

CGS FAMILY

The background of the entire page is a classical painting depicting the Pentecost. In the center, the Virgin Mary is seated, wearing a blue mantle over a red gown, with her hands clasped in prayer. She has a halo with a flame on top. Surrounding her are the twelve apostles, each with a flame on their head, looking up in awe. The scene is set in a dark room with light rays emanating from above, where the Holy Spirit is depicted as a dove. The overall tone is dramatic and spiritual.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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How does your experience of
Church help you to recognize
the presence of the Holy Spirit?

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Welcome

HELLO, CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY!



Welcome to our weekly CGS Guide that helps our parish families to grow in knowledge of the faith and deepen our relationship with Jesus as his disciples. As we encounter Jesus, we come to know him, love him, and serve him so that we can be reasonably happy in this life and happy with him forever in heaven.



This Week

Happy Birthday, Dear Church!

In the gospel according to St. Matthew, Peter proclaims that Jesus is "...the Messiah (Christ), the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16)--the one whom God sent to save the world. In response, our Lord commissions him: "...so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). This did not come to pass until after Jesus' death and resurrection, when the work of redemption was accomplished and it was time for the work of the Church to commence. Today, we remember how we, the Church, got our start. We were formed by God to be *"the assembly of the people of God...an interim arrangement which mediates salvation in the time between the earthly ministry of Jesus and the future coming of his kingdom."** With the promised coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are given power to bring the good news of salvation to the world, beginning in our own households. Why do we, as baptized Christians, think we are so incapable of doing this? Today, in the gospel for Mass during the day, Jesus promises, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Perhaps it is our doubt, our reluctance to believe, that keeps us from teaching our children all that Jesus told us. May God the Holy Spirit renew in us the power to do what Jesus promises we CAN do, if we believe.

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The Holy Mass

The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, at the same time, it is the font from which all her power flows. (Cf. SC #10)

Why go to Mass?

Christ the Good Shepherd Mass Schedule

Find Mass Anywhere

This season, we are exploring the Big Idea

How does Jesus Christ help us to live a moral life?

Pentecost – Sunday

Mass During the Day Readings & Podcasts (Year C)
from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13 OR Romans 8: 8-17

Gospel: John 20: 19-23 OR

John 14: 15-16, 23b-26

All Readings for All Masses of Pentecost

Additional options for studying and discussing the Word of God:

Opening the Word by FORMED

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings

Sunday Connection by Loyola Press

Children's Liturgy of the Word by Catholic TV

WE LEARN & BECOME DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Question of the Week

How does the Holy Spirit help us to come to know and love Jesus Christ through his holy Church?

Opening Prayer

CONNECT with our GOD

- Let's start with the [The Sign of Cross](#).
- In your own words, ask the Holy Spirit to be present as we gather so share our faith ([Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#)).
- Listen to the Lord speaking to you as someone reads out loud the Gospel for this Sunday (see previous page for links to Scripture readings for this week).
- Listen to each other as everyone shares what in the Gospel caught their attention.
- Pray the "[Glory be...](#)"

[More on how to manage a group discussion.](#)

Getting
Started

[How to use
this Guide.](#)

[Why are we
doing this?](#)

Step One

CONNECT with our daily LIVES

Have you ever received a gift or something that you longed for and which you had insistently waited for? How did you feel when you finally received it?



Using this Guide can be as simple or as "in depth" as you want. If you do only the opening prayer section, that's great! To go deeper, follow the steps as shown. For children, see "Resources," page 8.

Step Two

CONNECT with Scripture and Tradition

As a domestic church (your household) or Small Faith Group, pray and read through some of the following (you can select) Scriptures & Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) references as time permits.

In the HOLY SCRIPTURE we read:

- The love of God has been poured into our hearts Romans 5:5
- The Spirit helps us in our weakness Romans 8:26
- Born of water and Spirit John 3: 5-8

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we read:

- Who is the Holy Spirit? **CCC #152, 683-686**
- The Pentecost: Christ's Passover Fulfilled and the Holy Trinity fully revealed. **CCC # 731-732**
- The Church in the Spirit: Priestly, prophetic, royal People of God. **CCC #781-786.**

Discussion Questions

- Specifically in this week's readings, what activities are associated with receiving the Holy Spirit? How are these activities fulfilled within the Church, the body of Christ, and within individual Christians?
- In the Psalm prayed, "Lord, send out of your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." How do you envision God renewing the face of the earth?

WANT MORE? GO DEEPER!

Reflection Questions

- How do you respond to the words, "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs."
- Pope Francis has said, "We need the Holy Spirit to transmit faith. We can not do it alone." What unique gifts have you received to help others know and love Jesus?

RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

For related information, activities, and age-appropriate resources, turn to the *Resources for All Ages* section of this Guide. You may use as many or as few as you want to. Adapt to your situation and your household. You can even spread these activities over the span of the entire week. There is no wrong way to do this!

Step Three

CONNECT with OTHERS...

Living the Gospel with commitment & action.

