

Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



Homily Helps and Petitions for Pentecost Sunday, Cycle C (June 5, 2022)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Acts 2: 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.

Psalms 104: If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12: To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

John 20: Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you...As the Father has sent me, so I sent you."

† Comments for the Day:

The feast of Pentecost is not meant to be a nostalgic look back at a dramatic event. Rather, it is the celebration of the presence of the Spirit in our midst, a presence that is manifest to each of us individually, and to all of us communally. Paul reminds us that everyone receives the Spirit; this gift, however, is not meant for our personal well-being, but to foster the common good. Jesus leaves us his peace; at the same time he notes that, as he himself was sent by the Father, we are sent forth by Jesus. The Spirit propels into the world to proclaim the values of the kingdom to all.

It is interesting to note that in the Pentecost story from the Acts of the Apostles, two of the elements that are highlighted, fire and wind, are both called "brother" in the Canticum of the Creatures composed by Saint Francis. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis looks to Saint Francis for inspiration and strength.

As we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the Church, let us recall that the Spirit is sent to "renew the face of the earth." As followers of Jesus, we are commissioned to renew all relationships: between people, nations, and the earth itself. As Pope Francis writes, the Spirit, the bond of love, is intimately present at the heart of the universe. May our celebration of Pentecost remind us of our responsibility to one another, and to the creation with which God has gifted us.

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† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. (202)

Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also “macro-relationships, social, economic and political ones”... social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society. (231)

The Spirit, infinite bond of love, is intimately present at the very heart of the universe, inspiring and bringing new pathways. (238)

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you! (246)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That our celebration of Pentecost reminds us of our responsibility to one another and to all of God's creation, let us pray to the Lord ...

Option 2: That the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in our hearts and send us forth to build-up the kingdom proclaimed by Jesus, let us pray to the Lord ...

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