

## WAIT FOR THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

*by Jean Beers*

“While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for ‘the promise of the Father’ about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit” Acts of the Apostles 1:4–5.

**Wait.** What was the waiting like for the Apostles? They had been with Jesus risen from the dead, had eaten with him, had received instructions from him. They were ready. Then he was taken up from them. What did they do? How did they wait? They returned to Jerusalem where they

were staying. They devoted themselves with one accord to prayer. They did the business of the ministry by choosing Matthias to be counted among the twelve for the apostolic ministry. They waited and prayed for the promise of the Father.

We can join the Apostles in waiting. We have known Jesus, have received him in the Eucharist, have studied the scriptures. We have prayed. We have experienced baptism in the Spirit and many gifts. But we know that we need more. We seek once again to receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us to be his

witnesses here, where we are, and wherever he will send us.

Let us wait, devoting ourselves with one accord to prayer in the coming nine days before Pentecost. Let us fervently desire and pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit by praying one of the Novenas to the Holy Spirit. Begin the Novena you choose on Thursday, May 13 and continue through Saturday May 22. Pentecost Novenas can be found on the WWCCR website: [wwccr.org](http://wwccr.org).

*Let us wait expectantly!*



### PENTECOST ECUMENICAL VIGIL

Saturday, May 22, 2021 | 1 PM Pacific Time (22:00 Rome time)

We are invited by CHARIS, through their Commission for Christian Unity, to join the world-wide Renewal for an online vigil to take place live from various locations around the world, beginning in Rome and ending in Jerusalem. The prayer will be led by Christians of different churches and communities, praying for a new Pentecost on the world. It is going to be a great moment of unity in prayer to respond to the wish expressed by Jesus himself: ‘so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they

also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me!’ (Jn 17:21).

**For more information visit:** <https://www.charisinternational/en/pentecost-ecumenical-vigil/>

This would be a great opportunity for you to invite a few people to your home or to your parish hall for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon, to join together in this time of prayer. Now is the time to make the plan and invite the people, and assure that you have internet access to view the event. By May 22, it should be possible for us to be hosting small gatherings—and what a joy it will be for us to be together in one place, and at the same time, joined virtually with our brothers and sisters throughout the whole world!

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## WWCCR VISION AND MISSION

**Vision:** that all Catholics mature in a personal relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God The Father.

**Mission:** to renew the face of the earth by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:

- + To experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- + To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments
- + To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship

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## OFFICE NOTES FROM JEAN BEERS

Interim Office Manager

## WWCCR VIDEOS

There are a variety of videos that have recently been produced by WWCCR. These videos are important resources to bring the message of conversion and baptism in the Spirit to all of our viewers. We hope you will view and share them with those who need to hear these messages of hope and new life in Jesus Christ.

**The Journey** is a video series that follows the basic steps of a Life in the Spirit Seminar through interviews with people about their experience on six important topics:

**Episode 1: How Jesus Walks With Us in Our Daily Lives**, with Annie Bailey, Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Seattle

**Episode 2: How God Proves His Love For Us**, with Kianna Garmanian, Youth Minister at St. Elizabeth Anne Seton parish, Bothell

**Episode 3: Faith And Conversion, The Personal Experience** of Fr. Cal Christiansen, pastor of St. Pius X parish, Mountlake Terrace

**Episode 4: What it Means to Surrender to Jesus Christ**, with Megan D'sa, student and Newman peer minister at the University of Washington

**Episode 5: The Gift and Anointing of the Holy Spirit**, with Fr. Jim Northrop, pastor St. Thomas parish, Tukwila, and WWCCR Spiritual Director

**Episode 6: The Calling, Our Vocation In Life**, with Brother Rene Alvarez, on his journey to the vocation to religious life and the priesthood.

Our host, Kianna Garmanian introduces each episode and serves as interviewer, along with Megan D'sa who interviewed Kianna herself in Episode 2.

**The Easter Triduum** video was launched April 5, with Kianna Garmanian and Fr. Cal Christiansen discussing in depth the important Holy Week liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday. This one-hour recording is worth every minute to enter into the mystery of Jesus' last supper with his disciples, his passion and death on a cross, the waiting of Holy Saturday and the great Easter Vigil, and the Easter Sunday celebration.

The Journey series and The Easter Triduum were produced by WWCCR Board member Julio Pocon, with videographer Nathanael Pocon.

