

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year A
PENTECOST



This Sunday is PENTECOST, one of the great festivals of the Church. It is the day when we celebrate how God kept Jesus's promise to be with us forever, and share with us his new life and glory. On Pentecost, God sent his SPIRIT to Jesus's friends. From then on they knew that God's power and Jesus's love were with them, all the time. They were no longer just a group of friends who had known a very special person. Now they were God's family, the Church!

<p>ACTS 2:1-11</p>	<p>PSALM 104:31</p>	<p>JOHN 7:39</p>
<p>(The Spirit comes to Jesus's friends like a strong wind and flames of fire)</p>	<p>"Lord, when you send out your Spirit, you make the world new"</p>	<p>"The Spirit could not come until Jesus was glorified"</p>

We call Pentecost "the birthday of the Church." From its beginning, the Church has spread through the world. It can do God's work, because his Spirit is still with us!

HOW GOD'S SPIRIT WORKS

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

ST. PAUL WROTE THESE WORDS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH IN THE CITY OF CORINTH!

GOD'S SPIRIT WORKS IN LOTS OF DIFFERENT WAYS! GOD GIVES US LOTS OF DIFFERENT GIFTS THROUGH HIS SPIRIT!

HE MAKES SOME PEOPLE VERY WISE!

HE GIVES OTHERS GREAT FAITH!

OTHER PEOPLE CAN WORK MIRACLES BECAUSE GOD'S SPIRIT GIVES THEM POWER!

OTHERS HAVE SPECIAL GIFTS OF PRAYER...

BUT ALL THESE GIFTS COME FROM THE SAME SPIRIT!

GOD'S CHURCH IS LIKE A BODY, AND HIS SPIRIT GIVES IT LIFE! GOD GIVES US HIS SPIRIT WHEN (1 CORINTHIANS 12:13)!