

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018

MASS READINGS

MONDAY: GN 3:9-15,20, or ACTS 1:12-14, PS 87,
JN 19:25-34

TUESDAY: JAS 4:1-10, PS 55, MK 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY: JAS 4:13-17, PS 49, MK 9:38-40

THURSDAY: JAS 5:1-6, PS 49, MK 9:41-50

FRIDAY: JAS 5:9-12, PS 103, MK 10:1-12

SATURDAY: JAS 5:13-20, PS 141, MK 10:13-16

**NEXT SUNDAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE
MOST HOLY TRINITY – RDGS: DT 4:32-34,39-
40, PS 33, ROM 8:14-17, MT 28:16-20**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY: SPECIAL INTENTION

TUESDAY: DEIDRE SARGENT

WEDNESDAY: MARY JO DANAHER

THURSDAY: JEAN MCDONALD

FRIDAY: POOR SOULS

VIGIL: ED BUCKLES

7:30: SHARON STURGEON

10:00: FOR THE PARISH

NOON: ANN HUBERTZ

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Those serving in our Armed Forces, especially those soldiers who have connections to our parish: (Bob Griffin & John Scowden). (Jody Geller & Johnna Parker). (Sister Mary Katryne Gurren, Jill Conley, Vence Amato). Carl & Scott Waclawik. David & Kenny Synesael. (Karen Fox, Mike & Rosemary Cavanaugh). Jane Clapp. Charles Connor. (Hank & Jean Corbin, Gene & Genevieve Bullock). Ann Hubertz. Marian Schwartz.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Being well aware that our Lord connects "send" and "love" we might then ask ourselves the questions am I "lovingly sent" into the lives of others, or am I just there when it suits me? This goes back to what we believe about God as being providential. If we truly believe that he has a plan and that he has revealed the fullness of that plan to be in Christ, the one whom he has sent, then we will in turn, see ourselves as an important part of that plan having been sent by the one who was sent. This union allows us to appreciate what sort of relationship we have with the Father in the Son through the Holy Spirit who is the source of this union between ourselves, God and one another. St. Paul reminds us that God has then bestowed upon us abundant blessings in connection with the revelation of that plan, that mystery it pleased him to reveal in his beloved Son. We then possess that important "information" that all our encounters, all our relationships everything in short, is part of this plan God has for us and for our salvation and that we are sent into the midst of it all to bring the love of Christ who "emptied himself" that we "might have life and have it in abundance". In that case we learn how to empty ourselves too, first of our sinful inclinations and drawings by way of prayer, fasting and works of mercy and secondly we learn to pour the graces we have happily received into everything we do thus allowing us to serve God in spirit and in truth and to grow in holiness in the joy given to us by the manifold gifts and fruits of the Spirit. In short, this is the sum and substance of our interior lives. We greet each day as a gift from our provider God with prayer, we acknowledge that who and what will come to us that day is by way of his plan, even if we don't fully appreciate it at the time, and that we apply what we have learned by meditating on the life of Our Lord to that various circumstances of that day and most of all we put on love, for it is in the execution of that divine love, which is God's gift to us that we fulfill the very purpose for which we were created, i.e. to be lights to the world so that others may see those lights and give glory to God. To Him be all Glory and Honor and Praise, now and always and forever and ever. AMEN

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*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and in our hearts take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.*

*O Comforter, to Thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly gift of God most high,
Thou Fount of life, and Fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.*

*O Finger of the hand divine,
the sevenfold gifts of grace are thine;
true promise of the Father thou,
who dost the tongue with power endow.*

*Thy light to every sense impart,
and shed thy love in every heart;
thine own unfailing might supply
to strengthen our infirmity.*

*Drive far away our ghostly foe,
and thine abiding peace bestow;
if thou be our preventing Guide,
no evil can our steps betide.*

*Praise we the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit with them One;
and may the Son on us bestow*

St. Basil the Great, "On the Holy Spirit"

"Through the Holy Spirit comes our restoration to paradise, our ascension into the kingdom of heaven, our return to the adoption of sons, our liberty to call God our Father, our being made partakers of the grace of Christ, our being called children of light, our sharing in eternal glory, and, in a word, our being brought into a state of all "fulness of blessing," both in this world and in the world to come, of all the good gifts that are in store for us, by promise hereof, through faith, beholding the reflection of their grace as though they were already present, we await the full enjoyment."

