

EASTER 2014

PENTECOST
JUNE 8,
2014



DRINK DEEPLY FROM PENTECOST

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ leads directly to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Pentecost. Now, Pentecost must happen in the life of everyone who follows Jesus.

Some day in the future our Christian churches will be reclaimed by the great event of Pentecost. This is the second most important feast day in the liturgical year. It indicates where the mystery of the Incarnation (the Son of God become flesh) is meant to flourish and bear an abundant harvest.

Over the centuries Christians focused so much on the sacrifice of Jesus (i.e, the cross) that they neglected the other half of the great mystery. You can never speak of the death of Jesus without speaking about his resurrection and the pouring of the Holy Spirit. These are all three pieces of the same mystery.

There is a very simple formula from the sixth century that helps us understand the mystery of the Incarnation. “The divine became human, so that the human could become divine.” Simply put, Jesus is God in the flesh. We

can touch and work with him. Jesus is God with a very human face.

Now, he pours out the very spirit of Jesus to the believers. We are given a share in the very mystery of the incarnation. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is given to us to be the living continuation of Jesus Christ.

You have been given the very Spirit of Jesus to bring a sensitivity to the plight of the poor of this world. The Holy Spirit opens our hearts and minds to bring food to share at the food bank in our city. The Holy Spirit moves us to ask why people are hungry in this world – and then to try to do something about the shortage of food among the very poor of this world.situation?

EASTER IN US



Why is the Holy Spirit depicted as a bird?

Simply put: no human being has ever dominated birds. They fly where they want and land on the ground wherever there is food. No human being controls them.

Is this not the way the Holy Spirit operates?

How many times are we surprised by the Holy Spirit?

PAY ATTENTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT ALIVE AND WORKING WITHIN YOU

As the Holy Spirit gave Jesus his mission in the world, so now each believer has been given her/his mission to extend the very love and mercy of God to others. We are to become the beating heart of God in this world.

This must be lived in the community of the Church by our concern for one another and for the poor of this world, the poor with their many faces. It means that our parish does not just warm the bench on Sunday morning but we leave the church building to spend a little time with the elderly who suffer dementia. Maybe in the nursing home close to the parish church there is a nursing home where many of the residents have no one to visit them and bring a little human comfort. Is not the Holy Spirit moving us to be that warm heart that says “hello” today.

The Holy Spirit moves us out of our comfort zone to help the single mother whose little guy needs someone to help him with his reading skills. The Holy Spirit is moving us to walk with this little guy, on the day he wants to practice his reading and on the day when he would rather be outside with his buddies. The Holy Spirit is God’s concern and compassion moving within us.

The Holy Spirit lifts us up in daily prayer. When we are sitting quietly with the Scriptures it is the Holy Spirit that brings our spirit to be with God. It is the Holy Spirit that keeps us within the presence of the Holy Trinity. It is the Holy Spirit that joins us to do the work of Jesus in this world.

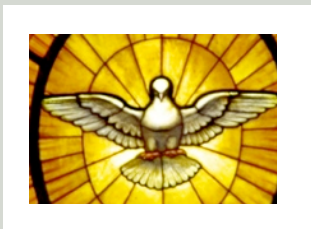
Spend some time in reflection about how the Holy Spirit is moving within your life? within your parish church?

Are there signs of the Holy Spirit alive in the Canadian society?



Holy Spirit be the color of service in us

PRAY SLOWLY THE WAYS
WE ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO
COME TO US



*Holy Spirit, Lord and
Giver of Life:
At the beginning of
time you moved over the
face of the waters;
you breathe into every
living being, the breath of
life.
Come, Creator Spirit,
and renew the whole
creation*

*Holy Spirit, Spirit of
Peace:
You break down
barriers of language,
race, and culture,
and heal the
divisions that separate
us.
Come, Reconciling
Spirit, and unite us all in
the love of Christ.*

*Holy Spirit, voice of
the prophets:
You enflame men
and women with a
passion for your truth,
and through them
call your people to the
ways of justice and
compassion.
Come, Spirit of
Righteousness, and
burn in our hearts.*

*Holy Spirit, Lord and
Giver of Life:
At the close of the
age
all creation will be
renewed to sing your
praises.
Come, Creator
Spirit, and make us new
creations in Jesus
Christ.*

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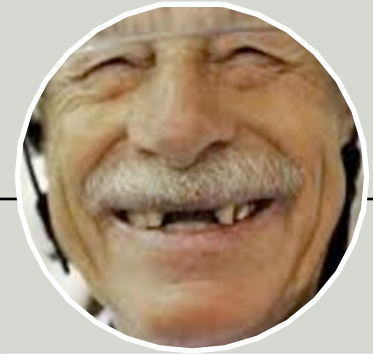


The Holy Spirit has been given to live and move within the life of each believer.

Take these photos and ask the Holy Spirit to burst forth in mercy, goodness and compassion for the poor.

Then ask the Holy Spirit to be manifest in your three closest friends.

PRAYERS FLOWING FROM ASCENSION



WE ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME TO US

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:

You speak to us of our Lord,
and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way
of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame:

You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your word and to share your
good news.

Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your
redeeming love.

**Lord God,
through the
mystery of this
holy feast, you
sanctify your
Church in every
nation and people.
Pour out your gifts
of your Spirit
across the face of
the earth, and in
your merciful
kindness touch the
hearts of all
believers as you
touched those who
first heard the
preaching of the
gospel**

**MAKE THE WORDS OF
THE RISEN CHRIST
YOUR OWN THIS
SUNDAY**

“Go, and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them

in the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit” *Mt. 28, 19*

“Teach them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you.”

Mt. 28, 20

“Remember I am with you
always, to the end of the
age.” *Mt. 28, 20*