

INTRODUCTION: Today's Feast of Pentecost brings to life the promise of Jesus: the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the readings, we will hear of the dramatic outpouring of the Spirit upon the apostles, enabling them to speak in many tongues and bring peace and forgiveness to the world. The same Spirit gives different gifts to each, to build up the one body of Christ. Like the Psalmist, we too pray that God's Spirit may renew us.

READINGS:	First Reading	Acts: 2:1-11
	Responsorial Psalm	Ps 104: 1ab, 24ac, 29bc -30, 31 & 34
	Second Reading	1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 (or) Rom 8:8-17
	Gospel	Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: Filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, we lift our hearts in prayer to God our Father, who sent the Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Our Response is: Lord hear our prayer

- For our Pope, Bishops, Priests and Religious: that, like the Apostles at Pentecost, they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaim the Good News in every language and culture ... *(brief silent pause)* ... We pray to the Lord.
- For world leaders: that the Spirit of wisdom, counsel and understanding may guide those in authority to work for justice, peace and the common good ... *(brief silent pause)* ... We pray to the Lord.
- For Christians the world over: that though different in many ways, they may recognize the gifts of the Spirit in one another and work together as one body in Christ ... *(brief silent pause)* ... We pray to the Lord.
- For those burdened or broken in spirit: that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, may bring healing to the sick, hope to the discouraged, and strength to those who suffer ... *(brief silent pause)* ... We pray to the Lord.
- For our parish community: that the Spirit may rekindle in us the fire of God's love, make us faithful witnesses of the Gospel, and inspire us to use our gifts in service of others ... *(brief silent pause)* ... We pray to the Lord.
- For our personal intentions we pray in silence ... *(longer silent pause)* ... We pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT: Eternal Father, You poured out Your Spirit on the Apostles and sent them to bring Your peace and forgiveness to the world. Hear our prayers, and grant that we too may be strengthened by Your Spirit to faithfully live our calling, through Christ our Lord... Amen.