

MAY 24, 2015

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY



ACTS 2:1-11

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

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:12-15 OR JOHN 20:19-23

SEQUENCE: *VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3B-7, 12-13 OR GALATIANS 5:16-25

REFLECTION

Imagine a world where every human being looked and behaved the same way, had the same gender and physical features, spoke the same language. Imagine a world where every tree was identical to every other tree. Imagine a world where there was only one kind of animal—all the same size, shape, and color. Weird, right? Today's readings tell us and show us that God's plan is a plan of unity *and* diversity. On the day of Pentecost, everyone understood what the disciples were saying even though the people gathered were from every corner of the land and spoke different languages. In the Second Reading, we hear about different gifts given by the one Spirit of God. Let's imagine again a school with no athletes, or only math teachers, or a group of friends with all talkers and no listeners. You get the idea. God has filled the world and the Church with all different kinds of people who have all different kinds of gifts, and that same creative energetic spirit continues to inspire each one of us! Come, Holy Spirit!



THE SECRET OF KELLS (2009)

This movie is the animated story of St. Brendan and the ancient *Book of the Gospels*, called *The Book of Kells*.

ACTION

The Holy Spirit is represented by a number of different symbols—a dove, a flame, wind, a wild goose—choose one of these symbols and do a little research about it. Use what you have learned to create something—a drawing, a poem, or some other work of art that represents the Holy Spirit.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- Do you think of yourself as a creative person?
- The fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. Which of these have you seen most in yourself and in what ways?