



“Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine’s

Prayer to the Holy Spirit, “Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.” Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God’s life and in touch with the power and wonder of God’s presence. It’s about becoming holy. It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God’s love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe “on me” but “in me” and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs. We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today’s Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

## Mass Intentions

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.:** Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Mazel Norbert, Florina & John Landry, Zoeway & Ernest Green, Emma & Aristille Landry, Clifton Daigre Jr, Antoine Cormier, Joyce Cormier, Arnell Nickerson, Madora Nickerson and the deceased women of the Bienvenu & Nickerson families. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** Elvina Berard, Ada Lee, Whitney Lee, M/M Escorn & Rita Chretien, Barbara Celestine and Lorena Celestine. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.:** Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, John C Francis, M/M Daniel Montgomery, M/M Aaron & Mary Lee Kimble, Madora C Nickerson, James N Nickerson, Steven J Nickerson, Wilfred Thompson, M/M Harold & Velma Flugence and the deceased members of the Thompson & Flugence families. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Clyde Tauriac, Mark Tauriac, Shavawna Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Emery Joe, Sylvania Cormier and Leon Williams.

**Holy Baptism** Will be conducted on an as-needed basis. Contact the church office to arrange Baptismal class and scheduling.

### God’s Housekeepers:

**St. Joseph:** Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group A** that cleaned the church on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. The next group is **Group B:** Carolyn Domingue, Barbara Thomas and Laura Williams – May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**St. Anthony – June, 2021: (Group C.)** Anne Tate, Theresa Jones, Marie Decuir and Rosemary Lee.

*Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!*

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2021

### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION:

May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Readings for the Week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

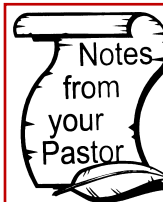
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39/Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34  
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45  
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52  
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-16  
 Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33  
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 29, 2021 5:00pm	Christela Spurlock	Michael Keefe		
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 30, 2021 8:00am	Donald Mitchell			
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 30, 2021 10:00am	Marie Francis	Terry Flugence		

**Please Note:** Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

### PASTORS CORNER

Jn. 15:26-27, 16:12-15

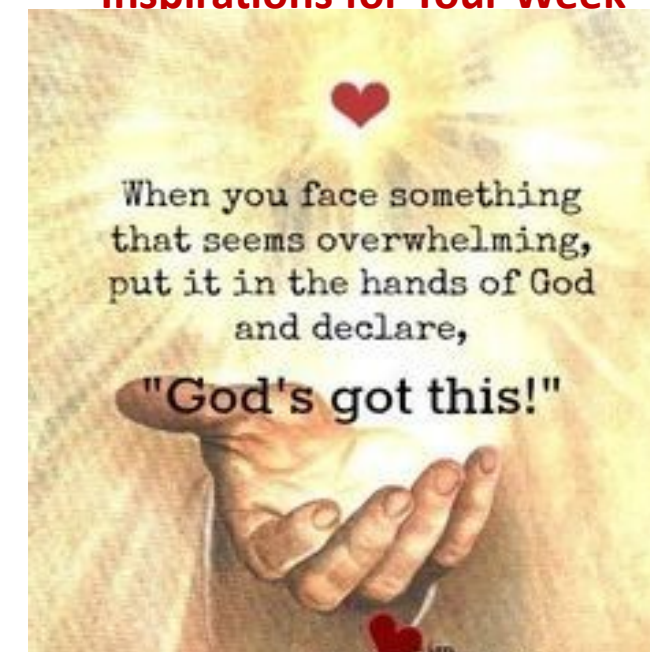


The church tells us of the seven gifts of the Spirit. The Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are the following: **Wisdom** – desire for the things of God, and to direct our whole life and all our actions to his honor and glory. Here we see God at work in our lives and in the world. Second, **Understanding** – enables us to know more clearly the mysteries of faith. It perfects a person’s speculative reason in the apprehension of truth. Third, **Counsel** – warns us of the deceits of the evil one, and of the dangers to salvation. With the gift of right judgment, we know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right. Fourth, **Fortitude** (courage) – With the gift of courage, we overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ. It strengthens us to do the will of God in all things. Fifth, **Knowledge** – With the gift of knowledge, the Spirit enables us to discover the will of God in all things. Sixth, **Piety** (Reverence) – With the gift of reverence, sometimes called piety, we have a deep sense of respect for God and the church. And finally, the seventh, **Fear of the Lord** (awe of God) – With the gift of wonder, prayerful respect and awe we are aware of the glory and majesty of God. A person with such awe and wonder has perfect knowledge, perfect goodness, perfect power, and perfect love. This week, let us reflect upon the purpose of the Holy Spirit in the Church. He can guide and teach us according to the purpose for which he has been sent. Through the power of the Spirit, we ask for the grace to be forgiven and the grace to forgive others. Today Jesus fills us with the same Spirit to send us out on his mission to preach, reconcile and to heal.

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### Inspirations for Your Week



### Our Giving

May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

St. Joseph: ( 103 Envelopes) \$2,311.00

St. Anthony: (23 Envelopes) 414.00

\$2,725.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:

Building Maintenance Fund: 65.00

Building Insurance Fund: 10.00

Holy Land: 10.00

Rice Bowl: 440.00

**TOTAL: \$3,250.00**

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April Assessment Paid to Diocese: \$1,315.70

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you.”