

# *Sunday Reflections*

## **LET'S WAIT!**

For ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Apostles, disciples, and the Blessed Mother were together praying and waiting. Jesus had told them return to Jerusalem and there wait for the coming of the "Advocate" as He referred to the Holy Spirit. One presumes that they all spent a good amount of time in quiet prayer individually and together. Their prayers and waiting were not in vain. On the Day of Pentecost, a Jewish festival, the Spirit came with the outward signs of wind and fire—traditionally pointing to the presence of God. From that point on, their lives would be completely changed.

Jesus expects us in our days to prayerfully await the influence of the Holy Spirit. After all, we were first given the Holy Spirit at our Baptism, and later the gift of the Father, the Holy Spirit, was sealed again in us at our Confirmation. No less than the first disciples of Christ do we need the presence and influence of God The Holy Spirit in our lives to help us with decisions and to help us deal with whatever life throws our way. Sometimes that's hard. But following Jesus directions, we should patiently wait and pray. Let ourselves be open to the movement of the Spirit in us. "Come Holy Ghost"!

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