What is one thing you are willing to change in your life so that you can become closer to Jesus and the Church?

Practical Activities

For the Individual

Thank God for You

Write a thank you note to a friend or neighbor who has shared the love of God with you this week. Try to name a specific thing they did and how what they did help you feel closer to God.

For Couples

Saying Thank You to your Spouse

Think about one way that your spouse shows you how to love others. Tell them how the Holy Spirit has worked through them to help you love Christ and others better.

For the Domestic Church

We Come Together

Plan an afternoon or evening when everyone in the home can share one of their gifts/talents. Maybe one person leads everyone in a game of soccer, another plans a craft activity, someone else reads a story, or another cooks a special dessert. See how God's gifts to everyone shine and we show His love through those gifts.

Missionary Mindset

We are One Family in Christ

Our next Community Sunday is June 12th. Introduce yourself to someone new and take a few minutes to get to know a member of your church family.

Closing Prayer

- We sign ourselves with the Sign of Cross.
- According to what we reflected on, or whatever is in my heart share a petition, at the end we all say: **Lord hear our prayer.**
- Then we can pray the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be...
- As we finish, let us share a sign of peace with each other.

Prayer - *Veni Creator*

**1. Come, O Creator Spirit, come,
and make within our heart thy home;
to us thy grace celestial give,
who of thy breathing move and live.**

**2. O Comforter, that name is thine,
of God most high the gift divine;
the well of life, the fire of love,
our souls' anointing from above.**

**3. Thou dost appear in sevenfold dower
the sign of God's almighty power;
the Father's promise, making rich
with saving truth our earthly speech.**

**4. Our senses with thy light inflame,
our hearts to heavenly love reclaim;
our bodies' poor infirmity
with strength perpetual fortify.**

**5. Our mortal foes afar repel,
grant us henceforth in peace to dwell;
and so to us, with thee for guide,
no ill shall come, no harm betide.**

**6. May we by thee the Father learn,
and know the Son, and thee discern,
who art of both; and thus adore
in perfect faith for evermore. Amen.**

AT THE END OF THE LESSON OR END OF THE WEEK

RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

POINTS OF UNDERSTANDING

Clear statements of the Church's teachings AND where they come from and ways to use them.

1. Age-Specific Resources

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5)

Question: How do I show God's love to others?

YouTube// Pentecost Explained in 3 minutes- video (3:23)

Childhood (Elementary, Grades 1-5)

Question: How can I show God's love to others?

Sundayprep.org// Children's Activities for Pentecost Year C

Activity: Make a Holy Spirit Windsock ([click for instructions](#)).

Early Adolescence (Jr.High, Grades 6-8)

Question: How the Holy Spirit leads us to live our lives on another level?

Ascension Presents // [What Pentecost Means](#) - video (8:30)

Catholic Online // [Pentecost](#) - video (3:20)

Adolescence (High School, Grades 9-12)

Question: How the Holy Spirit leads us to live our lives on another level?

We recommend all Catholic youth have their own youth bible.

Grades 5 & 6: "**Venture**" by Pflaum Publishing and Grades 7 & 8: "**Visions**" by Pflaum Publishing.

Catholic Answers // [Ascension vs Pentecost](#) - video (17:56)

Catholic.org // [Pentecost](#) - blog

LifeTeen // [Pentecost & Priesthood](#) - blog

HELPFUL TIPS!

Create a prayer table or space.

Faith Groups at CGS

Something Fun to Check Out!



The Gospel for All Ages

Free, summer activities to stay connected to your faith as a family this summer!

Summer Family Corners!

Adulthood

Catholic News Agency// Everything you need to know about Pentecost--(article)

U.S. Catholic// Sunday Reflections: Casey Staton on Pentecost Sunday - article and video (5:00)

The Catholic Thing // Rediscovering the Gifts of the Holy Spirit--(article)

Jeff Cavins // The Holy Spirit in the Life of Catholics--video)

2. General Resources

The Holy Bible

Online Bible via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

If you don't know much about the Bible or want to learn more: **Scripture Support**

Catholics use the **New American Bible Revised Edition** (NABRE) as the translation for Mass readings. There are many acceptable versions of NABRE (learn more) as well as other approved translations. You may purchase from any vendor and we do have some basic editions on hand at the parish office at no charge—available upon request.



Recommended Print Bibles

These are all by St. Mary's Press: Order directly from the publisher or search online for other vendors.

Catholic Family Connections Bible
(digital version available)

Catholic Youth Bible (Adolescents & College)
"Breakthrough" (Early Adolescents //Jr. High)
Catholic Children's Bible

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Online Catechism via the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

NEW! Simplified version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

If you don't know much about the Catechism or want to learn more: Catechism Support

Formed

Our parish subscribes to a library of online resources called Formed. It is excellent and it is free for you to use. Register at www.formed.org - Need help? Watch this video.

Prayers and Praying

A Catholic Moment// [Prayers to the Holy Spirit](#)

Common Prayers and Formulas to Learn by Heart

[Familiar prayers](#) and a [chart showing at what age level they should be learned](#).

