

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD



June 8, 2014

Pentecost Sunday

Lectionary: 63

Gospel [in 20:19-23](#)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Spiritual Reflection

Archbishop Fulton Sheen in his book: *The Life of Christ* comments: "Then Our Lord breathed on them as He conferred some power of the Holy Spirit. When love is deep, it is always speechless or wordless; God's love is so deep that it can be expressed humanly by a sigh or a breath." Sometimes love is speechless.

Spiritual Question

1. How do you feel God's love?
2. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit and which one do you need more of?
3. How can you let the Holy Spirit guide your life better?
4. What does it mean to be filled with God's love (Holy Spirit)?