



Transformations

An HSCC Youth Newsletter

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This month:

Pentecost:

Happy Birthday,
dear Church!

**Prayer to the
Holy Spirit:**

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

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be
created. And you shall
renew the face of the
earth.

Let us pray.

Lord, by the light of
the Holy Spirit you
have taught the
hearts of your faith-
ful. In the same Spirit
help us to relish what
is right and always
rejoice in your conso-
lation. We ask this
through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

**Catechism of the
Catholic Church:**

Church teaching on
Pentecost is described
in paragraphs #731-
732.

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*Gifts of the Holy
Spirit Crossword

*Fruits of the Holy
Spirit Matching

Easter is the most
important feast in our
Church year. Did you
know the second-most
important feast is Pentecost? It
is the celebration of the day the
Holy Spirit came down as
tongues of fire and rested on the
Blessed Virgin Mary and the
Apostles, giving them gifts
which allowed them to be
witnesses to Christ and to build
our Church.

Nothing new in Pentecost

Pentecost was originally a
Jewish feast called the Festival
of Weeks, a celebration of the
spring harvest and a renewal of
God's covenant. Jews were
expected to journey to the
Temple of Jerusalem for this
feast, which occurred exactly 50
days after Passover. The streets
were filled with Jews and
people who were interested in
becoming part of the Jewish
religion.

Meanwhile...

For forty days after His
Resurrection Jesus appeared to
His disciples and taught them
our faith. Then He ascended to
Heaven, but promised to send
the Holy Spirit to lead His
followers and give them
courage. The next nine days
were difficult for Jesus'

disciples. The Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Apostles, and other disciples
waited and prayed in the Upper
Room in Jerusalem. During that
time they chose Matthias to become
an Apostle in the place of Judas, the
betrayer.

The Winds of Change

The followers of Jesus were together
when the Holy Spirit came like a
strong wind and descended on them
as tongues of fire. They immediately
went into the crowd of Jews and
started preaching the Good News.
Even though people in the crowd
came from many different places
and spoke many different languages,
they were all able to understand
what was said. The Apostles, led by
Peter, spoke so passionately of
Jesus, the Messiah, many people
accepted the message and were
baptized then and there.

We Still Celebrate

Today we recognize Pentecost as the
birth of our Church, the very first
sacrament of Confirmation, the
conferring of the gifts of the Holy
Spirit, and the day when the Holy
Trinity was revealed. We can
prepare for this great feast with nine
days of prayer (a novena), just like
the first followers of Jesus. We can
learn more about the gifts of the
Holy Spirit and choose to accept
them in our own lives. We can
joyfully celebrate our birthday.

