

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

This First Reading describes the descent of the Holy Spirit. It highlights its effects on the Apostles.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

The gifts of the Spirit to all of us are given not just for our own good, but also for the good of the Church. We are all builders of the Mystical Body of Christ.

### Gospel: John 20: 19-23

The Holy Spirit breathed into the Apostles new life and commissioned them to be messengers of love, peace and forgiveness. What further reminder do we need? We, too, are called to be messengers of love, peace and forgiveness in our daily lives.



## Points for Reflection

*"On the day of Pentecost, when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance."*

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 731)

**All Christ's disciples receive the Holy Spirit to build up the Christian Community and to contribute to the coming of God's Kingdom.**

1. At the beginning, there were signs of the power of God working through the Apostles, who were docile and receptive instruments. So much so that the signs were there for all to see. The community became a Christ-centered group of persons filled with new life and energy, ready to live and die for Christ and the Gospel.
2. Today, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are here to help build us all up and to make our Christian communities true centres at the service of one another, so that we all may become useful members of the Church, courageous witnesses and messengers of Christ's infinite forgiving and saving love.
3. The Holy Spirit descended upon us in a special way at Confirmation, but, obviously, it is something that needs to be fostered, nurtured and developed all through our lives. We are still far from loving others as Jesus loves us. As such, we know we must open our hearts wider to be filled with the Spirit of the Risen Jesus.

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**Kids' Corner**

*Colour the picture of the Pentecost below.*