**Pentecost 2020** presents the ever-new message of Pentecost through exhortation and encouragement, testimonies, songs of praise, scripture, teaching and prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This video was recorded during the live-streamed event last year and remains available for our current viewing.

More than a dozen people from Western Washington are participating in an online Servant Leadership Course that is being presented to over 440 people in 56 different nations. It is offered by CHARIS, the international Service of Communion, headquartered in

Rome. This 14-part Course began in January. We have asked some of the participants to share briefly what they are learning from each of the sessions. Below are the reflections from the first three sessions.

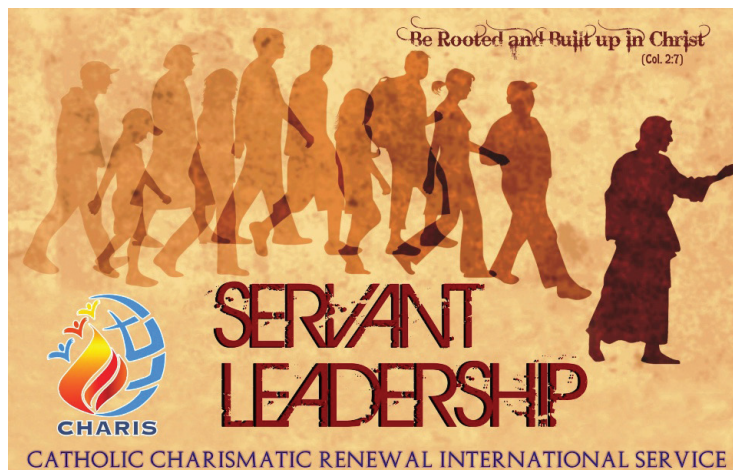
### **Session 1 – The Beginning of Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

Presented by Charles Whitehead,  
United Kingdom

*Reflection by Carolyn McNerney*

I found Charles' telling of the story—the history—fascinating. God very often uses ordinary, even inconspicuous, people to further his plans. And the fact that the Holy Spirit was lighting fires in different places within a variety of people and groups demonstrates how God “writes straight with crooked lines.”

Going way back, in the 1800s, Sr. Elena Guerra felt inspired to write to Pope Leo XIII to urge him to call the Church to return in prayer to the Holy Spirit. However, she waited nine years before acting on this inspiration. Finally Sr. Elena wrote—12 letters in all. In response, Pope Leo called the whole Church to pray a novena during the nine days before Pentecost. For the Catholic Church, the Charismatic Renewal



## **Servant Leadership Course presented by CHARIS**

really ignited in 1967 at the “Duquesne Weekend” in Pennsylvania. Fifty years and more is barely a blink for the Lord. He’s just been laying the groundwork. There is MUCH to do going forward!

### **Session 2 – The Mission of CHARIS**

Presented by Dr. Jean-Luc Moens,  
Belgium

*Reflection by Cheryl Bryant*

Pope Francis views baptism in the Holy Spirit as a current of grace and has created a new service (CHARIS International) in which he links the Charismatic Renewal with his vision of the New Evangelization, service to the poor and “relational ecumenism.” Relational ecumenism begins with a mutual friendship and by the power of the Holy Spirit binds Christians together in love to serve the Lord.

This new service is an umbrella of unity for prayer groups, television, evangelization, teaching centers, prayer ministries etc., and is available to all. One of the services that CHARIS provides is their Magazine News, edited for the Renewal worldwide, which is published in 5 languages. Anyone can sign up to receive it by email or by looking

on their website: <https://www.charis.international/en/>

### **Session 3 – Ecclesiology**

presented by Bishop  
Francis Kalitz, India  
*Reflection by Virginia King*

Bishop Kalitz explained that the Ecclesiology of the

Renewal is the study of the place or purpose of Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) in the life of the Church. Because the Church was born at Pentecost, with the coming of the Holy Spirit, and because CCR is focused on increasing awareness of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the life of every baptized Christian, it is clear that CCR has a very important place in the Church today.

At the beginning of CCR, Cardinal Suenens spoke of it as a “current of grace.” That description has been carried on for over 50 years and now Pope Francis is urging us to be united in sharing the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church.

Bishop Kalitz summarized this outpouring of the Holy Spirit according to recent popes in this way:

Pope Leo XIII decreed it;  
Pope John XXIII prayed for it;  
Pope Paul VI welcomed it;  
Pope John Paul II encouraged it;  
Pope Benedict XVI supported it,  
Pope Francis promotes it!





