

# Chaplain's Bulletin May 19, 2024



Dear Folks,

Today we celebrate Pentecost! It is one of the three great feasts of the Church. Pentecost is the great feast of the Holy Spirit, the Birthday of the Catholic Church, and the beginning of acting on Jesus' mandate to go make disciples of all nations.

If the original Pentecost was in A.D. 33 (as many scholars say it is), then 2033 will be the 2000th birthday of the Catholic Church. I've challenged some of our school students to calculate how much cake you need to hold all those candles. I figure we have nine years to plan one hum-dinger of a party.

In the meantime, there are ways we can celebrate Pentecost:

- Pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
- Read the story of Pentecost (Acts 2) as a family
- Eat Dove Bars
- Have a bon fire
- 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 by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

- Reflect on the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). How have we grown in these areas in the past year? Ask the Holy Spirit for help growing in the year to come.
- Pray for all those who passed on the faith from the Apostles to us (we don't know who all of them are, but God does).
- Consider how we might help pass on the faith. We don't have to do it all at once; sometimes we can just plant a little seed. You could:

† Share one good thing about your faith community with someone else.

† Learn a new thing about your faith and share it.

† Introduce yourself to someone you don't know at church.

† Share one reason why you are glad for your relationship with God.

† Share one thing about how God got you where you are.

† Create a holy moment (a moment in which the love of God is made visible).

Come, Holy Spirit!

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