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: The outpouring of the Holy Spirit marks the birthday of the Church.

On Pentecost, the disciples go from fearful and hesitant to confident and bold. May we open ourselves to receiving the Holy Spirit so that we may live the fullness of discipleship.

In the first reading from Acts, we hear the account of the Holy Spirit coming to rest upon the disciples and followers, enabling them to proclaim the Gospel in many languages. In the second reading, Paul, writes to the Corinthians about the variety of gifts and service but one Spirit and Lord. He speaks of the Church as the body of Christ. In the Gospel (in a passage often referred to as "John's Pentecost"), John gives an account of the disciples and their first experience of the risen Christ – Christ who breathes on them and tells them to *Receive the Holy Spirit*.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With confidence and trust,
let us bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

For Church leaders,
may the Holy Spirit bless and strengthen them in their pastoral duties.
We Pray to the Lord.

For world leaders and for leaders of this community,
may the Lord of all creation give them a spirit of nurturing for the common good.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit,
and for those who care for them.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our parish family,
may the gifts the Lord longs to give us open our hearts and enliven our faith.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.