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May 2013

Pentecost

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, those gifts—granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls—help us to live a Christian life.



The Seekers Guide to the Holy Spirit: Filling Your Life with Seven Gifts of Grace (Book) Dodds, Bill, Loyola Press, 2003. The New Testament describes the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire descending on Jesus' disciples at Pentecost. Artists often portray the Spirit as a gentle dove. However, these ambiguous images convey little understanding of the elusive "third person of the Trinity." Bill Dodds presents the Holy Spirit as the bearer of gifts. With wit and insight, he explains how we can understand and use these gifts today. "Every day the Holy Spirit offers his gifts," he writes. "Every day we have the opportunity to pick them up and use them. (S.A)

<u>Come, Holy Spirit!</u> Liturgy Training Publications, 2001. Prayers and reflections to come to know the Holy Spirit who lives in us, teaches us and urges us to do service and justice. (S.A)

The Illustrated Acts of the Apostles for Children (Book) Ignatius Press, 2011. The adventures of the apostles, as recorded by Saint Luke in the New Testament, are told for young readers with vibrant and expressive four-color, comicbook style illustrations. The simple but engaging text begins with Pentecost, when the followers of Jesus are transformed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit into heroic witnesses of the Resurrection of Christ. The experiences of the early Church—the works of mercy, the miraculous healings, and the amazing conversions—come to life in these stories of the faith and courage. (1,J)

<u>Teen Discipleship</u> (DVD) St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2000. Captures for Catholic youth how their baptismal commitment comes alive in service to others and looks at the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. (*J*,*S*)

Acts: The Good News of the Holy Spirit (Book) Kevin Perrotta, Loyola Press, 2001. Six scripture study discussion sessions on Acts with readings, guided commentaries, reflections, discussion questions and approaches to prayer. Sessions can be used in groups or by individuals and are an hour and a half long, but can be lengthened or shortened depending on need. (S.A)

Holy Spirit 101: Present Among Us (Book) Gresham, John Leroy, Liguori Publications, 2011. Offers readers a basic approach to coming to know this complex part of the trinity. Dissects the difficult concept of the Holy Spirit, its place in history and scripture, as well as its connection to us today. In Holy Spirit 101, you will find examples, tools, and review questions perfect for group or individual study that will deepen the understanding of your faith. (S,A)

Come, Holy Spirit: A Spiritual Journey to a Fuller Experience of the Holy Spirit in Your Life (DVD) Trinity Formation Resources, 2008. This series explains how the power of the Holy Spirit is waiting to be unleashed in our lives through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Are you using your gifts given when you were baptized and confirmed, or are they sitting unopened on a shelf in the closet? Learn how to stir into flame the graces received at Baptism and Confirmation, and grow in your relationship with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (A)

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Pentecost 101

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Pentecost A Celebration of Ministry May 10, 2012



Sacred Story:
Grace for Daily Life
Father William Watson, SJ

May 10, 2013

All lay ministers and clergy are invited to participate in the event, which includes two major keynote addresses and more than 20 workshops and breakout sessions, some in Spanish and Vietnamese. The day is meant to be a time of spiritual enrichment, blessing, and celebration of the ministerial life of the Archdiocese, and concludes with a liturgy at St. James Cathedral, with a special blessing of lay ministers serving in the Archdiocese.





Evangelization for a
New Pentecost:
The Year of Faith
Father Bruce Nieli, CSP

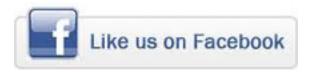
For a listing and description of specific breakout sessions, click here

New Titles

Trinity 101: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Book) Papandrea, James Leonard, Liguori Publications, 2012. Offers readers a basic approach to the Trinity as history portrays it, as a doctrinal concept, and how it is revealed in the Scripture. This is highly useful to those seeking a starting point of Catholic theological study of the Trinity, from high school age onwards; and also to educated Catholic adults who are drawn to this topic. (S,A)

Catholic Update Guide to the New Evangelization:

Disciples Called to Witness (DVD/CD-ROM) Ignatius
Press, 2013. The U.S. bishops' document Disciples Called
to Witness: The New Evangelization outlines how to live
as disciples and, ultimately, evangelists to proclaim what
we believe by both our words and our actions. Using that
document as its foundation, this material provides a simple,
practical resource for parishes, schools, and small groups
to understand how to put their faith into action as Jesus
instructed. The package features a DVD of brief video
segments and a CD-ROM with corresponding reproducible handouts illuminating the bishops' methodologies for
evangelization. The CD-ROM also includes a detailed leader's
guide to assist anyone who wants to lead a study group or
class. (A)



Salt and Light: The Commandments, the Beatitudes, and

A Joyful Life (Book) Shea, Mark P., Servant Books, 2013. Offers a fresh perspective on the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes, showing how these two pillars of Christian moral teaching complement each other. The Ten Commandments are the "ground floor," providing the bare minimum contours of the moral life. The Beatitudes, by contrast, point us to a way we can live our lives as creatures intended to share in the life of God. Mark Shea, in his engaging style, introduces the modern reader to a fuller grasp of Catholic moral teaching as part of the process of being transformed by the Holy Spirit and living joyfully in virtue, not merely as a rule keeper. Reveals the commandments as showing us our brokenness and pushing us toward the Savior--and then points the reader to the way to ultimate happiness: our beatitude. (A)

The Bible: The Epic Miniseries (DVD) 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2013. An epic 10-part miniseries retelling stories from the Scriptures for a whole new generation. Breathtaking in scope and scale, The Bible showcases powerful performances and visual effects that span Genesis to Revelation. Originally seen on the History Channel. (S,A)

The Eucharist: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics (Book) Pacwa, Mitch, Our Sunday Visitor Pub., 2013. You will see the essential connection between the Eucharist and the Scriptures, and through reflection and discussion you'll learn to apply the principles in your own life. (A)