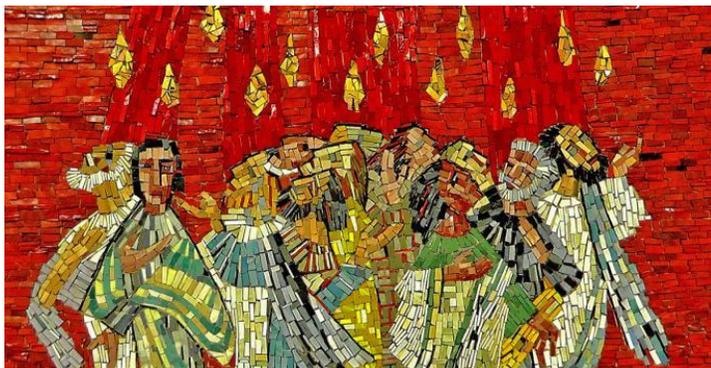


ANTICIPATING PENTECOST
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As we approach Pentecost on May 20th, it is good to remember that the spiritual and evangelical renewal in the Archdiocese of Detroit called for in *Unleash the Gospel* began in 2014 with a year of prayer for a *new* Pentecost, a new descent of the Holy Spirit. We have been hearing readings at Mass about the impact of the Spirit on the early Church and how the disciples responded to the first Pentecost with joyful evangelization. Our own work of being witnesses of the Gospel also depends upon the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who is God's love poured into our hearts.



Last week we heard how the early church was built up through the consolation of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31). Today we hear how, while Peter was speaking the Good News, "... the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word." Peter's friends "were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out" so lavishly upon the people (Acts 10:44-48). Those gifts are given to all of us, in different measure, for the benefit of the Church whose mission is to share the Gospel with all for the sake of the Kingdom.

The traditional seven gifts of the Holy Spirit include:

- **Wisdom**, the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth;
- **Understanding**, insight into the higher truths necessary for salvation;
- **Counsel**, knowing and following where God leads us;
- **Fortitude**, a firm will to do good even when it is difficult or dangerous;
- **Knowledge**, the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action;
- **Piety**, worshiping God with a filial affection that fulfills our duty to love Him and our neighbor; and
- **Fear of the Lord**, that awe-filled reverence whereby we avoid separating ourselves from God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. **And you shall renew the face of the earth.**

V. Let us pray.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.