

HOLY HALF HOUR FOR JUNE 2017

EXPERIENCING THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

Opening Hymn: You have everything when you have Christ (Verse 2) or any suitable hymn

Leader: (Introduction) : Having reflected and re-lived the Ascension of Christ to the realms of heavenly glory through the Eucharistic Solemnity of the Sunday last, and we now move into a deep expectation of the Holy Spirit on the Solemnity of Pentecost. Can we as Christians, therefore, during this Eucharistic adoration service, become more aware of our role in the salvific mission of the heavenly Father through Christ Jesus, as we are urged and summoned like St. Peter was at Pentecost, to lead others in building the Kingdom of God .

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: (Silence 3 min.)

Leader: The Lord loves us so much that he longs to see us sharing in his glory. Let us spend a few moments in silence thanking him for his constant presence and the warm companionship of the Holy Spirit he has gifted us. *(Silence – 2 min.)*

Hymn: O Let the Son of God enfold you or any suitable hymn

Leader: As per the Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1831, the gifts of the Holy Spirit complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them and encourage the faithful to be obedient to divine inspirations. We shall now listen and ponder upon a few verses from the book of Acts.

Scripture Reading : Acts: 2:14-18 (Silence 5 min)

Reflection: Book of Acts and Prophet Joel reminds us that ... “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people...” now is the opportune time to open your hearts to receive this gift Meditate on this thought. *(Silence 3 min.)*

Hymn: any suitable hymn

Leader: Father, as we pray, we acknowledge the wondrous works of the Holy Spirit, we gather around you with humble hearts, strengthen the spirit of faith in us, and listen to our petitions.

Response : Lord, hear our prayer.

1. Lord, we pray that the Church will be ever renewed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, especially in the Year of the Eucharist. R/-
2. Lord, we pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to proceed on our sojourn on earth, with love without measure, and with the forgiving spirit of Christ. R/-
3. Lord, may each of your children be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will revive us to experience the fruits of the works of the same Spirit. R/-
4. Lord, may this fountain of your love experienced before the Blessed Sacrament be a source of comfort to the needy, a ray of hope to the dejected and a symbol of compassion and care to those rejected by society. R/-

Leader: Lord, we are your prized possession, created in your image and likeness. Grant our petitions and prayers, and keep our relationship with Christ and the Spirit ever healthy and mature, thereby sealing us as your disciples. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

As we prepare for Benediction we remember words from The Diary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque – the saint who received the promises of the First Friday devotion from Christ.

"Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!"

Benediction Hymn:

Divine Praises:

Concluding Hymn: God's Spirit is in my heart... or any suitable hymn

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