St. Cyril of Alexandria

"Jesus tells us that His holy Disciples will be more courageous and more understanding when they would be, as the Scripture says, Endowed with power from on high (Luke 24:49), and that when their minds would be illuminated by the torch of the Spirit they would be able to see into all things, even though no longer able to question Him bodily present among them. The Saviour does not say that they would no longer as before need the light of His guidance, but that when they received His Spirit, when He was dwelling in their hearts, they would not be wanting in any good thing, and their minds would be filled with most perfect knowledge."

St Isaac the Syrian, "Ascetical Homilies" (Homily 77)

"The power to bear Mysteries, which the humble man has received, which makes him perfect in every virtue without toil, this is the very power which the blessed apostles received in the form of fire. For its sake the Saviour commanded them not to leave Jerusalem until they should receive power from on high, that is to say, the Paraclete, which, being interpreted is the Spirit of consolation. And this is the Spirit of divine visions. Concerning this it is said in divine Scripture: 'Mysteries are revealed to the humble' [Ecclus 3:19]. The humble are accounted worthy of receiving in themselves this Spirit of revelations Who teaches mysteries."

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I. The Joint Mission of the Son and the Spirit

689 The One whom the Father has sent into our hearts, the Spirit of his Son, is truly God.¹⁰ Consubstantial with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is inseparable from them, in both the inner life of the Trinity and his gift of love for the world. In adoring the Holy Trinity, life-giving, consubstantial, and indivisible, the Church's faith also professes the distinction of persons. When the Father sends his Word, he always sends his Breath. In their joint mission, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable. To be sure, it is Christ who is seen, the visible image of the invisible God, but it is the Spirit who reveals him.

690 Jesus is Christ, "anointed," because the Spirit is his anointing, and everything that occurs from the Incarnation on derives from this fullness.¹¹ When Christ is finally glorified,¹² he can in turn send the Spirit from his place with the Father to those who believe in him: he communicates to them his glory,¹³ that is, the Holy Spirit who glorifies him.¹⁴ From that time on, this joint mission will be manifested in the children adopted by the Father in the Body of his Son: the mission of the Spirit of adoption is to unite them to Christ and make them live in him:

The notion of anointing suggests . . . that there is no distance between the Son and the Spirit. Indeed, just as between the surface of the body and the anointing with oil neither reason nor sensation recognizes any intermediary, so the contact of the Son with the Spirit is immediate, so that anyone who would make contact with the Son by faith must first encounter the oil by contact. In fact there is no part that is not covered by the Holy Spirit. That is why the confession of the Son's Lordship is made in the Holy Spirit by those who receive him, the Spirit coming from all sides to those who approach the Son in faith. (Taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

When we were baptized into Christ and clothed ourselves in him, we were transformed into the likeness of the Son of God. Having destined us to be his adopted sons, God gave us a likeness to Christ in his glory, and living as we do in communion with Christ, God's anointed, we ourselves are rightly called "the anointed ones." When he said: *Do not touch my anointed ones*, God was speaking of us.

We became "the anointed ones" when we received the sign of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, everything took place in us by means of images, because we ourselves are images of Christ. Christ bathed in the river Jordan, imparting to its waters the fragrance of his divinity, and when he came up from them the Holy Spirit descended upon him, like resting upon like. So we also, after coming up from the sacred waters of baptism, were anointed with chrism, which signifies the Holy Spirit, by whom Christ was anointed and of whom blessed Isaiah prophesied in the name of the Lord: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor.*

Christ's anointing was not by human hands, nor was it with ordinary oil. On the contrary, having destined him to be the Savior of the whole world, the Father himself anointed him with the Holy Spirit. The words of Peter bear witness to this: *Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit.* And David the prophet proclaimed: *Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever; your royal scepter is a scepter of justice. You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above all your fellows.*

The oil of gladness with which Christ was anointed was a spiritual oil; it was in fact the Holy Spirit himself, who is called *the oil of gladness* because he is the source of spiritual joy. But we too have been anointed with oil, and by this anointing we have entered into fellowship with Christ and have received a share in his life. Beware of thinking that this holy oil is simply ordinary oil and nothing else. After the invocation of the Spirit it is no longer ordinary oil but the gift of Christ, and by the presence of his divinity it becomes the instrument through which we receive the Holy Spirit. While symbolically, on our foreheads and senses, our bodies are anointed with this oil that we see, our souls are sanctified by the holy and life-giving Spirit. (Taken from the Jerusalem Catechism)

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The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

CCC 1830 The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

1831 The seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.

Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God . . . If children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

1832 The *fruits* of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity."

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The work of the Holy Spirit is to SANCTIFY US and make us into other Christ's.

