

Catholic Trivia 5-21 Answers:

1. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) was primarily a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, but it was later associated with a remembrance of the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai.
2. Acts 1:13-14 – “When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” It is assumed that these same people were still there for the coming of the Holy Spirit.
3. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. [CCC 1831] (Of course, these are not the only gifts which the Spirit can impart.)
4. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “the fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.” [CCC 1832]
5. The word “paraclete” comes from the Greek word *parakletos*, which means “one called to the side of another.” In the gospel of John, Jesus says: “*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate (paraclete) to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*” Based on this text, Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is there to stand by us and accompany us, just as Jesus did for his disciples.