

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS (10-4-20)

OPENING PRAYER: “GLORIA PATRI”

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper
et in secula saeculorum. Amen.

SACRED SEVEN

- ___ 1. We know the Holy Spirit through His actions.
- ___ 2. The one symbol for the Holy Spirit in Scripture is fire.
- ___ 3. In the indivisible Trinity, the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable.
- ___ 4. The one other name for the Holy Spirit in Scripture is the Advocate.
- ___ 5. The term “prophet” means those who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to speak in the name of God.
- ___ 6. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit even before he was born.
- ___ 7. The pattern of the Church at prayer is Mary joining her prayers to those of the Apostles in the upper room prior to Pentecost.

PRAXIS: DEVOTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES (Purpose: To renew my life of love, freedom, truth, goodness, and glory in the power of the Flesh and Blood of Christ charged with the Fire of the Holy Spirit)

I renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God.
I reject the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over me.
I reject Satan, the author and prince of sin.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus, Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

- II. As a member of Christ’s Body by Baptism, the Holy Spirit enables us to allow Jesus to continue to live His life in mine, and my life in His.
- A. Christ the Head, driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, overcomes temptation as the Last Adam, renouncing/rejecting Satan THREE TIMES:

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE—4:1-13

Satan: “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”
Christ: “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’”

Satan: “If you will worship me, [all the kingdoms of the world] shall all be yours.”

Christ: "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and only Him shall you serve.'"

Satan: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge of you, to guard you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Christ: "It is said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

- B. At Baptism, we repeat this action of Jesus: His triple renunciation/rejection of the flesh, the world, and the devil):
 - 1. Of the dominance of the flesh (**SIN** symbolized by eating forbidden food)—Pleasure/Lust
 - 2. Of the **LURE** of the World—Profit/Greed
 - 3. Of **SATAN**, the Devil—Power/Pride
- C. Having turned away from sin, the lure of evil, and Satan, we affirm our belief as Christians:
 - 1. Belief in the Father of Truth, not the father of lies
 - 2. Belief in His Son, Who conquers sin, the world, death, and Satan
 - 3. Belief in the Holy Spirit, Who gives life, love, truth, freedom
- D. Exorcism/Baptism
- E. Saint Peter—Denial/Affirmation

QUESTIONS

- I. How is the experience of temptation for Jesus the same as my experience?
How is His experience of temptation different from mine?
- II. Why did the Holy Spirit drive Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan? Why does God permit me to be tempted by Satan?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer—Include the "Signum Crucis," "Pater Noster," and "Gloria Patri."
- II. Mid-Day Prayer—Particular examination of conscience with an Act of Contrition
- III. Daily Mental Prayer—Conversing with the Holy Spirit:
- IV. Nightly Examination of Conscience followed by the Confiteor:
Have I shown my devotion to the Holy Spirit by:
 - A. Thanking the Holy Spirit whenever I loved others in truth?
 - B. Calling on the Holy Spirit before each activity and thanking the Holy Spirit after each activity?
 - C. Inviting the Holy Spirit to shape my vision, direct my plans, and give me the strength to carry out the Father's plan for me?
 - D. Loving myself enough to avoid sin and do good, and loving others enough to lead them away from sin and toward doing good?
 - E. Did I ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and animate my love for the Father, for the Son, for Mother Mary, for Saint Joseph, for my guardian angel, and for all the angels and saints?

