

Encountering THE SEASON

Easter for the Family

Pentecost Sunday (C)

Acts 2:1–11
1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13
or Romans 8:8–17
John 20:19–23 or
John 14:15–16, 23b–26

Dear Family:

Read the reflection about Pentecost, and discuss the “Ponder and Pray” questions and prompts, thinking about how Our Lord is calling you to act. Then, consider the challenges of the “Live It” section, and have fun with the family activities.

Empowered for Mission

Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them to proclaim the gospel to all nations. Just as the apostles received diverse spiritual gifts to build the Church, we also are entrusted with gifts from the Holy Spirit, given not for personal gain but for the mission of the kingdom.

Pentecost reminds us that natural and supernatural gifts must be used in service to others. The apostles’ courage and willingness to act serve as a powerful example. God doesn’t wait for us to feel ready or perfect but asks us to start where we are, using what we have. This feast is a call to make ourselves available for the mission—to bring light, love, and hope to a world yearning for Christ.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of mission within us, transforming our hearts to become instruments of his grace and love.

“ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ”

—John 20:21



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