

Pentecost Sunday**Year C**

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Readings: 1) Acts 2:1-11 2) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17

3) John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16. 23b-26

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is that we are to use the unique gifts and talents given to us by the Spirit to further the work and mission of the Church.

In the first reading, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles speak to the crowd. Those present hear the message in their native tongue.

In the second reading, Paul explains that it is through the Holy Spirit that one can profess Jesus as Lord and receive gifts.

In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples. He breathes on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**PRIEST:**

Seeking to be more attentive and responsive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, let us join together in offering our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

**For all in the church, that those who preach the Gospel,
be filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit
and the merciful love of God.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For leaders of all nations,
may the Holy Spirit inspire them to overcome barriers such as language, culture and
ideology in order to work together to bring about peace throughout the world.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind and body;
may they be comforted and healed through the grace of God.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who have died
may they be gathered into the arms of God.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For members of this faith community,
may we, having received the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
– wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and reverence –
use those gifts in our decision-making and the actions we take.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause).

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST:

**In faith we offer all of these prayers to you, beloved Father,
confident that you will hear and answer them.**

We ask this through your son Jesus Christ.