

FIFTH DAY: *The Gift of Understanding*

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

Response: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created,

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

Leader: Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, perfects our faith by enabling us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths in a way that transcends human reason. Our natural way of knowing is elevated by a graced intuition and insight into the things of God. By faith we know them, but by the gift of understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. This appreciation radiates outward to others, because our faith is no longer just a matter of information from a book, but a way of living rooted in intimacy with the mysteries of Christ. May the Holy Spirit attune our hearts and minds to a deeper spiritual understanding of these mysteries, so that as missionary disciples of a new Pentecost in our time, we may draw others to Christ and to his church.

All: Father, send the Holy Spirit into our minds and hearts, giving us a deeper understanding of the mysteries of salvation. May he teach and instruct us, the people you have made your own, so that we may never waver in our faith, but by the gift of understanding may be ready to give an answer to all who ask the reason for the hope that is within us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

7 Glory Be...