

# SUNDAY *Plus*

Pentecost **Divine Office Week IV** Year C


## When the Spirit speaks

All of a sudden, something began to stir within me, something began to push me, to prompt me. It was a moment that spoke like a voice.

"What are you waiting for?" it said, "Why are you sitting here? Why do you still hesitate? You know what you ought to do? Why don't you do it?"

I stirred in the chair, I lit a cigarette, looked out of the window at the rain, tried to shut the voice up. "Don't act on impulses," I thought. "This is crazy. This is not rational. Read your book."

"What are you waiting for?" said the voice within me again. "Why are you sitting there? It is useless to hesitate any longer. Why don't you get up and go?"

I got up and walked restlessly around the room. "It's absurd," I

thought. "Anyway, Fr Ford would not be there at this time of day. I would only be wasting time." ...


Suddenly, I could bear it no longer. I put down the book, and got into my raincoat, and started down the stairs...

And then everything inside me began to sing – to sing with peace, to sing with strength and to sing with conviction... And then I saw Fr Ford coming around the corner from Broadway... I went to meet him and said: "Father, may I speak to you about something?"

"Yes," he said, looking up, surprised. "Yes, sure, come into the house."

We sat in the little parlour by the door. And I said: "Father, I want to become a Catholic."

Thomas Merton,  
The Seven Storey Mountain

Grant me, O Lord,  
to see everything now with new eyes,  
to discern and test the spirits  
that help me read the signs of the times,  
to relish the things that are yours,  
and to communicate them to others.  Amen.

Pedro Arrupe SJ

## I believe

I believe for every drop of rain that falls,  
A flower grows.  
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night,  
A candle glows.  
I believe for everyone who goes astray  
Someone will come to show the way...  
I believe above the storm, the smallest prayer  
Will still be heard.  
I believe that Someone in the great somewhere  
Hears every word.  
Every time I hear a newborn baby cry,  
Or touch a leaf, or see the sky,  
Then I know why I believe.

All of us are called to grow together,  
in humanity and as humanity.

Pope Francis



## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Spirit has continually raised up ecclesial movements and associations as instruments in the Church for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. At the beginning of every such movement, there is always some charismatic figure, some founding individual who has the capacity to attract people around him or her and brings newness of life in the Church. Through the vitality and variety of their differing charisms and Christian objectives, ecclesial movements and associations are often the result and fruit of actively involved Catholics who assume responsibility for their Christian vocation to sanctify themselves and the world. In his Encyclical Letter on mission, *Redemptoris Missio*, the Holy Father [Pope John Paul II] says of them: "When these movements humbly seek to become part of the life of local Churches and are welcomed by bishops and priests within diocesan and parish structures, they represent a true gift of God both for new evangelisation and for missionary activity properly so-called."

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## READINGS

Today:  
Acts 2:1-11  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 14:15-16. 23-26

Monday:  
Genesis 3:9-15. 20  
or Acts 1:12-14  
John 19:25-34

Tuesday:  
2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
\*Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:  
Acts 11:21b-26;  
13:1-3  
Matthew 10:7-13

Thursday:  
2 Corinthians  
3:15 – 4:1. 3-6  
Matthew 5:20-26  
E&W: Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the  
Eternal High Priest  
Isaiah 6:1-4. 8  
or Hebrews 2:10-18;  
John 17:1-2. 9. 14-26  
(Feast)

Friday:  
2 Corinthians 4:7-15  
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday:  
2 Corinthians 5:14-21  
Matthew 5:33-37

Next Sunday:  
Proverbs 8:22-31  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15