



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle A - VIII Sunday of Easter - Pentecost

*Acts 2, 1-11; Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 12, 3b-7. 12-13; John 20, 19-23*

(Gospel – John 20, 19-23)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

(First Reading - Acts 2, 1-11)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

### Reflection:

In the gospel, after His resurrection, Jesus appears to His apostles and breathed the power of the Holy Spirit over them giving the power to forgive sins. **Who are the successors of the apostles who receive this power?** They are the bishops and priests. **Which sacrament does God use the priests to forgive our sins?** The sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus remains with the apostles for 40 days, after His resurrection, teaching them why He suffered and died on the cross and how all was written in scripture. He tells them that He must leave in order to send them the



Paraclete, or the Holy Spirit. After 40 days, He ascends into Heaven commanding them to baptize all. But their fear of Jesus’ enemies continued and they hid in a room. It wasn’t until God sent the Holy Spirit and they were filled with the gifts of the Spirit that they were able leave and announce the Good News of what God had done for all. **How did the Holy Spirit descend on them?** With the loud sound of a strong wind and with tongues of fire resting on each of them; tongues because they needed to speak and fire because their hearts needed to burn with God’s love. **What happened after the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit?** Their fear disappeared and they started speaking in different languages so all in Jerusalem understood what they proclaimed: all that God had done for them.

### Activity:

On the next page, complete the activity, symbols of the Holy Spirit. How does each symbol represent the Holy Spirit’s work in us? On the last page, fill in the blanks on how the Holy Spirit works in us in the 7 sacraments.

### Prayer:

Holy God, open my heart to receive your Holy Spirit and to receive its gifts so I may be a good witness of your son Jesus Christ. Thank you for making me part of your family. Amen.

**Song:** Come Holy Spirit, Let Your Fire Fall, <https://youtu.be/jlKXgIZyJlg>

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-TlCTFzWiCLSOKUd0X\\_Bn72BuxlBqFb8/edit?usp=share\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-TlCTFzWiCLSOKUd0X_Bn72BuxlBqFb8/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)



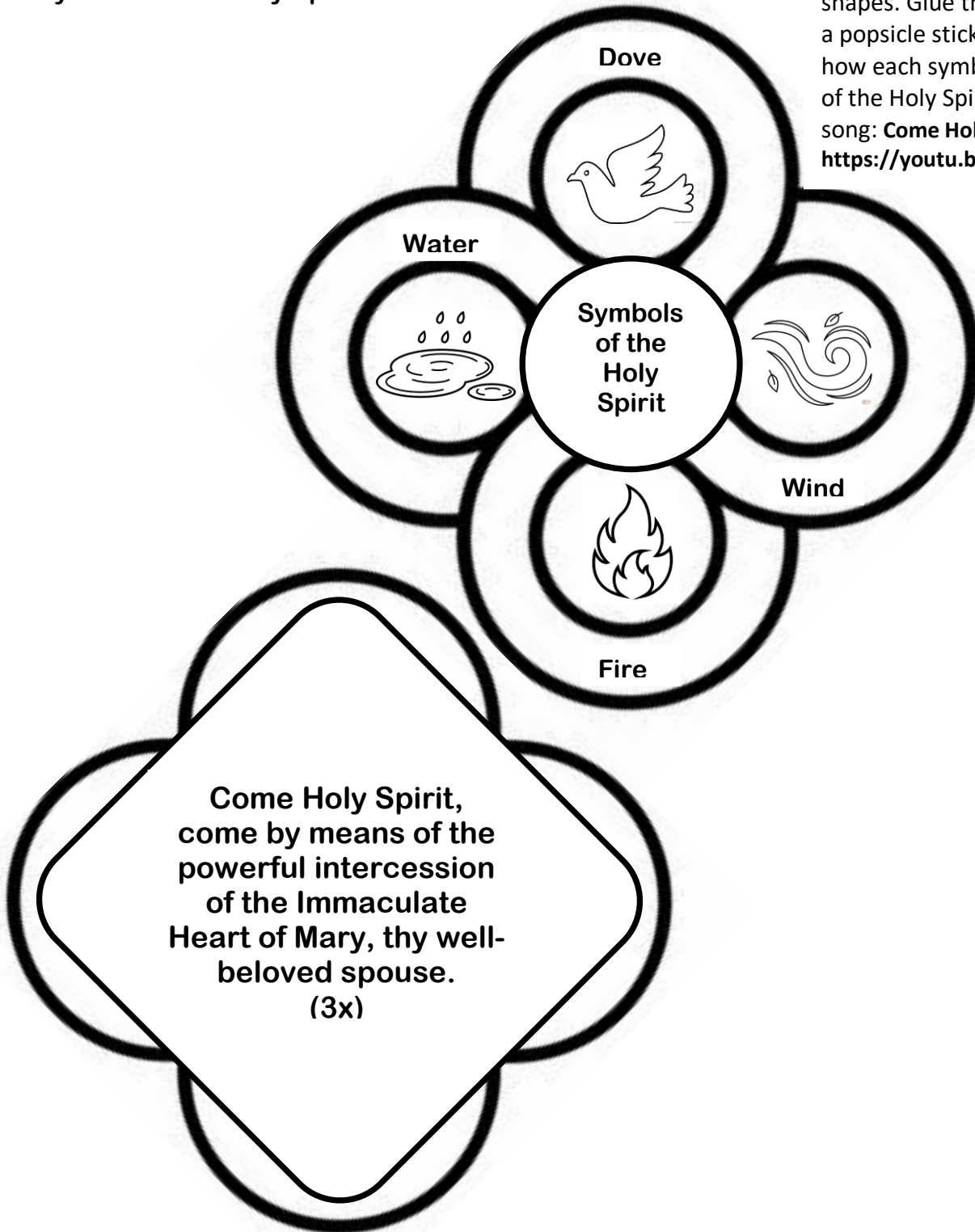
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### Symbols of the Holy Spirit Craft

