

LITURGY BYTES

The Great 50 Days Coming to an End



Next weekend, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost – known to many as the birthday of the Church! This past Thursday, we celebrated the holy day of Ascension Thursday when Jesus ascended back to his heavenly Father.

Most important to remember is that Christ is present with us through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Before Jesus ascended, he instructed his disciples to wait together for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon them. Through the Spirit's presence, they would understand what they must do and would be given the power to share the Good News through word and deed. We should always consider the call of every Christian to continue Jesus' ministry of love. Let us show our joy for the coming of the Spirit by wearing something RED next weekend to Mass.

Before we actually return to the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Church banners, vestments and cloths return to the green color, we have two solemnities: Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ). They are both important feasts which receive special recognition on the Church calendar.

Even though the specific mention of the word Trinity does not appear in the Scripture readings, we do see evidence of our Triune God throughout the bible. We are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Triune God exists in relationship, and we too are made for relationship. We are not meant to be solitary creatures without community. When we share the faith through Baptism, we are following our Lord's instruction.

Have a safe, peaceful, blessed week! ~~~*Michele Hahn*