

Pentecost

Louis Galloche, 18th century, oil on canvas, Musee des Beaux-Arts, Nantes, France



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Prayerfully look at the above picture and quietly reflect and answer questions together. Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.

Let's pray together:

Dear God, as we look at this beautiful work of art, fill us with your Spirit and help us to know your comfort and love.

Look closely at this painting. (Pause.)

Do you see the dove, who reminds us of the Holy Spirit at the top of the painting? (Pause.) The Holy Spirit is filling Mary and the Apostles with God's love.

Do you see the flames above each of their heads? (Pause.)

This reminds us that the Holy Spirit is filling them with many gifts such as knowledge, wisdom, and courage. These gifts will help them to go out to the world and tell everyone about the Good News of Jesus.

All of this happened on Pentecost, which we call the birthday of the Church.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for your guidance, your comfort, and your love. Please remind us to call on you when we need you in our lives. Amen.