

The coming of the Holy Spirit. PROYECTO LUDERE

“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all gathered in one place. Suddenly there came from heaven a noise like that of a strong gust of wind, which filled the entire house in which they were. Tongues like fire appeared to them and spread out and landed on each one of them; They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to express themselves. There were pious men in Jerusalem who lived there, who came from every nation under heaven.”

Acts of the Apostles 2, 1-5

Pentecost is a feast of the universal Church, through which the Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles is commemorated, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Originally it was called "feast of weeks" and took place seven weeks after the feast of the first fruits (Lev 23 15-21; Dt 169). Seven weeks are fifty days; hence the name of Pentecost (=fifty) which he received later. It would almost always take place during the Jewish month of Sivan, equivalent to our May/June. Originally it had a fundamental meaning of thanksgiving for the harvest harvested, but a historical meaning was soon added: the fact of the alliance and the gift of the law were celebrated in this festival.

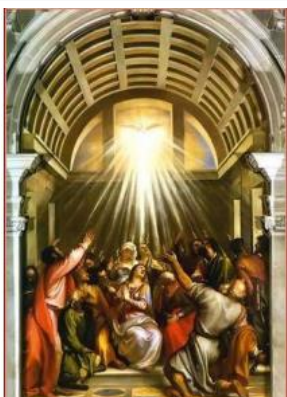
Within the framework of this Jewish festival, the book of the Acts of the Apostles places the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles (Acts 2 1.4). From this event, Pentecost also becomes a first-class Christian holiday (Acts 20 16; 1 Cor 168). Christians celebrate on Pentecost the Coming of the

Holy Spirit, which took place, as has already been mentioned, according to the Bible, on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The New Testament recounts the descent of the Holy Spirit during a meeting of the Apostles in Jerusalem (Acts of the Apostles, II), an event that would mark the birth of the Christian Church and the spread of the faith of Christ. For this reason, the Church dedicates the week of Pentecost in honor of the Holy Spirit, but also celebrates the Consecration of the Church, whose beginning is marked by this epiphany. For the Catholic liturgy, Pentecost is the fourth main feast of the year and, depending on the calendar, it can be celebrated between May 10 and June 13.

Reply

1. What is Pentecost?

2. Name of the Jewish holiday that is celebrated at the same time



3. What is the name of the Jewish month equivalent to May/June?

4. What New Testament book records the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles?

5. When does Pentecost take place?