

**PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (2-5-23): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
PART 1, LESSON 10—THE VIRTUES AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- I. Prayers
 - A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.”
 - B. “Prayer to the Holy Spirit” (Inside Front Cover)
 - C. Saint and Virtue:
 1. Saint Josephine Bakhita
 2. Temperance

- II. True or False (Page 69)

- III. Grace—Restores and Elevates Wounded Nature by Supernatural Means
 - A. Virtues—A habit of doing good and avoiding evil
 1. Natural (Restoration)—Moral/Cardinal Virtues:
 - a. Prudence for right judgments in all circumstances
 - b. Justice to give others their due
 - c. Fortitude to do good despite difficulty
 - d. Temperance to control our desires and appetites
 - e. Also: Filial piety, patriotism, obedience, veracity (honesty), liberality, patience, humility, chastity
 2. Supernatural (Elevation or Divination by Sanctifying Grace)—Theological Virtues
 - a. Faith to firmly believe all the truths that God has revealed, as He neither deceives nor is deceived
 - b. Hope to trust that God fulfills His promises and in His power and mercy will give us eternal happiness and the means to obtain it
 - c. Charity to love God above all things for His own sake and to love our neighbors as ourselves for love of God
 - B. Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Make us more alert to discern God’s will and more ready to do it
 1. Knowledge for **VISION** to see God’s hand in creation and history
 2. Understanding for **INSIGHT** to order and deepening our knowledge
 3. Wisdom for a **DIVINE PERSPECTIVE** of the world and events on earth

4. Fear of the Lord for a **SENSE OF WONDER** that captivates us and makes us abhor losing holy vision and union with God through disobedience
 5. Counsel to **APPLY PRACTICALLY** our vocation to holiness and love
 6. Piety for the **REVERENCE** to worship God in Spirit and Truth
 7. Fortitude for **PERSEVERANCE** in trials and sufferings to remain in a state of grace and attain heavenly glory
- C. Fruits (12) that result from using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit =
 Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity (Kindness),
 Goodness, Long-Suffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty,
 Continency, and Chastity

THE WAY OF THE WORD VERSUS THE WAY OF THE WORLD (BEATITUDES)

Poor in Spirit—Kingdom of Heaven/Prideful—Earthly Power, Wealth
 Meek—Stewards of the Earth/Ambitious—Hoarders of the Earth
 Mourners of Sin— Are Comforted/Rejoicers in Sin— Suffer and Bear Guilt
 Hunger and Thirst for Justice— Satisfaction/Sow Injustice— Dissatisfaction
 Merciful— Mercy/Vengeful— Vengeance
 Pure of Heart— Vision of God/Impure— Vision of the Devil and his
 followers
 Peacemakers— Children of God/Wrathful— Children of Satan
 Persecuted for Righteousness— Kingdom of God/Persecute the Righteous
 — Kingdom of Satan

- IV. Discussion Questions (Page 69, Numbers 1, 2, 4, 8)
- V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing