



# NEW LIFE

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## PENTECOST

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**Pen'te-cost** from the Greek *pentēkostē* meaning fifty. **1.** A solemn festival of the Jews, celebrated on the fiftieth day (seven weeks) after the Passover. **2.** A Christian festival commemorating on the seventh Sunday after Easter and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

**F**or most Christians, Pentecost is celebrated as the birthday of the Christian Church when the Holy Spirit descended first upon the Apostles and all who were together in the upper room, and then to those who accepted Jesus as the Christ. But long before this day of celebration, Pentecost was a Jewish festival that celebrated the beginning of a new life. It was known as the Festival of Weeks, seven weeks and one day (50 days). It was the counting of 50 days from the day of the Passover and the time Moses received the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). It was a reminder to the Israelites that their redemption from slavery was not complete until they received the Torah. Freed from their bondage of slavery and idolatry the Israelites were now given a New Life in the Lord God.

On this festival day the Israelites brought their first fruits of their grain harvest to the temple as an offering to the Lord God. (Exodus 34:22) It was the season the earth

was giving up New Life in the fields. Trees were starting to bud. Flowers were beginning to bloom, grass was sprouting, and the birds of the air were singing their new songs. So when the day of Pentecost came it wasn't by accident. It was by divine intervention.



When the Day of Pentecost came to the Apostles and all people, it was by God's will that a New Life would be instilled in all the people. As we can see by the reading of the book of Acts, New Life sprang up in all

people who accepted Jesus as the Messiah. They were all baptized in the Name of Jesus the Christ and then began a New Life in the Holy Spirit.

At first, this new experience of the Holy Spirit was referred to as the New Way. Later, the believers and followers of Jesus were called Christians, because they believed and accepted Jesus as their Christ, their Messiah. And all who were baptized in the Name of Jesus received the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

When St. Paul was in Ephesus he came upon some people who were believers of Jesus as the Christ but were not yet baptized in Jesus' Name. He asked them, **"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?"** They answered him, **"We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."** He said, **"How were you baptized?"** They replied, **"With the baptism of John."** Paul then said, **"John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus."** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid (his) hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. (Acts 19:1-6)

So the questions today on this Day of Pentecost is,

1. **"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became a believer?"**
2. **"Did you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit when you became a believer?"**
3. **"Are you using and sharing the Holy Spirit with other people?"**

Notice what happened when Paul laid his hands on them. **'The Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.'** Paul was using and sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit that were given to him, bringing other people into a New Life of the Holy Spirit. We should do nothing less. It is our responsibilities as believers and followers of Jesus who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit to bring others into a New Life in the Holy Spirit.

As we come together to celebrate the birth of New Life on this Day of Pentecost, let us resolve to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to do as Paul did; to bring new people to live a fuller life in the Holy Spirit. Let us step out in faith and in the power of the Holy

Spirit and begin to share our Charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit that God has given to us.

It might be helpful to read again the words of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians about the Charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit and of their use. (1st Cor 12) After all, what good is receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and receiving spiritual gifts from God if they are not put to use and shared with other people? Think about where we would be today if on that Day of Pentecost the Apostles **did not** share what God had given to them. The Bible tells us that when the Apostles went into the streets telling everyone that Jesus is the Messiah, some 3,000 people received their message, and accepted Jesus as the Christ and Messiah. Those who accepted the New Way became believers were also baptized in the Holy Spirit and began praising God in a new tongue; the language of the Holy Spirit!

Today, God is giving us a new opportunity to renew and revive what first took place on that first Day of Pentecost. For many Christians today, even though they have been baptized in the faith, the Holy Spirit is laying dormant in their lives. It is up to those who are active in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to pass on those gifts, and to revive those with God's Holy Spirit and a renewed Pentecost!

I encourage you to look over again the three questions listed above. Can you answer with an affirmed **"YES"** to all three questions? If you answer only two of the three, then I urge you to ask God to revive your gifts of the Holy Spirit on this Day of Pentecost. Begin using and sharing what God has given to you. I leave you with this quote from St. Paul's letter to the Romans;

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek."** (Romans 1:16)

## **YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED**

We have always relied on Free-Will offerings to cover all the expenses for the Days of Renewal and Conferences we have sponsored. Thanks to your support and generosity we have been successful. However our funds have become low and we need your additional support to pay for advance costs (printing, mailings, air fare, food, etc.) for the coming conferences and Days of Renewal we are planning on. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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### **PENTECOST MASS**

A Pentecost Mass will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday May 23 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in NE Minneapolis. Celebrant will be Bishop Lee Piche. Mass begins at 3 PM. Call Larry for more information 763-574-0092

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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Set aside your calendar dates for Fr. Bill Halbing:

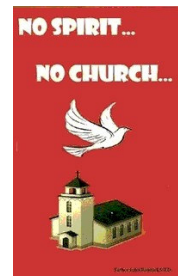
**Friday October 1, 2010 &  
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