

# Holy Pentecost

PENTECOST



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# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## The Holy Spirit is everywhere!



**Can you count how many things in your house use electricity?** The lights, the air conditioner, the oven, and so many other things. And don't forget all the things that use batteries too. We can't see electricity, but it's hard to live without it!

Today is the great feast of Pentecost. Today we celebrate how God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples. We celebrate how God gives *us* the Holy Spirit too. The disciples saw the Holy Spirit in the form of flames of fire over their heads. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know He is there. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but as Christians, we can't live without Him!

Just as it's hard to think of all the things in our house that use electricity, it's hard for us to think of all the things the Holy Spirit does for us. We don't even know everything that the Holy Spirit does! We read in the Gospel today that the Holy Spirit is like "rivers of living water." It is strong and flowing everywhere! A special prayer we say to the Holy Spirit says He is "everywhere present and filling all things." The Holy Spirit is everywhere!

Let's ask God to always fill us with the Holy Spirit. That way, we always have God's love in our hearts. And the Holy Spirit will help us use our gifts to serve God. What could be better than that?

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostate
- Electricity
- Feastday
- Filled
- Flowing
- Holy Spirit
- Julian
- Pentecost
- Saint

B Y V X T I R I P S Y L O H Z  
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 E A W X C T N A E H P J E F K  
 Y Q J H E I X Z P Q W K W Y B  
 C T E C A D R P C O M V L Q B  
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# WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

Here are two more icons of Saint Julian (the saint you can read about on page 3). They all look a little different, but do you see what each one is holding in his hand?



This shows he followed Christ to the

# TWO DIFFERENT JULIANS WHICH ONE WOULD YOU FOLLOW?

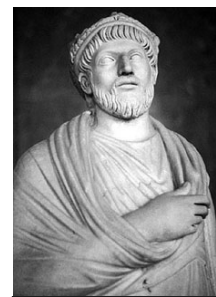
**Do you share your name with** somebody else? Probably. You might even have a kid in your class with your same name.



Our friend, Saint Julian

This week we remember two people who shared the same name, Julian. They both lived in the same city for a while. They both lived about 1,700 years ago. When they were little, they were both baptized Christians. But when they grew up, one Julian stayed faithful to God. The other Julian turned His back on Him.

The first Julian was our friend, the saint we remember today. He got in trouble for being a Christian because the officials tried to get him to worship idols. But even though they tried for a whole year, Saint Julian would not give up. He was hurt and tortured, but he looked to Christ for help. And even in the end, he stayed close to Christ.



The emperor who turned against Christians, Julian the Apostate

The other Julian was an emperor, and we remember him as “Julian the Apostate” (an apostate is somebody who is kind of a traitor against his faith). He grew up as a Christian, but when he became emperor, he turned against Christ and fought against Christians.

Let’s be like Saint Julian and stick with Christ to the end!

We remember St. Julian of Tarsus tomorrow, June 21st (OC: July 4th).