



Parent Page Newsletter

For the parents of children in the CGS Atrium
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The Feast of Pentecost

When we go to Church, we see the celebrant (the priest or pastor) wear special vestments. The priest or pastor wears a **chasuble**. The color of the chasuble changes according to the liturgical time. The varying color is intended to express the characteristic of the mystery of faith being celebrated. **Red** is the color of fire and also the color of great love, it is worn on Pentecost Sunday.

Sofia Cavalletti, the co-founder of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, wrote: The great work of redemption finds its culmination in Easter, but not its conclusion; it waits for the salvation of Christ to spread—through the work of the Holy Spirit—to all men, women, and children of all times. Easter would not have been complete without **Pentecost**; thus, we must consider the great feasts of Easter and Pentecost as one: Easter-Pentecost.

The Spirit—which is fullness of life—that first inhabited the person of Jesus begins to spread to others on the day of **Pentecost** (fifty days after Easter), when the Spirit descended upon the Virgin and a small group of Christians, about 120 persons. They form the first seed of the Church, that community which lives the same life of the risen Christ, to the point of being considered His own Body. But the gift of the Spirit must permeate more and more of the world, until the day when “God will be all in all.”

Ideas for Home

How can we reflect upon the Holy Spirit as a family?

- **Pray to the Holy Spirit:** Try a simple prayer like “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.”
- **Look for the color RED:** Where do we see red at home, in nature, and at Church? Can you find something red to place on your family prayer table?
- **Notice signs of the Holy Spirit:** Discuss where you see love, peace, patience, or courage in your family or community—these are fruits of the Spirit! Where do you see the Holy Spirit present in your family, your neighborhood, your Church?
- **Read Acts 2: 1-4 together:** Gather at the family prayer table, which may be covered with a piece of red fabric. Light a candle and proclaim the Scripture. Allow for moments of silence. Remember that the Holy Spirit is at work in your child’s stillness, their joy, and their love for the gifts of God’s creation.