**Instructions:** Cut and color both shapes. Glue the back to the front with a popsicle stick in between. Talk about how each symbol represents the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Parade with the song: **Come Holy Spirit, Let Your Fire Fall**, <https://youtu.be/jlKXglZyJlg>





## THE SEVEN sacraments

WRITE WHAT EACH MEANS TO YOU  
ON THE BLANK LINES



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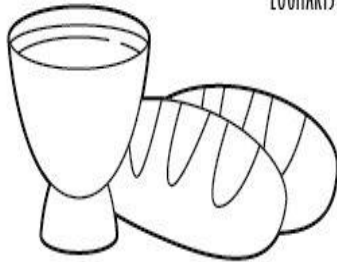
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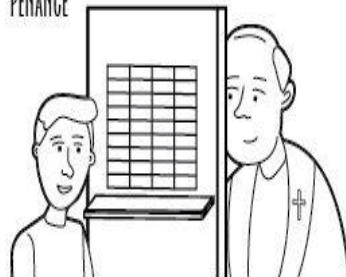
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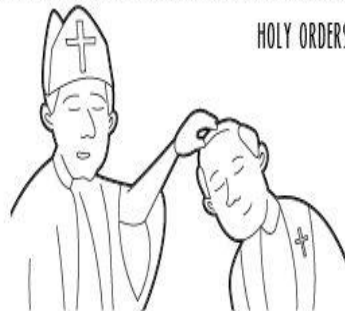
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### THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US IN EACH SACRAMENT:

1. In \_\_\_\_\_, the Holy Spirit forgives our sins through the priest, restoring us as children of God.
2. In \_\_\_\_\_, it is the Holy Spirit that unites the spouses in love.
3. In \_\_\_\_\_, we ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the water to makes us saints, temples of the Holy Spirit, and children of God.
4. In \_\_\_\_\_, we call upon the Holy Spirit to sanctify the priest in the prayer of Consecration to make them what Jesus truly wants them to be.
5. In \_\_\_\_\_, the priest calls the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine to the body and blood of Jesus asking to maintain us united always to Jesus' family.
6. In \_\_\_\_\_, the priest asks God that in His mercy, He help the sick with the grace of the Holy Spirit.
7. In \_\_\_\_\_, the bishop anoints us with the sacred oil and seals us with the Holy Spirit to receive the graces that we need to be witnesses of Jesus.