

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE KEYNOTE (9-27-20)

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. With great devotion, we adore and glorify the Holy Spirit because He is the Third Part of God.
- ___ 2. The Father and the Son are—according to Their sex—male, whereas the Holy Spirit is female.
- ___ 3. Catholics affirm that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.
- ___ 4. The Holy Spirit, as the Third Person of the Trinity, is coequal with the First Person and the Second Person.
- ___ 5. The Holy Spirit was not with the Father and the Son until the time when the Father began loving the Son, and the Son began returning this divine love to the Father.
- ___ 6. When Baptized, a person is infused with the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- ___ 7. The Holy Spirit is “sent into our hearts” so that we might receive new life as sons of God.

KEYNOTE: DEVOTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. The Holy Spirit—“The Lord, the Giver of Life”:
 - 1. Life consists essentially of love, truth, and freedom:
 - 2. Eternal life is:
 - a. LOVE in perfect holy communion with God/angels/saints (being—heart)
 - b. TRUTH through permitting God to complete His work of creation and fulfill its purpose in every creature (seeing—beatific vision)
 - c. FREEDOM through perfect participation in God’s holiness with all the holy ones—angelic and human (doing—will)
- II. Life in the Holy Spirit—UNBREAKABLE PERFECT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS:
 - 1. With the Father—“Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’” (Galatians 4:6).
 - 2. With the Son—“No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:3).
 - 3. With self and neighbor: “You shall LOVE your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord” (Leviticus 19:17).
 - 4. With the angels: “Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s LOVE commits me here” (“Angel of God”).

5. With Mary: “O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary” (“Hail, Holy Queen”)
 6. With Saint Joseph and all the saints: “I have heard of your faith in our Lord Jesus and the **LOVE** toward all the saints” (Ephesians 1:15).
- III. The State of Grace = Life in the Holy Spirit freely to express love in truth:
1. After Baptism—Life is supposed to be divinization and sanctification in the power of the Holy Spirit (Cooperation with sanctifying grace)
 2. Living in freedom from mortal sin FOR a life of:
 - a. Faith (On-going—daily—FORMATION as a disciple)
 - b. Worship (PARTICIPATION in the Sacraments and Devotions)
 - c. Good Works (Charity and thanksgiving in DAILY ACTIVITIES to glorify God and bless others)
 - d. Prayer (Maintaining and deepening our RELATIONSHIP with God and the holy ones)

QUESTIONS

- I. Do I have as much of a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit as I do with the Father and the Son? Explain.
- II. What could I do to deepen my relationship with the Holy Spirit?

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 Sacred Heart 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?