## Supernatural Grace in the Parched Land of my Soul

Reflections on the 2021 WWCCR Women's Retreat

### Reflection by Cathy Williams

I implore God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to help me find him in daily prayer. "Lord, you know I love you" Peter told the Lord. I strive to love him in daily actions but being home for MONTHS, due to Covid regulations, cut off from family and friend's, lack of hugs and smiling faces, I became lukewarm in spirit. I could not feel the Lord's love. My daily prayer became rote. I was unable to concentrate on spiritual reading. I was spiritually sad, lonely and parched inside. Darkness was closing in.

Two weeks before the WWCCR retreat I prayed and fasted for those called to the retreat. The Holy Spirit began to fill me with healing memories of past retreats. In the Mass readings for February 7th Job said, "I am filled with restlessness." I could taste and feel the dry misery of restlessness. In the Gospel, Mark said that Simon pursued Jesus, who was praying in a deserted place, saying to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you."

Months I have been looking for you Lord, but you were veiled. I could not feel your presence. I search restlessly. All attending the retreat are searching too, and we must find you.

I found you Lord, in beautiful faces, music and inspiring retreat teachings. The Holy Spirit delivered me from sad, lonely and parched to a renewed hope soaked in the joy of the Lord.

When I am restless I go to the Lord humbly seeking him. The Holy Spirit will unveil the Lord. "The Blessing," sung by Julia Cox and Father Jim Northrop, flooded me with love and joy in the Holy Spirit, graced blessings on my trials, not taking them away, but calling me to lasting joy in humility and obedience to him. The Holy Spirit called me from prideful impatience to humble obedience, seeing trials as blessings. I must detach and be humble. Growing in virtue is delightful pain. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*Cathy Williams is a member of St. Joseph parish, Issaquah.*

### Reflection by Christine Turner

The theme of this year's WWCCR Virtual Women's Retreat summed up exactly what I needed, *A Spring of Water Flowing in the Parched Land*. Parched is a good description of how I felt coming out of the year 2020. The circumstances of the last year often had me asking, "Where are you, God, in all of this?" The theme, "God Whispers to Us," was a beautiful reminder that he is always near. After all, you have to be close to someone to nudge them, and I felt his unmistakable nudge when he gave me a scripture verse and prompted me to share it during the retreat. Thank you, Lord, for helping me to see in a new way how you bring "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness..."

that you might be glorified." (Isaiah 61:3) Praise God for his love and his mercy, and for the grace to hear his whispers again.

*Christine Turner is a member of St. Vincent de Paul parish, Federal Way.*

### Reflection by Jennifer Oliver

I love the WWCCR Women's Retreats. I learn so much about my faith, receive blessings, share with others, and encounter God's presence in a special way. What really touched me this time is how the Lord brings his message to our attention through many sources: nature, other people, scripture, and more. I was also amazed how much he repeats his message in these ways with beautiful timing. He is always talking to us and gives confirmation, too. One message was the theme of the retreat, *A Spring of Water Flowing In A Parched Land*. An interior vision I had not that long ago was of a line of women walking down the middle of a river bed. The river bed was dry with rocks down the center. The river was curvy like the picture and banked similar to the picture on the retreat brochure. Another dove-tailing of God's message was my spiritual director's comment when I showed him that picture. He said it reminded him of Zion National Park in Utah. There was a word received at the retreat telling us "Rejoice Daughters of Zion" and Is. 61:3 "to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion." It's reassuring to be reminded that the Lord is always with us speaking to us and giving us direction and affirmation. Our loving God reaches out to us all and asks us to share many of his words and other touches, like when a retreatant shared seeing God's beautiful rainbow.

*Jennifer Oliver is a member of St. Vincent de Paul parish, Federal Way.*

# Prophetic Words and Scripture from the 2021 Women's Retreat

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"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and he shall give you the desires of your heart."

Psalm 37:4

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Tell my people that I'm coming to redeem them from this sad time – to pour on them fresh, living water from my throne. So rejoice, daughters of Zion, rejoice!

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"So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question me about anything.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you. Until now, you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete."

John 16:22-23

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We are like the dry bones in the desert in Ezekiel 37:11, saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are cut off." But like the dry bones in the desert, the Lord is breathing his life into us right now renewing us, reviving us, refreshing us, bringing us back to life.

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Enjoy this moment, this moment, and now THIS moment. Bring me into your joys, acknowledge me there, that I may expand the streams of peace, pleasure and gratitude within you.

