

St. Lawrence Faith Formation Newsletter

Sharing Faith... Home to Home

"The Holy Spirit is the Gift of God's love that descends into the heart of the Christian."



The Spirit himself guides them, enlightens them, strengthens them, so that everyone may walk in life, even through adversity and difficulty, in joys and sorrows, remaining on Jesus' path. This is possible precisely by remaining docile to the Holy Spirit, so that, through his presence at work in us, he may not only console but transform hearts, opening them up to truth and love. Faced with the experience of error and sin — which we all do — the Holy Spirit helps us not to succumb and enables us to grasp and fully live the meaning of Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" The commandments are not given to us as a kind of mirror in which to see the reflection of our miseries, our inconsistencies. No, they are not like that. The Word of God is given to us as the Word of life, which transforms the heart, life; which renews, which does not judge in order to condemn, but heals and has forgiveness as its aim. All this is the work of the Holy Spirit! He is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.

"The greatest miracles of the Holy Spirit are obtained in response to our praise,"



Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Franciscan Capuchin Catholic Priest

Saint Paul recommended to the Thessalonians: *In all things give thanks;* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Praise and thanksgiving, doxology and the thanksgiving are man's first two duties towards God. The greatest miracles of the Holy Spirit are not obtained in response to our supplications, but in response to our praise. In the same way, about the three young Hebrews thrown into the burning furnace, we read that with one voice they began to sing, glorifying and blessing God by singing a hymn with which the prayer of Lauds begins every Sunday and every feast day: "*Blessed are you, Lord, God of our fathers.*" (Daniel 3:51) The greatest miracle of praise is the one that happens to the one who practices it, especially in trial, because it shows that grace has been stronger than nature. The miracle of Paul and Silas in the prison - and of the three young men in the furnace - is repeated in multiple circumstances and in endless ways: release from disease, from drug addiction, from a wrongful conviction, from the burden of one's own past... So, let us drown the virus in a sea of praise, or at least try to do so. Let us unite ourselves to the whole Church which, in the Gloria of the Mass, proclaims: *We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your immense glory.* There is no supplication in this prayer-only praise!



Family Movie Night—12 Best Christian Movies of 2019

These faith-based films will surely inspire all ages!

<https://www.crosswalk.com/culture/features/best-christian-films-of-2019.html>



MAY 31, 2020
Sunday Mass Readings

<http://cms.usccb.org/bible/readings/053120.cfm>



PENTECOST

Powerful 2-Minute Re-enactment Video of the Coming of the Holy Spirit Upon Mary and the Apostles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRDGA&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dvideo%2Blord%2Bsen%2Bout%2Byour%2Bspirit%2Bband%2Brenew%2Bthe%2Bface%2Bof%2Bthe%2Bearth%2Bpentecost%2B%2B%26FORM%3DHDRSC3>

Pentecost for Kids 5-Minute Video



[AD77801FD1AABB94F22&view=detail&FORM=VIRE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AD77801FD1AABB94F22&view=detail&FORM=VIRE)

A FUN WAY TO TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT!

**Who is the Holy Spirit?
What does the Holy Spirit do?
How can I experience the Holy Spirit?**



Bible App for Kids too!

<http://bibleappforkids.in/blog/holy-spirit-kids/>

KID'S COLORING PAGES HERE!

<http://aibgp.com/pentecost-coloring-pages.html>



Have you ever consciously surrendered yourself to the power of the Holy Spirit?

6-Minute Video Pentecost —Life Changing Love



Catholic Video by Speaker Ken Yasinski

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Byasinski%2Bholy%2Bspirit%26FORM%3DHDRSC3%26ajf%3D>