

FR.TK REFLECTIONS PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B-2024:

THE PROMISED ADVOCATE:

Last Sunday we celebrated the **Ascension of Christ**, before ascending he had promised the disciples he will send an advocate for them. We celebrate that promise today the **Descend of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples**. This is the third Glorious mystery and the promise is fulfilled. This is actually **launching or the Birthday of the church**. This is the **Solemnity of the Pentecost**. Note the fact that it was a Jewish feast of harvest.

It is a day **to make and keep the church one, holy, apostolic and Catholic (Universal)** that is the kind the lord wanted. As his followers, we receive the the gift of Holy Spirit by virtue of our Baptism and confirmation hence we ought to keep that spirit vibrant always. The Spirit enables us to live **continuously Christian life withstanding negative influence of the society distinguishing good from bad through the gift of wisdom and apply the gospel in our life's through the gift of knowledge thus understand and comprehend the deep truth of Christ**. These are specific ordinary gifts of Holy Spirit as opposed to extraordinary Charismatic gifts. These gift helps us to **revive, renew and refresh our Christianity at any given time**. Whatever road or direction we take, the Holy Spirit is present as our **inner compass** in our life and in our conscience.

The Holy Spirit gives us that desire to **forgive and cure for those in tragedy and to practice justice for all**. He is not present only to those with gifts of tongues but he gives us the gift of **gentleness, self control, love, joy, peace, patience, generosity and faithfulness**. on

Pentecost, we are reminded of these gifts and fruits as Christ is sending his followers on a mission. **just as the father has send me so am I sending you, do not leave Jerusalem until you get the helper.**

The establishment and the unity of the church is seen today in that upper room as they receive the Holy Spirit and started preaching to the visitors who had come for the feast in Jerusalem from all over the known world. They could hear in their own language what the apostles were preaching. people of all **cultures, languages, color countries, political affiliations, gender, age, poor and rich.** The language through the Holy Spirit is the **language of love and unity. Catholicity and the universality of the church is seen .** Today we are called to preach that language of **love, cooperation and understanding.**

The community Christ established was of human being not of angels and he established it here on earth not in heaven with **shortcomings and limitations, setbacks, and challenges** hence he **instituted the great sacrament of Reconciliation (Receive the Holy Spirit for those sins you forgive are forgiven and those you retain are retained.**

Today we are called to welcome the Holy Spirit in our way of life. We must understand that **sadness weigh the spirit down, joy lifts the spirit, despair cause the spirit to wither, Hope brings new life. Criticism erodes it, hope builds up, rejection wounds acceptance heals. Hatred poisons, love will purify, fear cripples, solitude calms and prayer will strengthen. HAPPY PENTECOST TO YOU.**