Prophet Isaias writes about the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Wisdom. This enables us to know God and esteem divine things above worldly things.
- 2) Understanding. Helps us to understand our Catholic Faith, the Bible and Saints.
- 3) Counsel. This is the knowledge necessary to guide ourselves and others to do God's will. It helps us help others get through spiritual and temporal problems.
- 4) Fortitude. This is the strength we need to endure and have courage. It helps us suffer persecution and adversities for the sake of good.
- 5) Knowledge. This helps us to know God, ourselves and others as God knows.
- 6) Piety. This gift infuses us with love for serving God and see Him in all events through a holy life of prayer.
- 7) Fear of the Lord. "The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." We fear his just punishment of our sins for ever, but we more so fear even displeasing or offending Him.

The 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit are:

- 1) Charity. The Holy Spirit is Love and gives us the infused theological virtue of charity to prefer God over everyone and everything. We desire this loving union with God. And it overflows in our love for ourselves and our neighbors for God's sake.
- 2) Joy. Happiness is realized when we live for God and know someday we will be with Him now and forever in heaven.
- 3) Peace. The Holy Spirit gives us order in our souls and a clean conscience. He also gives us order to our family, friendships and duties of life.
- 4) Patience. When one is close to God, everything else falls into its place so that one can have patience and tranquility. Love is patient.
- 5) Benignity. This is the virtue of kindness to others.
- 6) Goodness. We renounce evil and seek what is good. We repent of our sins and strive to do God's will.
- 7) Longanimity. Perseverance in the mission God has given us and the ability to stay faithful over the long time.
- 8) Mildness. This gives us the moral virtue temperance that helps us overcome our natural tendency to be rough or angry.
- 9) Faith. This is a theological virtue given to us in Baptism. It gives us the Divine grace to be able to assent to the revealed truth of God. We put God as the absolute authority.
- 10) Modesty. This includes how we act and dress. These are external signs of our interior modesty. It gives us the preference to purity of mind and heart in sexual matters.
- 11) Continency. This is the virtue to control sexual and other appetites in a holy manner like in marriage when one spouse because of sickness can not have relations.
- 12) Chastity. This is the self giving of oneself to God completely as a priest, religious or consecrated layman. All vocations are called to have chastity in their way of living. This includes married people to be faithful to their spouses. It also gives the grace for all those waiting to get married to be sexually pure.

The seven gifts are indispensable resources in the struggle to establish the kingdom and are, in a sense, a byproduct of actively engaging in spiritual warfare. If a person does not bother to equip himself properly for battle, he should not be surprised to find himself defenseless when the battle is brought to his doorstep. If my classmates and I never "acquired" the "mysterious powers" we anticipated, perhaps it is because we never took up arms in the struggle to advance the kingdom of God!

The seven gifts are an endowment to which every baptized Christian can lay claim from his earliest childhood. They are our patrimony. These gifts, given in the sacraments for us to develop through experience, are indispensable to the successful conduct of the Christian way of life. They do not appear spontaneously and out of nowhere but emerge gradually as the fruit of virtuous living. Nor are they withdrawn by the Spirit once they are no longer needed, for they are perpetually needed as long as we are fighting the good fight.

The seven gifts are designed to be used in the world for the purpose of transforming that world for Christ. Isaiah 11 vividly portrays what these gifts are to be used for: to do what one is called to do in one's own time and place to advance the kingdom of God. The specific, personal details of that call do not come into focus until one has realized his very limited, ungodlike place in the scheme of things (fear of the Lord), accepted one's role as a member of God's family (piety), and acquired the habit of following the Father's specific directions for living a godly life (knowledge). This familiarity with God breeds the strength and courage needed to confront the evil that one inevitably encounters in one's life (fortitude) and the cunning to nimbly shift one's strategies to match—even anticipate—the many machinations of the Enemy (counsel). The more one engages in such "spiritual warfare," the more one perceives how such skirmishes fit into the big picture that is God's master plan for establishing his reign in this fallen world (understanding) and the more confident, skillful, and successful one becomes in the conduct of his particular vocation (wisdom).

