

## *From Fr. Don:*

Happy Pentecost Day! Pentecost, as you may well have figured out from “Pente” is a word meaning fiftieth as it is the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter.

The major scriptural reading today is from the Book of Acts which has two sections. The first half of the book was written by the same author as the Gospel of John and the second half was written by or better put attributed to Saint Paul.

In today’s reading we hear about the dramatic arrival of the Holy Spirit, also known as the comforter or Paraclete. The Spirit is manifested as tongues of fire and in the massive confusion followed by the massive cohesion of every person being able to understand everyone else without the ability to speak every language represented.

As Jerusalem was a center in the world at that time, there were always people from different places and nations which then, as now, speak in different languages.

The spirit first made chaos and then made peace. That which was lost was found and the Word was fully heard.

The story is amazing and has been interpreted through the years in many different ways including Speaking in tongues and baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The third member of the Holy Trinity is the least understood and often, quite correctly, the most mystical and spiritual. Yet, there is one basic and near universal truth, the Holy Spirit is indeed present with and in us. The Holy Spirit seeks to know us and guide us, and the Holy spirit understands us, sometimes, better than we understand ourselves.

*Fr. Don+*

Don't Blame Henry VIII  
Don't Blame Edward VI or  
Mary.

*If you want to blame Anglicanism on  
someone.... Try **Elizabeth I***

*A brief adult education begins  
May 31<sup>st</sup> after the service in the parish hall.*