#### MYSTAGOGY: REMEMBERING

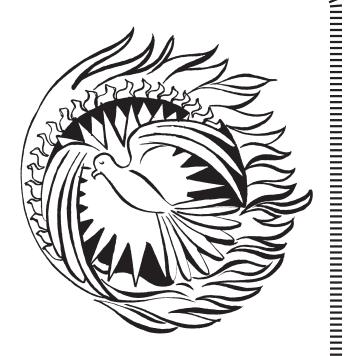
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"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

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## **Sunday Word**

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

**Romans 8:8-17** 

John 14:15-16, 23b-26

The above readings are available at usccb.org/bible/readings.

# To Help You Remember

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- **1.** Today's First Reading tells the story of the first Pentecost.
- **2.** Pentecost Sunday is the last day of the Easter season.
- **3.** In today's Second Reading, Paul reminds us that we are not in the flesh, we are in the spirit, and those led by the Spirit of God are the sons and daughters of God.
- **4.** Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to teach them and to remind them of all that he had taught them.

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# With My Family

#### Deepen

Pentecost is an important moment in the life of the Church. At the first Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and they began to speak in different languages, the people who heard them preach were astounded and amazed.

This is quite often the reaction of people when the Holy Spirit comes into their lives. The Holy Spirit often surprises us and, like a strong and driving wind, moves in our lives in powerful ways.

**With your family,** talk about ways the Holy Spirit has moved in your lives, guiding you, teaching you, and helping you do what Jesus asks you to do.

#### Meditate

Over the past fifty days of the Easter season, you have continued to reflect on your initiation at the Easter Vigil. You may reflect on this for the rest of your life, because the Holy Spirit will continue to enter your life and the lives of other believers around you.

With your family, take time to once again share how you have been changed through receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. What difference has celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation made in your life? What difference might they continue to make?

#### **Share**

Think about your entire journey in the OCIA process. Things probably did not always go the way you thought they would. There may have been twists and turns, or maybe new friends were made or old friendships were strengthened. As you think about these things, what would you say were the high and the low points of your journey?

With your family, take time to really remember the OCIA journey. Who got you started on the journey, or why did you decide to start the journey? Who walked with you on the way? How did they help you? Where do you think the journey will take you from here forward?

#### Do

Which of the sacramental symbols used at the celebration of the Easter Vigil—light, water, white garment, oil, the laying on of hands, bread, wine—speaks to you at this moment of your journey of faith? Why?

**With your family,** talk about what that sacramental symbol means to you. What is the message of that symbol for your journey of faith right now, today?

### **Pray**

**With your family,** continue to celebrate Pentecost joy by singing "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" as part of your family prayer in the coming week.