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Ezekiel 37:14 is not just for then, or for sometimes, but for NOW! "I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you will know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it." but God says to you right now, "I have promised. I have put my spirit in you, and I am doing it in you right now."

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About seven years ago the Lord gave me a prophetic dream in which I was looking at a vast desert from above. There were many wells scattered throughout the desert. Some were in good condition and contained fresh water. Some were in need of repair. Others were filled with debris. As the damaged and blocked wells were cleared out, all of the wells became fountains and began splashing up water until the desert floor was covered with water. Then a waterfall from the heavens flowed down to mingle with the water on the earth.

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Not long after the water covered the earth, trees sprouted and grew up between the wells.

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Interpretation: The wells represent believers being purified (restored and debris removed) to be channels of living water that will join with living water from heaven. The trees represent restoration, new growth, and fruitfulness.

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I believe that the women in this retreat represent some of those wells, that will flow with living waters, and bring about the fresh growth and restoration mentioned in the following scriptures: "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea."

Hab. 2:14

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"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified."

Isaiah 61:3

# LEARNING HOW TO WAIT



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by Andrea Garcia

## REFLECTION

As a Professional Nanny, one of my many jobs is teaching children the “how to’s of life.” How to play nice, how to listen, how to take turns, and one of the hardest for little ones is, “learning how to wait.”

I begin by modeling how to wait by saying to my little ones, “What could we do while we’re waiting to play with that toy?” I offer a few suggestions and at first, it doesn’t go over so well, but eventually with time the light bulb goes on and waiting becomes easier.

Doing something else while waiting, makes the waiting easier.

## APPLICATION

What can I do while I’m waiting in expectant faith for the Holy Spirit to move in new ways in my life?

## ACTION

Pray like the disciples. “Lord, I don’t know what you want for my life but help me to be patient with myself so I may be open to receive power from on high to follow and serve you in a way that gives you the glory. Amen.”

*Andrea Garcia is on the WWCCR Board and is a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Seattle.*



## May/June INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK

**Please pray for these priests, deacons, and seminarians:**

May 1	Pope Francis	June 1	Pope Francis
May 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne	June 2	Archbishop Paul Etienne
May 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	June 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
May 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg	June 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
May 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	June 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
May 6	Fr. Richard McCallister	June 6	Fr. Thomas Nathe
May 7	Fr. Michael J. McDermott	June 7	Seminarian Josh Nehnevaj
May 8	Fr. J. Patrick McDermott	June 8	Seminarian Matthew Newland
May 9	Deacon Larry McDonald	June 9	Fr. Duc Nguyen
May 10	Deacon Angus McDonell	June 10	Fr. Hung Nguyen
May 11	Deacon Stephen McGlone	June 11	Fr. Khanh Nguyen
May 12	Deacon Rod McGuire	June 12	Deacon Phuoc Nguyen
May 13	Fr. William McKee	June 13	Fr. Tuan A. Nguyen
May 14	Fr. Timonthy McKenna	June 14	Fr. Tuan V. Nguyen
May 15	Fr. Thomas McMichael	June 15	Deacon Joseph Nicholas
May 16	Deacon Gregory McNabb	June 16	Fr. Jacek Nowak
May 17	Deacon Armando Medina	June 17	Fr. Roger O'Brien
May 18	Fr. Francis Mien	June 18	Fr. Timothy O'Brien
May 19	Deacon Henry Miner	June 19	Fr. Matthew O'Leary
May 20	Fr. Joseph Mitchell	June 20	Deacon Phil O'Loane
May 21	Fr. Jeffrey Moore	June 21	Deacon Tom O'Loughlin
May 22	Fr. Gilberto Mora Tapia	June 22	Fr. Michael O'Neil
May 23	Fr. Kevin Moran	June 23	Fr. Matthew Oakland
May 24	Deacon George Mounce	June 24	Fr. Bryan Ochs
May 25	Deacon Pat Moynihan	June 25	Fr. Crispin Okoth
May 26	Fr. David Mulholland	June 26	Fr. Stephen Okumu
May 27	Deacon Don Murdy	June 27	Fr. Hans Olson
May 28	Deacon Pierce Murphy	June 28	Fr. Victor Olvida
May 29	Deacon Phil Myer	June 29	Seminarian Richard Ordos
May 30	Fr. James Mylet	June 30	Fr. Carlos Orozco
May 31	Fr. Kurt Nagel		

*Lord, lift up your holy priests; grant them the graces they need to minister to your people. Keep them pure and strong in your love; give them courage when things are difficult and accompany them when they are lonely; strengthen them in times of weakness. Amen.*

*Let us pray...*

**O Saint Joseph,**  
assist us by your  
powerful and effective  
intercession, and present  
this intention to your  
Divine foster-son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord: We  
place the interests and  
needs of WWCCR  
before You, Jesus,  
especially our need for  
wisdom and provision  
for the future disposition  
of the WWCCR office  
building, for any  
re-structuring we need,  
and for the appropriate  
staffing, including our  
search for an Executive  
Director. Amen.

