

Lesson 3

The Holy Spirit of God – Understanding & Experiencing the Spirit

1. **What is the main source of Christianity and of the sacrament of Confirmation?**
The main source of Christianity and of the sacrament of Confirmation is the conviction that Christians can live out the message of Jesus only with the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit.
2. **What happened at Pentecost? Which feast is the birthday of the Church?**
The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles at Pentecost.
Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Catholic Church because this is the day the Holy Spirit came down and filled the Apostles with the gifts they needed to lead the Church!
3. **What are the two images that described Holy Spirit's presence and power at Pentecost?**
Acts 2:1-4, tells us about two images that describe the Holy Spirit's presence and power: wind and fire.
4. **What happened when Jesus was baptized and what did he do after he was baptized?**
Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, he was filled with the Holy Spirit, and went into the desert to pray for forty days.
5. **What is Confirmation understood as? Whose presence and action do we acknowledge and celebrate?**
Confirmation can be understood as a religious rite or sacrament in which we acknowledge and celebrate the presence and action of the Holy Spirit of God among all of us.
6. **Who is the Holy Spirit?**
The Bible describes the Spirit as the "breath" of God.
The Holy Spirit is the Third person of the Blessed Trinity.
7. **Why do we need the Holy Spirit?**
To give us strength, help, comfort, and guidance.
To enable us to have eternal life in God. To enable us to bear good fruits of the spirit.
8. **Where does the Holy Spirit live?**
The Holy Spirit is all-powerful and is present everywhere.
9. **Quote any Gospel passage speaking about Jesus & the Holy Spirit?**
 1. Luke 1:29-32, 35 - The birth of Jesus Christ - The Creative & Quiet Spirit
 2. Luke 4: 1-2 - The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness – The Strong Spirit which provides strength to say No to temptations.
 3. Luke 10:21 - Jesus prayer of Thanksgiving – The Spirit teaching us to Pray.
 4. Luke 4: 14-21 - The beginning of Jesus Ministry – The Spirit of Compassion
 5. Luke 24:46, 48-49 - You are witnesses of these things - The Promised Spirit