

May 5, 2019

**FOLLOW UP TO THE GIFT OF THE MASS:**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 11 at 9 AM**

As a follow-up to "The Gift of the Mass", you are all invited to come at 9 am this coming **Saturday, May 11**. We will begin with a special Mass in church where the celebrant will explain central points of the Mass, and we will be united in the breaking and sharing of the bread. Right after this special liturgy, we will gather in Father Martin Hall to share what "**The Gift of the Mass**" experience meant to each of us. We will begin with Praise and Worship singing and we will ask the Holy Spirit to come upon each of us. We will share what we learned about the Mass and how it has changed our participation at Mass. We will divide in small groups to facilitate sharing. Those of you who were unable to attend any of the six classes given during Lent are most welcome, not only to listen to witness talks by participants, but also to share your own experience at Mass: why you go to Mass; how you feel recharged spiritually; how the Mass helps you to make changes in your daily life as disciples of Christ.

Based on the very positive feedback received from 96 of the participants (results of survey will soon be on our OLHOC website), we have arranged to hold **two weeks of classes just prior to Pentecost**. We will keep the same format, which received nearly unanimous support: Praise and Worship, prayer, video, small group discussion, prayer, opportunity to pray for people individually:

1. **Thursday, May 30** at 7 PM or **Saturday, June 1** at 11 AM: **Join us for "The Fourth Cup"**. We will go deeper in our understanding of the Mass as renowned "Catholic Theologian, Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the Cross as the traditional **Fourth Cup** used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. Dr. Hahn draws a symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ's death on Calvary. Through his scholarly insights and important biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!" After listening to Scott Hahn's presentation, we will spend time in small groups discussing what we learned individually from the Fourth Cup and how it helps us enter into the Paschal Mysteries of the Mass.

If you choose to come on **Saturday, June 1st**, you can join us at 9 AM for **First Saturday**

**Mass**, followed by a **Holy Hour** of Adoration to pray for the ten young men to be ordained priests on June 15, including our one-time summer seminarian, Deacon Michael Russo.

2. **Thursday, June 6** at 7 pm or **Saturday, June 8** at 10 AM: In preparation for Pentecost Sunday (June 9) and the end of our "Year of the Holy Spirit", we will present a short video on the Holy Spirit and we will learn to pray the Scriptures (Lectio Divina) while focusing on the readings for Pentecost Sunday!

We have five more weeks of the Easter Season, ending on Pentecost Sunday! Remember that the entire Easter Season is the continuation of the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. I propose an Easter resolution for everyone: read at home the Gospel of the coming Sunday. Take 10 to 15 minutes of your precious time: read it slowly alone or with your family. Read it early in the week (Monday or Tuesday) so that you can meditate on it for a few days before attending Sunday Mass. Arrive on Saturday evening or Sunday morning 10 minutes before Mass begins so that you can read the Gospel again as you prepare to enter into the sacred mysteries of the Mass. In this weekend's Gospel (John 20:1-19), Jesus is asking Peter and all of us, his today's disciples: "**Do you love me?**" Meditate this weekend on that question: how do I love Jesus in my daily life? Next week, on Good Shepherd Sunday, read the very short Gospel (John 10:27-30) and meditate on your hearing the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Come Holy Spirit! Keep guiding all of us as we close our Year of the Holy Spirit! Come Holy Spirit! Help each one of us to be more attentive and participate more actively at each Mass! Come Holy Spirit! Help me deepen my relationship with Jesus when encountering Him at Mass, especially through the Gospel and the Eucharist! Come Holy Spirit! Let me only know Your will and do Your will! Amen! ALLELUIA!

*One in Christ,  
Father Alain*

