Easter: Pentecost

Sunday May 23, 2021

Lead Story Headline:

Peace Be With You!

"...they were all together in one place... from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting"

Acts 2:1-2

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Gospel: John 20:19-23

"In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood in the room and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Jesus said again, 'Peace be with you!' Then he breathed on the disciples and said to them, 'I give you the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

This is the Good News of the Lord.


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*John 20:23*

**Check It Out:**

Check out this video about confirmation from Catholic Central and then head to the last page of the bulletin to find out a little bit more information! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv-FLo7bcTE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv-FLo7bcTE)

**What Do You Think?**

1. Make a list of everything you already know about confirmation!

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2. How do you recognize the presence of the Spirit in your life?

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Activity: Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Do you know what the fruits of the Holy Spirit are? Some are listed below. Cross out the words that don’t belong in the fruit bowls!


Let's Pray:

"Dear Holy Spirit, enlighten us, protect us, direct us, and govern us. Fill us with the courage to speak the Good News, with peace to live the Good News, and with joy to rejoice in the Good News. Be in our lives as we leave the life of winter and begin our summer. Help us to renew the face of the earth.

Amen"


"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ"

1 Corinthians 12:12
Inside Scoop: Confirmation

Pentecost is the perfect time to celebrate and learn about the sacrament of confirmation. If you go back to the Gospel story above you will see that the day of Pentecost was the day that Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his apostles. Today, when we receive our own confirmation, we are also being given this same gift. Confirmation blesses us with all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Do you know what these gifts are (hint: they are different from the fruits of the spirit). The gifts are wisdom, understanding, the ability to help and advise others, courage, knowledge, faithfulness, and respect for God. When we receive these gifts, we need to be sure that we use them wisely. When we are confirmed, we become much like the apostles at Pentecost, called to be a light to the world and to share our love for Jesus! Think about the gifts of the Holy Spirit again for a moment. Where do you see yourself living these gifts out? For each gift, give an example of someone who is living it today.


"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability"
Acts 2:4