

Dear Padre,

I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his “perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues” is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?

Romans 8:26 says, “In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.”

I’d be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: “Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013



Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 30
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13–18
Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday
AUGUST 31
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 1
Weekday
Col 1:1–8
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 2
Weekday
Col 1:9–14
Lk 5:1–11

Friday
SEPTEMBER 3
St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church
Col 1:15–20
Lk 5:33–39

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 4
Weekday
Col 1:21–23
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 5
Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 35:4–7a
Jas 2:1–5
Mk 7:31–37

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 29, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Dt 4:1–2, 6–8
Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27
Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

Law Versus Values

That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can’t we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today’s Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as “a hedge around the law,” such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus’ disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

★ Do you have a favorite religious practice? The rosary? Communal singing? What religious value does it reflect?

[Jesus said,] “Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

MARK 7:15



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Please note: The names on the prayer list will go through a cycle. As the names are moved to the top, they will be removed as new names are added. Please contact the office to add or remove a name.

This Week in our Parish

Weekend Masses at St John:

Sat, 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sun, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass at St Terence

Sun, 8:00 AM

Weekday Masses at St. John:

Tues, 5:00 PM

Wed—Fri, 8:00 AM

Saturday August 28th

3:30 PM Recitation of Rosary at St John

Sunday August 29th

7:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St Terence

10:30 AM Recitation of Rosary at St John

5:00 PM Spanish Mass

5:30 PM Youth Group Meets

Anointing of the Sick /Ministry to the Sick

Please call the church office if someone is in a hospital, nursing home, shut-in, and would like to be visited or receive the sacraments.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the office in advance to register for seminar.

Funerals

Arrangements may be made by calling the office

Parish calendar online:

<http://www.stjohnmany.org/calendar>

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples are required to call the church office at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date

The Sanctuary Candle

Week of August 29nd - Sept. 4th, 2021

St. John + Elsie McLendon

Kathy Logan Adcock (SI)

St. Terence + Tillie Andries

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns night and day near the tabernacle to honor the presence of Christ. You may arrange to have the Sanctuary Candle at St. John's or Saint Terence burn in memory of a loved one for a week of your choice by contacting the church office. The candle will be booked on a first-

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 28th

- 4:00PM 1. + Lawrence Gill
2. + Donnie Leone
3. + Deacon Mike Sullivan
4. Waylon Malmay (SI)
5. + Rufus Leone

Sunday August 29th

- 8:00AM 1. The Parish Family
2. + Christy Wriborg
3. + Jeffrey & JoJo Bergeron
4. + Dr Sien Oey
11:00AM 1. + Renita K Parent
2. + Elsie McLendon
3. + Tillie Andries
4. + Chris & Eunice Ebarb
5. + William Sepulvado, Jr.
6. + Weston Yates

Tuesday August 31st

- 5:00PM 1. Waylon Malmay (SI)

Wednesday September 1st

- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Thursday September 2nd

- 8:00AM 1. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday September 3rd

- 8:00AM 1. + Deacon Mike Sullivan

Parish Support

(Thank you for your generosity!)

August 21st-22nd, 2021

St John	\$	3073.00
St Terence	\$	984.00

Spanish Mass

On Sunday, August 29th and Sunday, October 31st at 5PM, Father Rigoberto Betancurt will celebrate our Spanish Mass and will be available for confessions. There will also be a meal afterwards.

Note: Please call the church office to request the Sanctuary Lamp or Mass Intention in memory of or in honor

Barbecue Chicken Dinners

We will be selling barbecue lunches on Saturday, September 4th, Labor Day weekend, as part of our Fishing Tournament Fundraiser. Lunches will consist of 1/2 barbecue chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dessert and bread for \$10. The dinners will be available for pickup at St John, St Terence or Big Bass Marina, beginning at 10AM on September 4th. **This is the last weekend to purchase advance tickets.** Your support is appreciated!

Barbecue Dinner Tickets Deadline: September 1st

Special thanks to those who have been helping with our Fishing Tournament preparations. If you have barbecue dinner tickets, please be sure to turn them in to the office no later than **Wednesday, September 1st** so that we may purchase our food supplies.

Fishing Tournament Fundraiser Highlights

~This is our church parish's biggest fundraiser of the year and will be held at Big Bass Marina on **Saturday, September 4th.**

~Entry fee is **\$80.** Children 12 and under fish free
~Tournament begins at **6:30AM.** Entry forms can be picked up from the church office and are also located on our website; T-shirts are \$20.

~Raffles: fishing rod, Split the Pot

~Grilled burgers, hot dogs and other foods will be available for purchase at Big Bass the day of the tournament; There will also be door prize drawings
~Barbecue lunches will also be sold. \$10 per ticket; pick up at St. John, St. Terence or Big Bass. Local deliveries to businesses.

~Sponsorships and donations of any amount are needed. Please help us by contacting business acquaintances and others

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others. As you make your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

Register your Children for CCD!!

CCD registration will be held this Sunday, August 29th, after the IIAM Mass. The first CCD class will be held on Sunday, September 12th at 9AM. If you cannot register your child at the designated time, please contact Jean Rains.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration at St. John's will begin **September 8th.** A sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church. Please consider giving an hour each week to Our Lord in Adoration. If you have questions, contact Mary Beth Tarver at 318. 332.9901.

Fishing Tournament T-Shirts On Sale!

Saint John's 150th Anniversary Fishing Tournament t-shirts are now on sale. We have a limited supply of these Royal Blue shirts in various sizes. The cost is \$20. To purchase, please contact the church office.

Items Needed

Please consider donating one or more of the following items to help with the Fishing Tournament Fundraiser: Baked beans, canned soft drinks and bottled water, desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.) charcoal, lighter fluid, barbecue sauce, sliced bread, frozen hamburger patties, wieners, hot dog and hamburger buns, and individual bags of chips.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you an adult who was never baptized? Have you been baptized but never received First Communion or Confirmation?

RCIA is the process established by the Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time. Classes begin September 8th at 5:30 P.M.

Interested? Contact: Yvonne Busby, RCIA Director at 318 -256-2645

Date	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, September 4th, 4PM (Saint John)	Shirley Veuleman	TBD	Dale Porche	TBD
Sunday, September 5th, 8AM (Saint Terence)	Steve Miller	Rufus Shuff		TBD
Sunday, September 5th, 11AM (Saint John)	Jean Rains	TBD	Reese Koss Stella McElwee	TBD