

Pentecost Vigil

- I brought a prop – This is my golf glove
 - Alone, it can't do anything – but filled with my hand, it can do a lot
 - It can make a golf ball soar – and sometimes curve (slice).
 - But empty – it can't do anything
- Tonight we celebrate Pentecost – and the disciples are a lot like my golf glove
 - After crucifixion they were empty – but
 - After Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Spirit!
 - AND THEN they shared that fullness with others
 - It was no longer proper for the disciples to be afraid and hiding
 - They had been prepared to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - They had been prepared to form the People of God
 - Now they had to get to work
- FIRST THING the world noticed
 - When they spoke, everyone understood – regardless of their country
 - The exact opposite of the Tower of Babel
 - At Babel people challenged God (let us build a tower to heaven and make a name for ourselves) PRIDE - & were **divided** by language
 - At Pentecost people submit to God, surrender to the HS - & were **united** by language of the Holy Spirit
 - The people left the Tower of Babel confused, in turmoil
 - The people left Upper Room on Pentecost united by the Spirit as one people – on fire for God.
- As Christians – that same fire, that same power is ours today.
 - Same God, Same HS, Same power
 - Dunamus – no putt putt DYNAMITE
 - Church has been empowered to change the world!
 - RCIA – converts to Catholicism
 - RCAB fills the Cathedral TWICE - & Church grows
 - CCD – First Communion/Confirmation
 - Church grows
 - Marriage/Baptism & the list goes on and on - & Church grows
 - Fruit of our unity
 - Church grows
 - It all begins on Pentecost Sunday – the birth of the Church
 - We pray to the Holy Spirit among us today
 - To enlighten us - To open us to His promptings
 - To help us to serve the People of God - To evangelize
 - To live our vocations as married Christian people, as single Christian people, as Christian parents and grandparents, as children.

Prophets proclaimed “A day is coming when I will be your God and you will be my people”

- We rejoice that today is that day. On Pentecost HS fills the People of God
- HS fills us that we can go forth from here and build the Kingdom of God