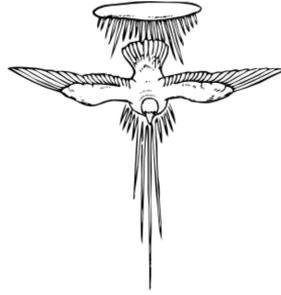


PENTECOST VIGIL ~ FRIDAY

Come Holy Spirit and fill the Hearts of your Faithful!



Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

*Spirit of God, on the waste and the darkness
hov'ring in power as creation began,
drawing forth beauty from clay and from chaos,
breathing God's life in the nostrils of man.*

*Come and sow life in the waste of our being,
pray in us, form us as sons in the Son.
Open our hearts to yourself, mighty Spirit,
bear us to life in the Three who are One.*

Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. *The Word of the Lord.*

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

John 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Renewal of the Sacrament of Confirmation

My dear people, born again in Christ by Baptism, you have become members of Christ and of his priestly people. In Confirmation you shared in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit sent by the Lord upon his apostles at Pentecost and given by them and their successors to the baptised.

The promised strength of the Holy Spirit makes you more like Christ and helps you to be witnesses to his suffering, death and resurrection. It strengthens you to be active members of the Church and to build up the Body of Christ in faith and love.

Do you promise to continue living as God's children, guided and enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit?

**All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters
from sin and gave them new life.**

**Send your Holy Spirit upon us to be our helper and guide.
Give us the spirit of wisdom, & understanding, the spirit of right
judgement & courage, the spirit of knowledge & reverence.
Fill us with the spirit of wonder & awe in your presence.**

Solemn Blessing

May God, the father of lights, who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds by the outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness by his blessing and make you always abound with the gifts of the same Spirit. R/. Amen.

*May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,
powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and pervade them
with its purifying light. R/. Amen.*

And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in that same faith and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision. R/. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. R/. Amen.

**Love descending today,
Come stir up the secret waters
of our baptism,
Which from the death of Jesus Christ
Makes us rise up in his life:
All is love in Love itself**

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