

**Homily for June 3, 2001  
Solemnity of Pentecost Cycle C**

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**Acts 2:1-11  
Romans 8:8-17  
John 14:15-16, 23b-26**

## *The Holy Spirit now comes through us as Jesus to our world.*

Unlike the more familiar Pentecost story in today's reading, Acts chapter 2 – with all its wind and fire, our gospel, John chapter 14 provides us with the unique Johannine understanding of the coming of the Spirit.

The community which produced the writings attributed to Saint John reinterpreted early traditions in a most creative way. We see this reflected in the gospel in that Jesus speaks to his disciples saying, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." In Saint John the arrival of the Spirit comes through the Son, through the one continuous movement of his redemptive action in love, through Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. By contrast, the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles comes as an independent force. In other words, in Saint John's witness, the Spirit comes through Jesus – and now the Spirit comes through us. The Spirit of the risen Jesus, communicated to us through baptism, now empowers us to share this faith. We are blessed today to have at each of our

liturgies one who has been received into full communion or baptized at the Vigil and who is simply fulfilling the Lord's mandate to share the Spirit. I'll invite Mrs. Klich to introduce our speaker.