Soldiers of Christ

The path to a mature appropriation of the spiritual arsenal represented by the seven gifts needs to be trod as early as possible, and the seven virtues can serve today, as they have for most of the Church's history, as excellent guides along that path. Perhaps it is time to resurrect the traditional image of the baptized as "soldiers of Christ," a phrase that has been anathema for Catholic catechetical materials for decades. Despite the fact that the post-Vatican II *zeitgeist* has militated against the notion of "militancy" in all things religious, this stance has been shown to be misguided—by an honest assessment of what Sacred Scripture has to say about it and by world events in our own lifetime. The toppling of the Soviet Union, for example, would not have happened without the nonviolent militancy of John Paul II in the pursuit of a legitimate goal. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are our spiritual weaponry for the spiritual warfare of everyday life.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Make a difference in the life of a senior in need!

Come and make a meaningful difference in your community! You are welcome and needed here. Caregiver Companion simply needs you to visit homebound seniors who are lonely and in need of compassion. **Do you have one hour per week to come alongside the widow and the hurting as God calls us?** There are many ways that you can help based on your God-given gifts, interests, and time available. Here are some current volunteer opportunities!

Visit an elderly widow who gets lonely during the day in West Lafayette once a week

Visit an elderly woman who lives with her son for a couple of hours in Lafayette once a week around lunch time.

Run the sweeper and visit with a single elderly woman in Lafayette every other week

Assist with yard work or small repair tasks

Each of these elderly neighbors are sweet ladies who are just in need of a little encouragement and companionship. You will be amazed at the blessings that come from being there for someone in their time of need. **Our next volunteer training session is on Saturday, June 16th.** Contact Lauren Weldy at (765) 423-1879 or caregiver95@gmail.com to schedule a volunteer interview soon.

As we come to a close in the current diocesan appeal, **Fruitful Harvest 2016 "Stewards of Christ...Sharing Our Gifts"**, please remember if you have a current pledge balance that all gifts must be received and **posted** no later than September 1, 2018 in the Fruitful Harvest Office. The last redemption notice will be mailed in August 2018 for those parishes that have a 20 month redemption period. The last statement for those parishes that have a 24 month redemption period, December 2018 will be the last statement mailed and those payments will need to be posted in the Fruitful Harvest Office no later than December 31, 2018.

If you wish to make a gift electronically please visit the diocesan website at www.dol-in.org. Thank you for your continued stewardship and prayers to your parish and the Local Church.

The Knights of Columbus Patriotic 4th Degree General de Lafayette Assembly 249 will host a Golf Outing on **Friday June 22** at Battleground Golf Course. Lunch will be served at 11:00 am, shotgun start at 12:00 pm followed by dinner and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams for closest to the pin, longest putt and longest drive. Registration is \$100 per person and \$400 for foursome. All proceeds will go to benefit Matrix Life Care Center and St. Ann's Soup Kitchen. Registration forms may be picked up in the Bell Tower. Registration dead line is June 10th.

SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday July 7th the Knights of Columbus Council 456 will be hosting their 8th Annual Charity Car Show at 2410 South 9th St in Lafayette. The K of C has raised over \$35,000 in it's first 7 years and has become one of the largest show's in the area! Great Food, Great Music and Great Family Fun! The K of C is always taking new sponsors and donors for this event. For more information please contact Matt Lewis @ 765-532-6945



Today is Pentecost Sunday, the 50th day after Easter (counting both Easter Sunday and today). Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." As we hear in Holy Scripture, today is the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' followers, and with that Jesus' mission on earth was completed.

Jesus calls His followers and literally all of us to be missionaries. The Latin root word for "missionary" is derived from the original Greek word *apostolos*, which meant "one sent forth." Obviously, we get the word "apostle" from that as well. It is further defined as one who attempts to persuade or convert. It involves the "apostle" or "disciple" working outside of the community.

When Jesus spoke these words, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." That includes each and every one of us. We, too, are sent. Many times we have reiterated that being sent means that we live out our Catholic faith in everything we do. That is the best way to evangelize, to let those around us know what it means to be a Christian and a follower of Christ and His disciple.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops made the following statement about what it means to evangelize: "Here, there are two elements of evangelization at work: 1. Witness, which is the simple living out of the faith; 2. Sharing, which is spreading the Good News of Jesus." Do we follow the admonitions given us by the Lord? Are we examples of what it means to be a Catholic and Christian? Do we truly share the Good News?

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"FIND OUT HOW MUCH GOD HAS GIVEN YOU, AND FROM IT TAKE WHAT YOU NEED; THE REMAINDER IS NEEDED BY OTHERS"

ST. AUGUSTINE