

Experience the Gift of the Holy Spirit

In his bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, Gary Chapman points out that a common way to show love is to give gifts. Perhaps Jesus' love language was giving gifts, because he sure did it a lot. He gave sight to the blind, power to the weak, food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, faith to the faithless, and love to the lonely.

One gift he wants to give us is the Holy Spirit. We read in Acts how the power of this gift of the Spirit transformed the early Church. Jesus wants to do the same for us.

When we were baptized, we received the Holy Spirit, and at confirmation we said yes to his spiritual gifts more completely. Yet for many, the power of the Holy Spirit is a pious thought rather than something we experience daily.

Here are a few ways to open your heart to the Sanctifier's inspirations: First, be grateful for God's

gifts and inspirations. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux said, "What most attracts God's grace is gratitude, because if we thank him for a gift, he is touched and hastens to give us ten more." Second, practice detachment. If we cling to our possessions, viewpoints, and ourselves, there's little room for the Spirit to move us. Third, ask God for inspiration—then listen. God doesn't usually force himself on us, so ask him to come in more powerfully. Then practice a little silence and listen. You'll be surprised at how the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How can I practice a little more gratitude when I receive God's gifts? Perhaps by giving gifts to others? How can I practice detachment? Or listening to God's soft but constant voice?



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And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Acts 2:4

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, 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 for scheduling 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.

JUNE 9, 2019 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

"Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire." Acts 2

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 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 for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for June 16

Rosary: Volunteers
Offertory: KJZT JRS.
Ushers: KJZT JRS.

Eucharistic Minister: Cindy Prcin
Lector: KJZT JRS.



Altar Servers: Camryn Green, Colby Green, Garrison Prcin

Sanctuary Light: June 10th– 16th—Honor of Anniversary for Albert & Marguerite Michalka

Prayer Chain...Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and the following: Steve Simecek, Gerald Beach, Andrea Enga(Cousin of Ethel Marak), Seth Litzman (nephew of Lynne Hornung), Albina Vrazel, JoLeen Cayhill, and Ethel Marak. Prayers are powerful!

Contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net to be put on the prayer chain.

MARAK MASSES—June 9-16, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today– 6/9	10:15am	+ Mary Ann Plachy by Laddie & Edith Vaculin and George Tomek Family
6/12- Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Eugene Marak by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik and + Bernard Kostroun by Jane and Johnnie Marek
6/16—Sunday	10:15am	+ Joseph Andrew Tomek by Bill & Carol Smetna

CYCLONE MASSES— June 9-16, 2019

Date	Time	Intentions
Today – 6/9	8:15am	+ Royella Roessler by Denise & Edmond Garza
6/11– Tuesday	7:00am	+ Alton Moraw by Netsie & Bernard Hoelscher
6/13— Thursday	7:00am	+ Clarence Bartek by Mary Helen & Richard Schigut
6/14—Friday	7:00am	+ Walter & Lucille Greener by Monica Mikeska
6/15– Saturday Vigil	5:30pm	+ Marvin Wilde by Oleta Wilde
6/16— Sunday	8:15am	+ Larry Posvar by Family

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION.

- **TODAY:** KJZT Jrs. will be selling raffle tickets after Mass. Please support our Jrs. who will be going to camp.
- **TODAY:** Special second Collection for the picnic raffle prize.
- **JUNE 10:** Jack Brooks of the Milam County Historical Commission will present a program on the history of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church at the Parish Hall, beginning at 10am till 12:30pm. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **JUNE 10:** Parish Social and pot luck—6-9PM.
- **TODAY:** The cemetery board will be meeting after Mass to discuss erecting a graveside directory at the cemetery. If anyone has anything they would like to contribute in anyway, please attend the meeting.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Registration forms are at the entrance of the church for Bible School on Saturday, June 29th in Cyclone from 8am till 6:30pm. Return them to Patsy Gaines by today.
- **THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who made our St. Joseph/Sts. Cyril & Methodius combined Confirmation such a wonderful success. It was such a beautiful Mass with Bishop Joe and the nine Confirmation Candidates. Congratulations to them all! Thank you to the St. Joseph's Altar Society and Sts. Cyril & Methodius church for providing the delicious meal following confirmation and to the Knights of Columbus for being part of the Mass.

Calendar

Monday
JUNE 10

*Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church*
Gn 3:9–15, 20 or
Acts 1:12–14
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday
JUNE 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3
Mt 5:13–16

Wednesday
JUNE 12

Weekday
2 Cor 3:4–11
Mt 5:17–19

Thursday
JUNE 13

*St. Anthony of Padua,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*
2 Cor 3:15–4:1, 3–6
Mt 5:20–26

Friday
JUNE 14

Weekday
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 5:27–32

Saturday
JUNE 15

Weekday
2 Cor 5:14–21
Mt 5:33–37

Sunday
JUNE 16

Most Holy Trinity
Prv 8:22–31
Rom 5:1–5
Jn 16:12–15

Dear Padre,

What's the significance of the Holy Spirit? Why wasn't the Spirit more present to Jesus during his life?

Confused? You're not alone. To many, the Holy Spirit is the least-understood member of the Trinity, but there are insights to be gleaned from Scriptures.

The Spirit is prominent in the Old Testament, with many references. The "Spirit of God" is alternately seen as a divine force in the world, or as God himself acting upon the earth or individual lives. In Genesis, this force is active at the creation. History, too, is affected by the Spirit, or "presence" of the Lord (Exodus 33:14–17). The Spirit is imparted to patriarchs, prophets, kings, and individuals who will shape history for the covenant people: Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, David, Ruth.

The Spirit is also evident in the New Testament. The Spirit "overshadows" the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:35) and inspires the prophecy of John the Baptist (John 1:26). The Spirit is an integral part of Jesus' mission, beginning with his baptism in the Jordan (Matthew 3:13–17; Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–22). By the Spirit's power, Jesus expels demons and heals the sick (Matthew 12:28; Luke 11:20). The Spirit is resurrected Jesus' gift to the apostles (John 20:22). Jesus' mission is complete when he sends the Spirit to the church at Pentecost (Acts 1:8; 2:1–4).

This brief review doesn't mean the mystery of the Spirit can be easily solved. God can't be fully explained, even by Scripture. Mystery invites trust, not comprehension! It's only when we give ourselves entirely to the Spirit's power in our lives that we begin to understand the significance of the Holy Spirit.

—Fr. Samuel Maranto, CSSR
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A Word from Pope Francis

The Holy Spirit is the fire of love burning in the Church and in our hearts, even though we often cover him with the ash of our sins. Let us ask him: Spirit of God, Lord, who dwell in my heart and in the heart of the Church, guiding and shaping her in diversity, come!

—Pentecost Mass, June 4, 2017



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