*(Feel free to cut out this prayer  
and keep it in your bible or  
prayer book.)*



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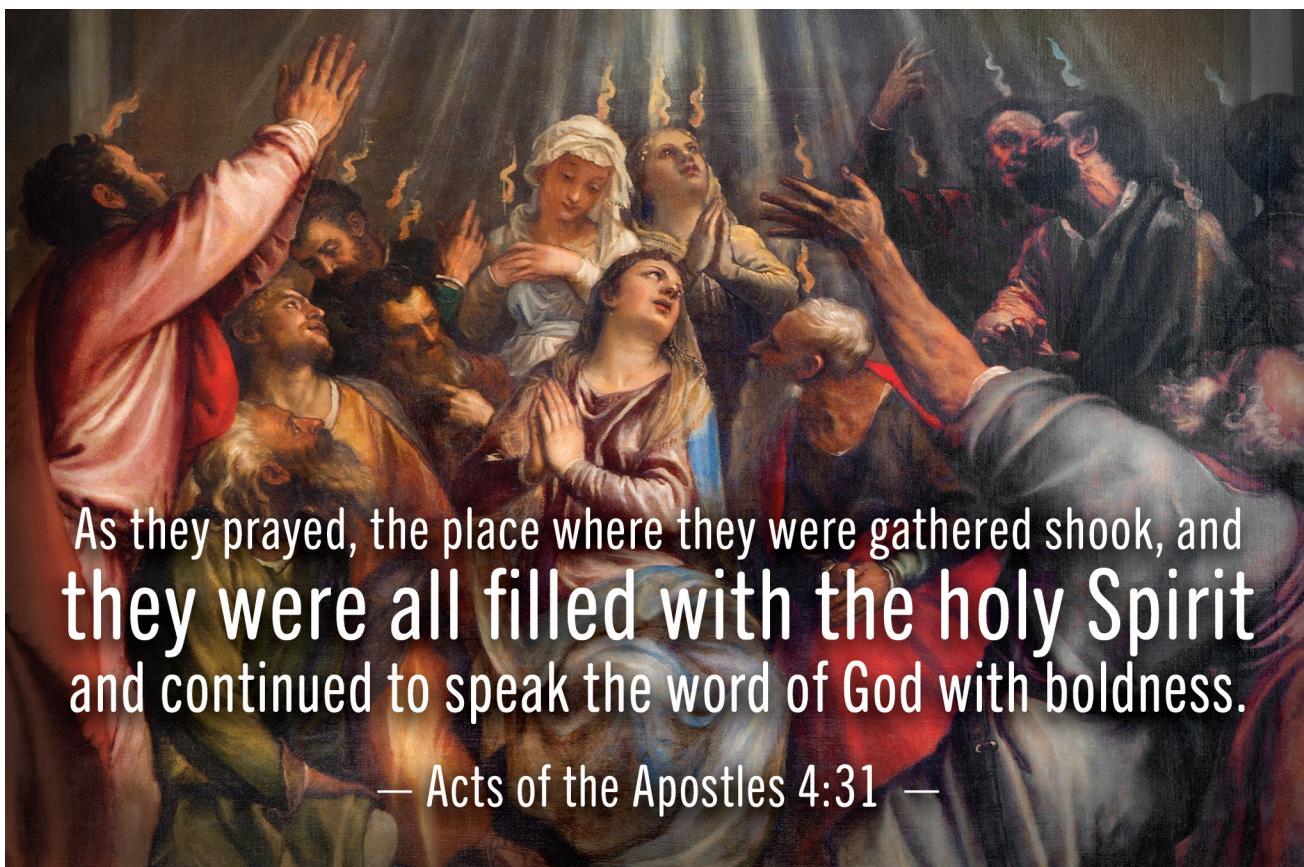
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As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and  
**they were all filled with the holy Spirit**  
and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

— Acts of the Apostles 4:31 —