

Getting Ready for Chapter 9

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The Holy Spirit Guides Us

Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit to guide us after his Ascension to heaven. The Spirit keeps the grace of the sacraments alive and growing in us. Through the work of the Spirit, we become holy. In this chapter we will explore the way the Spirit guides our lives.

ACTIVITY

Signs and Symbols The Bible uses the images of a dove, wind, and fire to help us understand the Holy Spirit. Choose three events that are coming up in your lives and pick a symbol for each event. Using fabric or construction paper, trace these images and place them on a large piece of material. Hang this banner on your front door. You can make a new one every season!

WEEKLY PLANNER

On Sunday

The disciples let go of their fears on Pentecost. During the presentation of the gifts, pray that the Holy Spirit will help you overcome your fears.

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Saint of the Week



Saint Francis Solano
(1549–1610)

Saint Francis Solano traveled from his native Spain in 1589 to become a missionary priest to the New World. He was gifted to speak many languages and used this talent to minister to Indians and Spanish colonists in Peru.

Patron Saint of: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru
Feast Day: July 14



A Prayer for the Week

Spirit of Wisdom and Spirit of Love, come and live in our family. Like Saint Francis Solano, give us the strength and courage to love one another as God loves us. Amen.

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Scripture Background

In the Time of Jesus

Upper Room In a Jewish home, the upper room was a spacious area on the second floor usually reserved for guests. In a one-story home, the upper room may have been a structure on the flat roof. Jesus chose an upper room in Jerusalem for the celebration of the Last Supper. Tradition identifies this same room as the place where the disciples received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Read about Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit in John 16:12–15.

OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION in Art

Descending Like a Dove The image of the Holy Spirit as a dove has been used from the earliest times in our Church's history. The dove is commonly used as a symbol of peace. Matthew 3:16 says, "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove coming upon him." There are many paintings of the Baptism of Christ which include the descending dove. One of the best is Andrea del Verrocchio's *The Baptism of Christ* (1470).