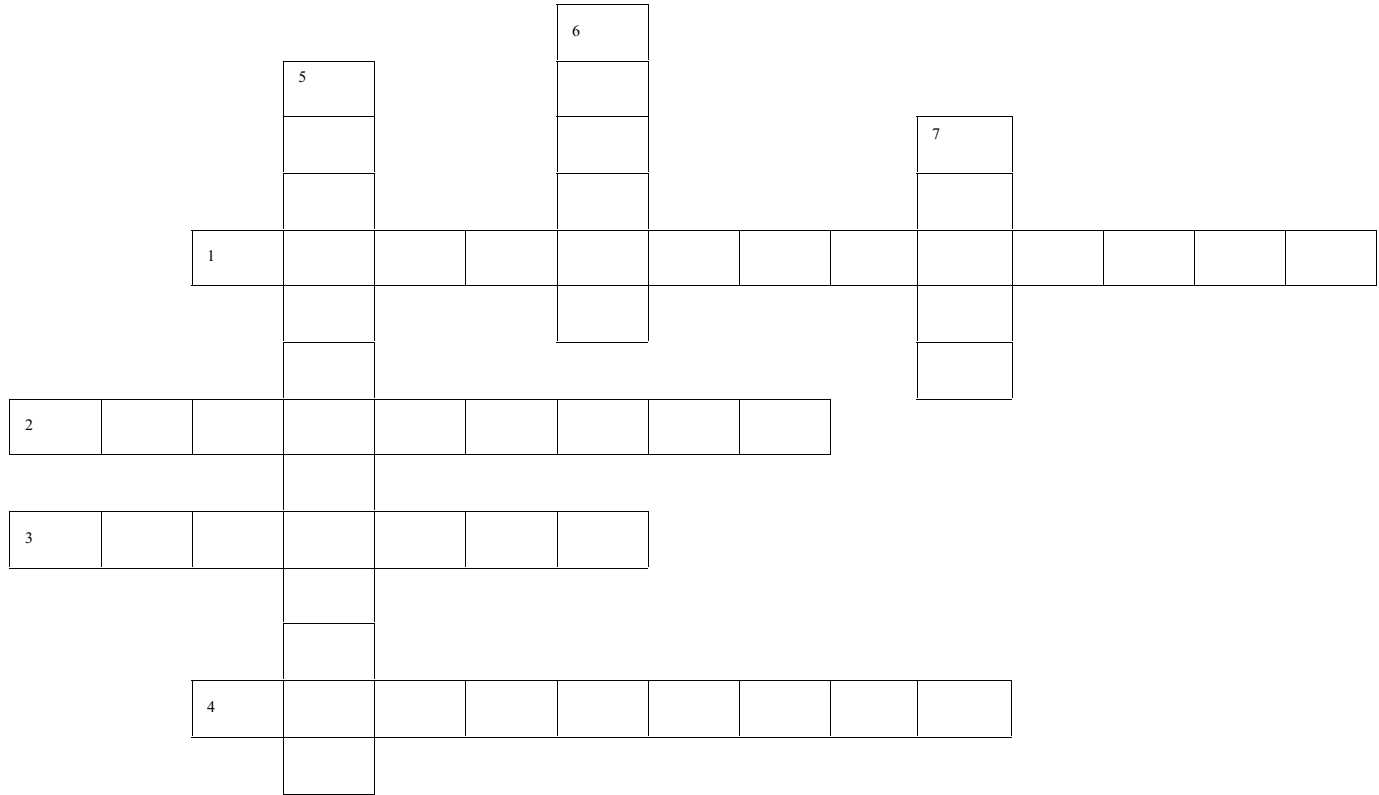
Gifts of the Holy Spirit Crossword Puzzle!

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1. This gift allows us to be in awe of the wonders of God
2. This gift strengthens us to do the will of God in all things
3. This gift allows us to recognize temptations that can lead us away from God
4. This gift helps us know the will of God in all things

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5. This gift allows us to more clearly know the teaching of our faith
6. This gift allows us to desire the things of God and make sure our lives and actions honor His glory
7. This gift makes us love God even more and obey Him because we love Him



Fruits of the Holy Spirit Matching!

When you accept the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, you can't help but bloom with the Fruits of the Holy Spirit!

1. Charity	a. _____ this fruit helps us act lovingly when our emotions would make us do otherwise
2. Joy	b. _____ this fruit helps us be mild and not resentful
3. Peace	c. _____ this fruit helps us to be pure and results in the unity of body and spirit
4. Patience	d. _____ this fruit helps us be loyal to God's Truths
5. Kindness	e. _____ this fruit helps us be warmhearted and not irritable
6. Goodness	f. _____ this is the most important fruit, helping us to love God and our neighbor
7. Generosity	g. _____ this fruit encourages us to be worthy people
8. Gentleness	h. _____ this fruit helps us put up with annoyances or difficulties
9. Faithfulness	i. _____ this fruit is our thankful awareness of God's goodness
10. Modesty	j. _____ this fruit keeps us giving
11. Self-control	k. _____ this fruit lets us rest in God, in ourselves, and in other people
12. Chastity	l. _____ this fruit helps us be wise in conduct, dress, and careful use of things

Need a hint? Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Understanding, Counsel, Piety, Fear of the Lord, Fortitude, Knowledge, Wisdom