



Faith Formation

Pentecost

Trivia Question: On what day do we celebrate the birthday of the Catholic Church?

Answer: Pentecost, which we celebrated yesterday, May 23rd! We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday? Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. (catholic.org)

Activity for Kids:

Check out these two great YouTube videos for kids explaining the miracle of Pentecost and the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Saddleback Kids: God Sends the Holy Spirit](#)



[Catholic Kids Media: Pentecost Sunday – What is Pentecost?](#)



Pentecost Prayer

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;
Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

talk *amen*

Activity for Kids:

Here is a great craft from Catholic Icing that creates
“tongues as of fire” to rest on your kids heads!

Here’s the Bible story of the Pentecost from Acts 2, 1-4: “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

[Catholic Icing: Easy Pentecost Craft for Kids](#)



Have you intentionally asked for the release of the Holy Spirit in your life? Enjoy this great video and ask for the presence of Pentecost to be fully released in your life. Come, Holy Spirit!

[Pentecost Catholic \[Forever Changed\]](#)

