

Pentecost Sunday
May 11, 2008
(Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23)

Theme: Ask for the blessings of the Holy Spirit and always remember you have a mother.

Today we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Christ. Today's celebration is a celebration of the fulfillment of Christ's promise that He is not going to leave his children orphaned. That he is going to send us the Holy Spirit, the Spirit that will proceed from the Father and Christ.

Immediately the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they were filled with the power of God. The fear that had filled them vanished and they began to profess their faith boldly. From then on the early Church began to preach the good news of the gospel to all nations. Our Lord Jesus confirmed their works with various miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit. For Christ said "those who love me will keep my word and my Father will love them and we will come to them and make our home with them." (Jn. 14:23-24)

The Holy Spirit of God gives all children of God varieties of gifts. These gifts of the Holy Spirit are marks of God's ownership to those who love God. Ask God today to fill you with his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the power of God in our lives - without it we can do nothing. It is the soul of the Church.

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we pray to God to bless our mothers and mothers all over the world with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to heal all mothers who are sick, to open up the heart of all mothers to know and carry out their duties as mothers.

And for us all, let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us to be obedient to our mothers, to know and carry out our responsibilities towards our mothers. Make your mother your best friend, visit her, call her on the phone, and always pray for your mother. And the Spirit of God will continue to be with you.