

## **Novena to the Holy Spirit**

Sunday, May 31, we celebrate the birthday of the Church – the Feast of Pentecost. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #739 states, “Because the Holy Spirit is the anointing of Christ, it is Christ who, as the head of the Body, pours out the Spirit among his members to nourish, heal, and organize them in their mutual functions, to give them life, send them to bear witness, and associate them to his self-offering to the Father and to his intercession for the whole world. Through the Church’s sacraments, Christ communicates his Holy and sanctifying Spirit to the members of his Body.” You are invited to enter into a novena of prayer (9-day prayer) to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to help you/us realize the wonderful 7 gifts that we received at our Baptism and were sealed in us at our Confirmation.

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May 22 – May 30, 2020

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May 22 – Pray for openness to God’s Will

May 23 – Pray for the Gift of Knowledge

May 24 - Pray for the Gift of Counsel

May 25 - Pray for the Gift of Understanding

May 26 - Pray for the Gift of Fortitude

May 27 - Pray for the Gift of Piety

May 28 - Pray for the Gift of Respect (or) Fear of the Lord

May 29 – Pray for the Gift of Wisdom

May 30 - Prayer of Thanksgiving

Each day:

Lord Jesus send your Spirit into our hearts so that we may die to sin and live with you for the Father’s glory, now and always and forever. This day I pray for the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our Father...

Glory Be...

Hail Mary...

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.

I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## Prayer to the Seven Gifts by Saint Bonaventure

We, therefore, pray,  
to the most kind Father  
through you, his only-begotten Son,  
who for us became man, was crucified and glorified,  
that he sends us  
out of his treasures  
the Spirit of sevenfold grace  
who rested upon you in all fulness:  
the Spirit, I say, of WISDOM,  
that we may taste the life-giving flavors  
of the fruit of the tree of life,  
which you truly are;  
the gift also of UNDERSTANDING,  
by which the intentions of our mind are illumined;  
the gift of COUNSEL,  
by which we may follow in your footsteps  
on the right paths;  
the gift of FORTITUDE,  
by which we may be able to weaken the violence  
of our enemies' attacks;  
the gift of KNOWLEDGE,  
by which we may be filled with the brilliant light  
of your sacred teaching  
to distinguish good and evil;  
the gift of PIETY,  
by which we may acquire a merciful heart;  
the gift of FEAR,  
by which we may draw away from all evil  
and be set at peace  
by submitting in awe to your eternal majesty.  
For you have wished  
that we ask for these things  
in that sacred prayer which you have taught us;  
and now we ask to obtain them,  
through your cross,  
for the praise of your most holy name.

To you,  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
by honor and glory,  
thanksgiving, beauty and power,  
forever and ever.

Amen