

The Holy Spirit

Sunday is the feast, at last, of the Holy Spirit. What is this famous presence we have heard Jesus promise for weeks? May I give you some “points,” just as a retreat director would do during a retreat?

Ask to be introduced to the Holy Spirit when you pray. Use as much as you want from the following for prayer and disregard the rest.

Preliminaries:

Remember that you will be praying in the presence of God, the one who watches over you and loves you by name. Sit quietly, with as much patience as you can.

“What does the Holy Spirit mean to me?”

To some people the Holy Spirit is the one who causes them to be “slain in the Spirit.” Others know it as some being connected with the Trinity. What do you believe?

Many folks have no idea.

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Point One:

In the Gospel, Jesus says that the Father is going to send “the Advocate, the Holy Spirit” in his name, to us. The English word advocate is derived from the Latin (which has ad plus voco, and meaning “to speak for”). So, the Holy Spirit speaks for us, on our behalf.

We have many translations of the Greek word. It is also rendered as “Paraclete,” “intercessor,” “teacher,” “helper,” and “comforter.” All these English words refer to someone who is called upon to aid another person and to defend them!

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26).

Ponder the Holy Spirit of God praying within you.

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Point Two:

Imagine being part of the story in the First Reading. You are gathered with the disciples in a house. Suddenly a huge noise, which is “like a strong driving wind,” drowns everything out. Something resembling a flame appears and hovers in the air. It splits into many flame-like presences, which hover over each person in the room. They have at least 15 different languages among them. But they all understand. Picture yourself preaching or listening.

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Point Three:

Ponder the immensely comforting statement by Jesus in the Gospel:

Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him
and make our dwelling with him.

(Women, please substitute “her.”)

Take time with each line. (Remember that “keeping Jesus’ word” means loving one another, not just keeping the law.) Consider the Father’s love for all of you. Let down your guard for a moment or two in order to make a home for Jesus and his Father. Let the Holy Spirit pray inside you.

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Go as long as you want. Then call out to God and say where your heart is. Maybe God will give you a sense of the Holy Spirit in your personal daily life, in your progress from day to day!

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St. Stephens

Friday: Adoration followed by Benediction 3:45pm

Saturday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass at 7:15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass at 5:00pm

1st Saturday: Adoration at 8:00am; Mass at 9:00am

St. Josephs, Ethete

11am Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

Blessed Sacrament, Ft. Washakie

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 15 minutes before Mass

The purpose of St. Stephen’s Indian Mission, the presence of the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.

Readings June 6th through June 12th:

Mon: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1b-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
 Tue: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
 Wed: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2b, 4-5b, 8-11; Mt 5:17-19
 Thur: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
 Fri: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
 Sat: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:33-37
 Sun: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Sunday Ministry Schedule-St. Stephens

6/5/22

9:00am Mass

Forrest Cole

5pm Mass

Volunteer Needed

6/12/22

9am Mass

Marilyn Duncan

5pm Mass

Volunteer Needed

Parish Collection

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"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7

Feast of the Sacred Heart

June 24th is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The Brown family would like to invite you to their home (4 Northern Arapaho Rd in Arapahoe) to pray the Novena with them from June 16th through June 24th. (This was a promise made while Howard was hospitalized.) We will start at 6pm each day with a light meal afterwards. Please come join us and pray your own intentions while we give thanks for Howard's recovery, pray for his continued healing and also thank all those who prayed for him by sharing a meal together. Hohou.

Mass Intentions this week

6/4: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Special Intention
6/5: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Steve Gresback
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	For the people
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	All graduates
6/7: Tuesday 7:15am St. Stephens	No Mass
6/8: Wednesday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass
6/9: Thursday 7:15am St. Stephens	No Mass
6/10: Friday 5pm St. Stephens	No Mass
6/11: Saturday 4:30pm Blessed Sacrament	Geraldine Brown's 95th birthday
6/12: Sunday 9am St. Stephens	Tre Bradley & Kaylynn Cox
Sunday 11am St. Josephs	Gilberta Willow
Sunday 5pm St. Stephens	For the people

Please pray for the families of:

+Christine Addison

+Cleo Goggles

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Christ is Risen!

Indeed, He is Risen!

Farewell Lunch!

Everyone is invited to come thank Father Jim for his six years of ministry to our Mission. We will have lunch on June 26th at 1pm. The Mission will provide the condiments, hamburgers and hotdogs and paper goods. Parishioners with last name beginning with A through G are asked to bring a side dish of baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad or the like; H through N are asked to bring a dessert; O through U are asked to bring chips and dip; V-Z are asked to bring drinks. If you are unable to bring a dish please come anyway! Please bring chairs!

Father Jim and Fr. Drew will be on retreat June 6th through June 10th so there will not be daily Mass during this time. Please pray for our Bishop and priests while they make the retreat.

Blessed Sacrament and St. Josephs

Please join us at the farewell lunch for Father Jim on 6/26!