



WELCOME BACK

Despite the lockdown, we would like to continue the preparations for the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation, for it is such an important step for you, as Catholics. Although the preparations cannot take place in church, we are exploring other possibilities, reaching out and sending some material for you to study at home, in the privacy of the domestic church of your family.

Confirmation is a sacrament of adulthood in faith. Showing involvement and initiative is an important step in getting ready for this sacrament.

Research and study the material for session 5 on the theme of the Holy Spirit. There is homework at the end.



Pentecost Sunday

Read from the Bible :

31st of May 2020

Acts 2:1–31

Pentecost Sunday is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming down to enlighten and strengthen Jesus' disciples for their mission.

Watch these two videos:

YouTube: The Day of Pentecost

<https://youtu.be/PLa-lj0zCGg>



YouTube: The Seven Gifts of Holy Spirit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWq3HzBSRnl&list=WL&index=10&t=12s>



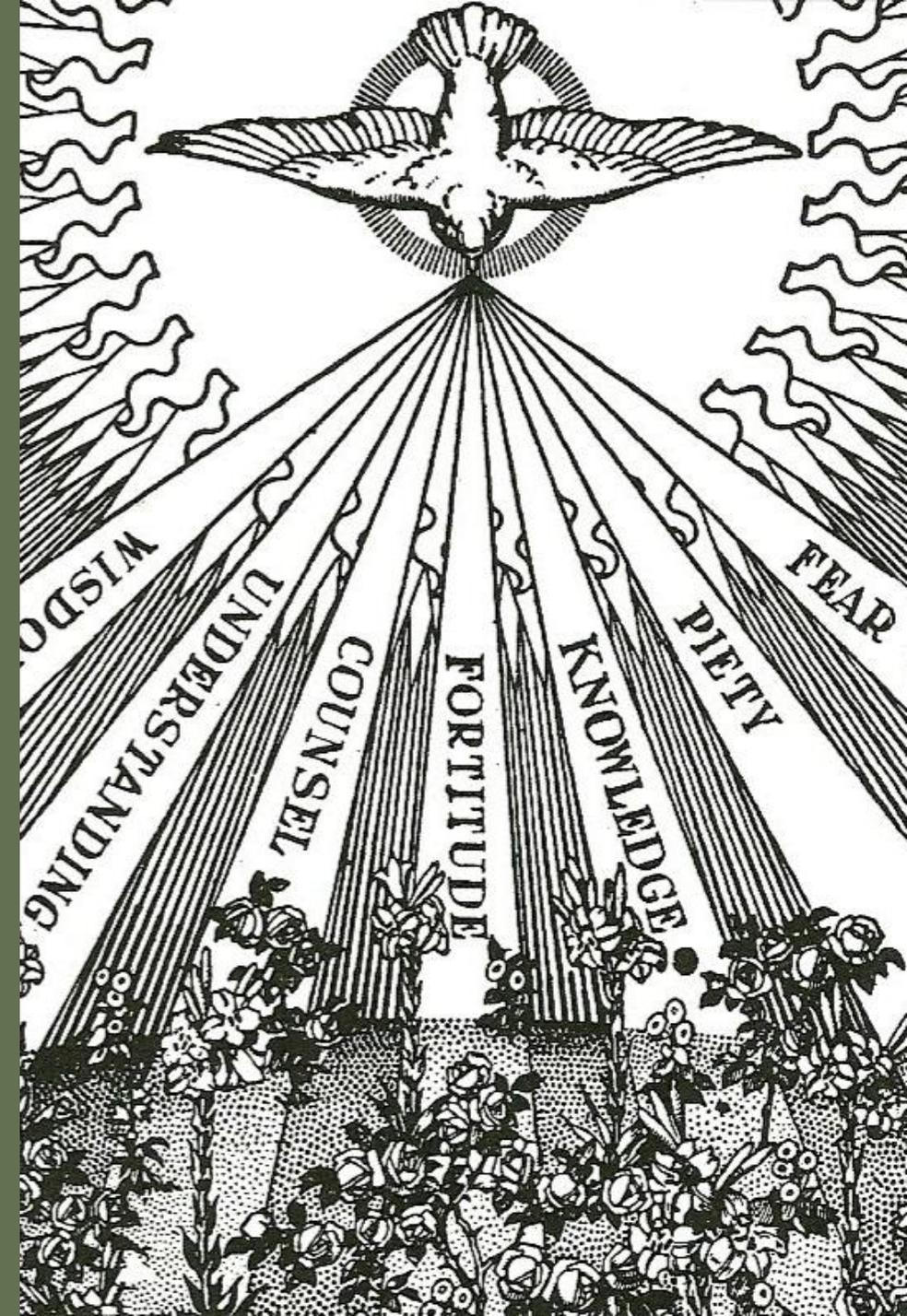
Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Please read, your homework will be based on this!

At Baptism, we receive seven special gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are freely given to us to help us live as followers of Jesus and to build up the Body of Christ, the Church.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are sealed and strengthened within us at Confirmation. These seven gifts help us to respond to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to make good choices, and to serve God and others.

- **Wisdom** is the gift of knowing the right choices to make to live a holy life. The gift of wisdom helps you to avoid the things that could lead you away from God.
- **Understanding** is the gift of comprehension, or the ability to grasp the meaning of the teachings of the Church. The gift of understanding helps you to be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.
- **Right Judgment or Counsel**, is the gift of prudence. The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.
- **Courage or Fortitude**, is the gift that helps you stand up for your faith in Christ. The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.
- **Knowledge** is the gift of knowing and enlightenment. The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from him.
- **Reverence or Piety**, is the gift of confidence in God. This gift of reverence inspires you to joyfully want to serve God and others.
- **Wonder and Awe or Fear of the Lord** is the gift of wonder and respect that encourages you to be in awe of God. The gift of wonder and awe moves you to so love God that you do not want to offend him by your words or actions.



HOMework

Question: How can these gifts transform our lives and help you spread the good news?

Create a presentation on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This task is to help you prepare yourself for Pentecost. You can do the presentation in any form, for example:

- A poster
- A PowerPoint presentation
- A short speech

You can be as creative as you like! Remember, that you will present this to your groups when quarantine is over, so make sure that it is:

- At least 2 minutes long
- No longer than 5 minutes
- Covers all of the gifts
- Uses appropriate pictures

Once you have completed your presentation, please email it to the catechist (group leader) shown below, who will check it and forward it to Father Agustin:

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Submit your work by
31st May

Prayer/Meditation

Confirmation Prayer

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
freeing them (us) from sin:
send upon them (us), O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;
give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety;
fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

Questions for you to reflect on:

Which gifts do you think you already have and would like the Holy Spirit to strengthen?

Which gifts don't you have and would like to receive?

Invitation

Ask the Lord in prayer to help you be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

- Read the prayer slowly and quietly a couple of times