



# Holy Spirit

June 19

## What is the Feast Day for the Holy Spirit?

The feast day dedicated to the Holy Spirit has also been known as Pentecost. This feast is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter to mark the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. Pentecost is also referred to as the "birthday of the Church" because it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission in the world through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

During the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the followers of Jesus were gathered in a room when a sound like a strong driving wind suddenly filled the room, and tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in various languages as the Spirit enabled them. This miraculous event allowed them to communicate the gospel to people from many nations and backgrounds who were in Jerusalem at the time.

The liturgical colour red is typically used in many churches to symbolize the tongues of fire that appeared during the descent of the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost invites us to reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the life of the Church, emphasizing themes of unity, empowerment and spiritual renewal.

Holy Spirit CES is situated in Aurora and named after the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity. Holy Spirit embodies the essence of spiritual empowerment and divine guidance. As followers of Jesus, the students and staff are encouraged to cultivate and utilize their spiritual gifts, such as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge and piety, which are bestowed by the Holy Spirit. These gifts empower the school community to live out their faith boldly and authentically, fostering an environment where Christ's love and teachings are central. Through prayer, worship and service, Holy Spirit School nurtures these spiritual gifts, inspiring students to become compassionate leaders and faithful disciples of Jesus.

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## Quotes

*"In truth, I have done nothing alone. God has called me and has been my pilot. The Holy Spirit has been my comforter, my guide, and my power source."*

- Reinhard Bonnke

*"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning."*

- Acts 11:15

*"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."*

- Acts 4:31

## Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Dear Heavenly Father,

On this Feast Day of the Holy Spirit, we come together as a community of faith to seek your guidance and blessings. We pray for our students, that they may be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

As they learn and grow, may they be open to the movements of the Holy Spirit, nurturing hearts full of compassion, creativity, and a desire to serve others. Guide them to make choices that honor you and bring glory to your name.

Bless our Catholic community with unity and love. Let the Holy Spirit inspire us to be instruments of peace and kindness, sharing the light of Christ with those around us.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for the many ways it shapes our lives. May we walk in its light each day, bearing witness to your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.





**York Catholic District School Board**



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