

## **THE PENTECOST SUNDAY 2021.**

Last Sunday we celebrated the second Glorious mystery of the Rosary, the Ascension of our lord Jesus Christ. Today we celebrated the Descend of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

This is the day Jesus fulfilled His promise to send the Holy Spirit among his followers. This is the launching of the Church(The Birthday of the church) Today we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost. It was a Jewish feast of Harvest. What a great harvest for the church to spread!

***A day to:***

***-Make and keep the church one.***

***-Make and keep her Holy.***

***-Make the church and keep her Apostolic.***

***-Make the church and keep her( Catholic) Universal.***

As followers of Christ, we receive the gift of Holy Spirit by virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation and we ought to keep that spirit vibrant always. The Holy Spirit enables us:

***-To live a Courageous Christian life.***

***-To withstand the negative influence of society.***

***-To distinguish good from bad through the gift of wisdom.***

***-To apply the gospel in our LIVES through the gift of knowledge.***

***-To understand and comprehend the deep truth of Christ.***

These are specific ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit as opposed to extraordinary Charismatic gifts. These gifts help us to ***revive, renew, and refresh*** our Christianity always at any given time.

Whatever road or direction we take the Holy Spirit is present as our inner moral compass in our life, and in our conscience.

It gives us that desire to ***forgive and care for those in tragedy and above all, to practice justice for all.*** The Holy Spirit is not present in the gifts of tongues only but also gives us those gifts of ***Gentleness and self-control, love, joy, peace, patience, generosity, and faithfulness.*** On Pentecost we are reminded of these gifts and its fruits as Christ is sending his followers on a mission. “ ***As the Father has sent me so I am sending you. Do not leave Jerusalem until you get the Helper.***”

The establishment and unity of the church is being seen today in that upper room as they received the Holy Spirit and started preaching to the visitors of the City from all over the world. People of all cultures, language, country, political affiliations, color, gender, age, rich and poor, all could hear this new teaching in his/her own language. The new language is the language of **love and Unity**. The new community of evangelizers is formed.

The universality and the catholicity of the gospel is seen and witnessed. Today we are called to speak that language of love and unity not of hatred or injustice, but instead the language of cooperation and understanding.

The community is to be seen as a community of human beings with **limitations, shortcomings, setbacks, and challenges**. *This is the reason why Christ instituted the great sacrament of **Reconciliation (Receive the Holy Spirit for those sins you forgive are forgiven and those you retain are retained)**.*

Let us welcome that spirit today in our Christian way of life.

We should note some aspects of the Holy Spirit.

**-Sadness weighs the Spirit down, joy lifts the Spirit up.**

**-Despair causes the Spirit to wither, hope brings new life.**

**-Criticism erodes it, hope builds it up.**

**-Rejection wounds the Spirit, acceptance heals it**

**-Hatred poisons it, love purifies it.**

**-Fear cripples it, solitude calms it.**

**ABOVE ALL, PRAYER STRENGTHS IT.**

**WHAT DIRECTION DO YOU TAKE TODAY?**

**HAPPY PENTECOST ALL.**