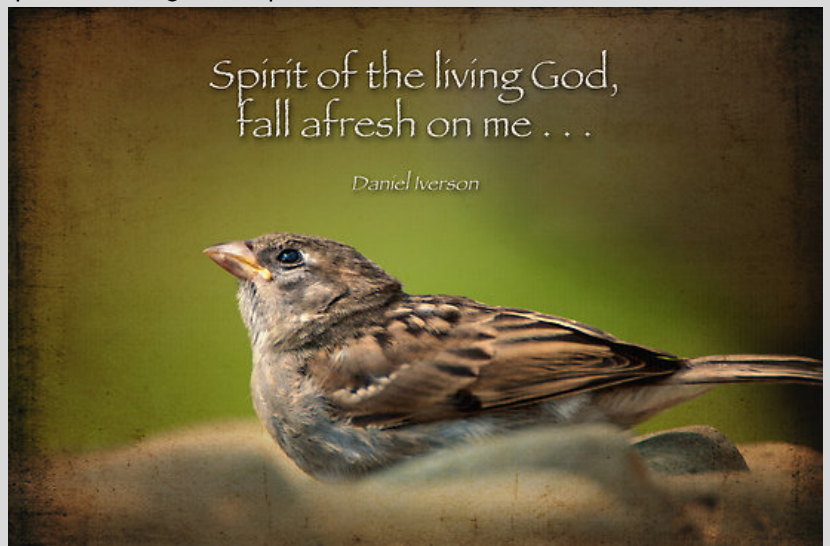
Counseling, Grief Support & Spiritual Direction

- Our parish offers [Rejoice Counseling](#) for individuals and families for a variety of issues and needs. You may use this [online form](#) to contact them directly.
- We also offer [Grief Support](#) ministry for those who have lost loved ones and [Spiritual Direction](#) for anyone interested. Follow the links or inquire through the parish office.

Music to Move You

Corpus Christi Watershed// [Veni Creator Spiritus • With English Translation By Adrian Fortescue](#) -Video 3:08.

Beethoven, adapted by Owen Alstott // [Pentecost Sequence: Come, O Holy Spirit](#)



Sacred Art to Inspire You!

All Sacred Art Currently on Formed (parish subscription free to our parishioners--register once, get access to all content) All Sacred Art - FORMED

Lance Brown // [Holy Spirit](#)

[Descent of the Holy Spirit](#)

[Emilian School](#) // [Descent of the Holy Spirit](#)--oil on canvas, 11th century

Jen Norton // [Pentecost](#)

3. Sacramental Resources

Visit the **sacraments section** of our parish website to find everything you need to get started with any sacrament. Additional information is being added and continually updated. Contact our parish office if you have a question.

WE ARE THE CHURCH

What Makes us Catholic?

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: " 'The origin and growth of the Church are symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of the crucified Jesus.' 'For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth the "wondrous sacrament of the whole Church.'" As Eve was formed from the sleeping Adam's side, so the Church was born from the pierced heart of Christ hanging dead on the cross" (#766). Some have called Pentecost the "birthday of the Church," but that is more of a pious custom and is not an official teaching or declaration. This image is used since, in a way, the Church comes forth from her initial formation in the "womb" of Galilee during Christ's public ministry. She comes forth now to begin her mission to the ends of the earth.



HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD PRESENT AND ACTIVE IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?

Word of the Week - PARACLETE

Grk. *parakletos*, occurs 5 times in the New Testament, all in the writings of John. The translation of the word in English Versions of the Bible is "Comforter" in the Gospel, and "Advocate" in the Epistle. The word for "Paraclete" is passive in form, and etymologically signifies "called to one's side." General Meaning: In general the word signifies: (1) a legal advocate, or counsel for defense, (2) an intercessor, and (3) a helper.

Saints of the Month

Book Suggestions

More for your Domestic Church

A Domestic Church is your household of believers in Jesus Christ. View a short video on what is the Domestic Church. See also this reference in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: CCC 1655-1858 and our Glossary of Terms. There is so much at CGS for your Domestic Church! See our website, social media pages, YouTube, and this week "**FLOCKNOTE**" for all things CGS!

"Faith Groups" on our Website

Find resources for your family, including how to use this Guide, family traditions from other parishioners, FAQs, how to use the Points of Understanding, a Glossary of Terms and more. Visit cgscdogh.org/faith-groups OR scan the QR code on the right with your smart phone.

Join a small Faith Group in our parish. Contact discipleship@cgscchurch.org





Our Mission as a Roman Catholic Community is to proclaim the teachings of Jesus Christ as declared in the scriptures and shown in the sacred tradition of the church. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to know, love, and serve God and our neighbors.

WE WANT OUR PARISHIONERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS GUIDE!

How is this Guide working for you and your family?

Show us what your family is doing with these Guides!

Share an idea, a resource or picture/video of what you are doing in your Domestic Church.

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