



SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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Pentecost Sunday

John 20:19-23

Happy Birthday! That's right, today is the birthday of the Catholic Church. Today we celebrate when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles and filled them with courage and zeal to spread the Good News. Peter preached to those standing outside and that day the Apostles baptized many people into the Church founded by Jesus Christ.

We live in a world that often makes it challenging for us to live out our Catholic Faith. Forgiving people who might hurt our feelings, going out of our way to do something kind, or even sticking up for someone who is being picked on are all ways in which we can live out the Good News preached by the Apostles on that first Pentecost Sunday. Many times, we know when we are called to act differently than how someone else might handle a challenging situation. When you find yourself struggling, remember this story of the Apostles who were empowered by the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit dwells in you because of your Baptism, and someday you will receive Him in a special way at your Confirmation!

Activities:

- Make a birthday cake and sing "Happy Birthday!" to the Church.
- Reflect on the gifts you have received through the Church, and then thank God for all of those gifts!
- Make a special card or bake something yummy for the pastor of your parish. Thank him for blessing your family with the gift of his priesthood! Say an extra prayer for him and let him know how much you appreciate his priestly ministry!

