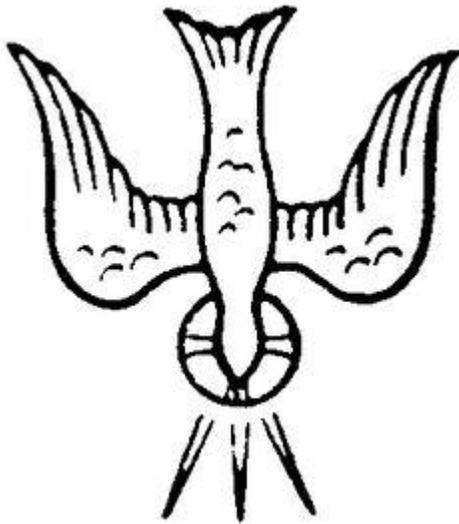


NOVENA
for
PENTECOST



Church of Most Sacred Heart

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VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Holy Spirit, from the height
Send your uncreated light,
Earthly darkness shining through;

Helpless, for your grace we sue,
On the poor your bounty strew,
Come like flame our hearts into.

Comfort of the care oppressed,
None e'er found more gracious guest,
Shade more welcome no man knew;

Rest, till weary tasks are done,
Coolness in the noon-day sun,
Solace when our friends are few.

Blessed Light, consuming Fire,
Come, the inmost hearts inspire
Of your faithful retinue;

Where your virtue doth not dwell,
None can vain desires expel,
None can evil thoughts eschew.

Purge our sins of darkest hue,
Barren soil with grace bedew,
Wounded limbs with life endue.

Stubborn wills to thine subdue,
Hearts grown cold to fore renew,
Warped and selfish lives make true.

Faithful souls that trust in you,
with your sevenfold mystery
Consecrate, your works to do,

Win the crown to victors due,
Bid in peace the world adieu,
Then, in heaven, your glory view.

Priest: Almighty God,
Your ascended Son has sent us into the world. to preach
the Good News of your kingdom: inspire us with your
Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all
who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Let us listen to a few words of scripture.

Priest: Renew your wonders in this our day, as by a new
Pentecost.

All: Grant to your Church that, being of one mind and
steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and
following the lead of Blessed Peter, it may advance the
reign of our Divine Saviour, the reign of truth and justice,
the reign of love and peace.
Amen.

Priest: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and
enkindle them in the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

All: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Priest: Let us pray.

All: O God, who be the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the
hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Priest. Holy Spirit come into our lives.
Open our ears -

All. To hear what you are saying to us
in the things that happen to us
in the people we meet.

Priest Open our eyes -
All to see the needs of people round us.

Priest Open our hands -
All to do our work well
to help when help is needed.

Priest Open our lips -
All to tell others the good news of Jesus
to bring comfort, happiness and laughter to
other people.

Priest Open our minds -
All to discover new truth about you.

Priest Open our hearts -
All to love you and all people
as you have loved us in Jesus.

We now have the opportunity to spent some quiet time with the Lord