

RE – Holidays and Holydays

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What is the difference between a holiday and a Holy day?

“Holiday” comes from the word “holyday”.

In times past the only holiday anyone had was a saint’s day feast or important feast days like Easter and Christmas.

Some days of the year are “Holydays” when we celebrate these special times in the church’s year.



Ascension Day



Pentecost



What happened first?

Ascension

Jesus ascended (went up) into Heaven to be with His Father, God. Before He went, He told the disciples that he would send them something.

Pentecost (50 days **after** the Ascension)

This is almost like the Church’s birthday!

The disciples were all together waiting to find out what Jesus was going to send them. Suddenly, wind and fire entered the room and the disciples could speak in different languages. They went out to share the Good News to everybody – just like what Churches do today!

Key vocabulary

Holiday	A period of time away from somewhere else like school or home.
Holy day	A special time in the Church’s year where we celebrate a Saint or special people from the Bible.
Ascend	Move upwards. <i>Jesus ascended into Heaven.</i>
Pentecost	The birth of the Church. When we celebrate the Holy Spirit being sent by God.
Tongues of Fire	The flames which came down to the disciples as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. We use this term because it made the disciples speak.

Dear God, Thank you for all the wonderful holidays and holy days we get to experience. Thank you for giving the disciples your promise that you would send them the Holy Spirit to help them to share the Good News to all of us. Amen

