



Socrates, the Spirit, and Self

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“Know thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12-13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit. ●

Reflect

What truth do you know now that you did not know ten or twenty years ago?

The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23



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Masses: Cyclone: Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

MAY 19, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see [Leviticus 23:15-21](#); [Deuteronomy 16:9-11](#)).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see [Acts 1:14](#)). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#); [2 Corinthians 3:2-8](#); [Romans 8:2](#)).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see [1 Corinthians 15:45, 47](#)). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also [John 7:37-39](#)).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 5:17](#); [Galatians 6:15](#)). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see [1 Corinthians 10:4](#)), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

CONGRATULATIONS FR. RANJAN ON YOUR 40 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

MINISTRIES FOR MAY 26, 2024

Rosary: Liz Jungmann

Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Ushers: Johnny Dohnalik & Joe Mayer

Eucharistic Minister: Ronald Kaulfus

Offertory: Tommy & Laura Vaculin

Servers: Adison, Lily, Ian



Sanctuary Light: May 20th—May 26th: In Memory of Joe & Stefina Vansa by Robert & Debbie Vansa
Good Health: Ed Moraw by Kay Moraw

Prayer Chain... Please pray for Barbara Vansa McNeill, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Laddie Dohnalik, Joseph Ribar, Kay & Ed Moraw and Paulette Foster and those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain: Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—May 19-26, 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—5/19 Pentecost Sunday	10:15am	+ Marcella Dohnalik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik + Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Louis Sr. & Delia Vansa by Louis & Mary Frances Vansa + Clem Tomek by Steve Tomek
5/22—Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Stanley Hubnik by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Dean Allen Kostiha by Robert & Debbie Vansa
5/26—Sunday	10:15am	+ Valeria Kostiha by Johnny & Donna Dohnalik + Jerry Wade by George & Linda Dohnalik + Stanley Hubnik by James & Jeannine Dohnalik

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

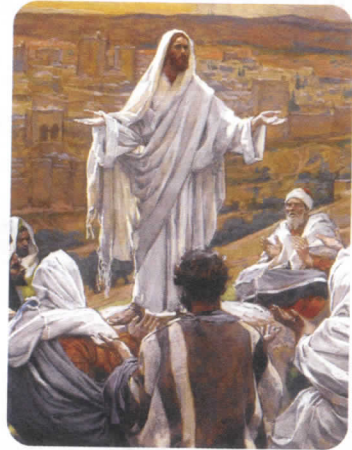
- TODAY: ORDINATION CELEBRATION FOR FR. RANJAN after Mass.
- THANK YOU to all the wonderful ladies who helped with the Altar Society meeting Wednesday. Your time, talents and hard work was greatly appreciated. May God Bless You All.
- THANK YOU to our KJZT Jrs. for the flowers last Sunday honoring our Mother's on Mother's Day.
- GRADUATES: Congratulations and special Blessings to all Graduates:
High School: Camryn Green, Macie Vaculin, Will Richter, Brady Havens, Lindsey Talafuse
Eight Grade: Landon Moraw, Carter Dorskocil, Patryn Hunt, Garrison Prcin, Savannah Dorskocil, Claire Kopriva
May God continue to bless and protect all the Graduates.
- MUSICAL LITURGY HELP NEEDED: The Parish is looking for some talent to help with our music liturgy when Janice Marek is out of town. This can be someone who plays a different instrument or will help with leading songs using recorded music. Please contact Fr. Ranjan or Greg Hoelscher if you can help or would like more details.
- ROSARY VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED: We need a volunteer to lead the rosary on 2nd Sunday of each month. Please contact Fr. Ranjan if you would like to volunteer.
- PICNIC RAFFLE: Our homecoming picnic has been a very successful fundraiser because you have been so GENEROUS! We are a little over four months away from our 2024 picnic (September 8th). We are asking for your help again this year. Please consider donating a prize (or help sponsor a prize) for the raffle. Contact Kelly Laurence (254-931-5992) or Julie Motyka (254-722-0394) if you would like to donate. Thank you for all that you do to make our picnic successful.

5-12: Sunday Offering: \$1,493.00 Children's Offering: \$12.00 Seminarians & Priest Education: \$236.00

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.



THE LORD'S PRAYER / LE PATER NOSTER BY JAMES Tissot

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 20 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	May 21 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	May 22 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	May 23 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	May 24 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	May 25 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	May 26 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i> Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.

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