



Month: May: Pentecost Sunday-Color Red

Pentecost Sunday is May 24, 2015. Pentecost reminds us to call on the Holy Spirit, not just on one feast during the year...but every day. "Knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindle faith in us," (CCC, #638). We return to Ordinary time, Sunday, May 31st.

Theme: Virtues

"Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. The virtuous man is he who freely practices the good" (CCC#1804). There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity, the moral virtues grow through education, deliberate acts, and perseverance in struggle. The four cardinal virtues are prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance (CCC # 1834).

Sacrament: Holy Orders

Holy Orders and Matrimony...serve to build up the People of God" (CCC# 1534). Each is called to a special mission in the Church. Holy Orders (plural, because there are several ranks) refer to the group selected to give leadership and direction to the faith community. Each leader, according to his own rank is empowered by God to exercise authority in the Church for the service of the whole people of God (CCC# 1533-1538). The Catechism gives three responsibilities for the ordained:

- Proclaim the Gospel.
- Shepherd the faithful.
- Celebrate the sacred mysteries with the faithful (Catholic Catechism reference:#1562-1568).

Family Activity: Attend Mass as a family.

Make a commitment as a family to attend Mass every Sunday this summer-even on vacation! When you get to your vacation destination, look up the nearest church for Mass times, and then attend as a family. When in town, call another school family and agree to meet together at one of the Sunday Masses. After Mass, go out to breakfast together so the kids can catch up on each other's summer activities, and you can have some "adult" talk time. It just takes a little effort to pull this off, but you are giving your children a great example to live by.

Saint Information: St. of the Month: St. Isidore, The Farmer: Feast Day May 15

St. Isidore the Farmer is the Patron Saint of Farmers and Rural Communities.