

A message from Fr Joseph:

## PREPARING FOR PENTECOST

(excerpts from Fr Joseph's homily of Saturday May 8, 2021)

The Church throughout the world is preparing for a great feast of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. The treasuries of grace are poured from the cross (and the Resurrection) of Jesus but they are manifested and made available to the world at Pentecost through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. [Read more](#):

Holy Spirit, we need you!  
Holy Spirit, take over!

The Holy Spirit flooded the disciples in the upper room and took over the lives of this motley crew and made them into a mighty army, and raised them up to do great things in the Kingdom beyond what they could have imagined.

There is an opportunity before us in this Pentecost.

The first is that we have a novena in preparation for Pentecost.

It starts on this Friday, the day after the traditional day of Ascension Thursday.

This is the first and oldest novena of the Church. In this we are praying for the Isaiah gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are for our personal sanctification & growth in virtue.

We are also doing an online Life in the Spirit Seminar. We will be sending out dynamic talks on each of these through our newsletter and on our website. They will be given by wonderful speakers from Renewal Ministries. A Life in the Spirit Seminar is a basic course in Christianity that prepares us for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The talks will touch on God's Love, repentance, the mystery of salvation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, developing a personal prayer life, community, service and study.

Even if you have been to a Life in the Spirit Seminar in the past, join us, there is always more with the Lord!

It is an opportunity for the Lord to prepare our hearts for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

-----  
For more, listen to Fr Joseph's short video below from which this was excerpted: