

MORE TO PRAY

Monday (continued): Pray the Magnificat in gratitude for Mary's intercession throughout your Lenten Journey: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.*

Tuesday: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5: 22-23)*

This journey of faith is not an easy one. We need to ask that the Holy Spirit empowers us to keep moving forward. *"A soul that walks in love neither rests nor grows tired." (St. John of the Cross)*

Wednesday: *"For as in one body we have many parts, and all parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body of Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the graces given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." (Romans 12: 4-8)*

Thursday: *"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (John 6: 55-56)*

The miraculous gift of the Eucharist gives us life and strengthens us for the journey. Contemplate the initiation of this gift during the Holy Thursday Mass this evening at 8:00pm. *"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, compenetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined such!" (St. Maximilian Kolbe)*

Friday: *"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you." (John 14: 25-26)*

Many of the lessons of these past weeks will take time to fully process. Be patient and stay close to God in prayer. Contemplate the reality of God's love for you as you participate in the Good Friday parish events.

Saturday: Take time to review your week. How has your participation in this program affected your journey toward Holy Week? How will you share this with others?

FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

This week, make a resolution to actively seek to continue grow in your journey of faith. See the Lenten Mission webpage for suggestions:

<http://standrewapostle.org/parish-lenten-mission-2018/>

LED BY THE SPIRIT: A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH JESUS CHRIST

SAINT ANDREW APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mission Leader: Father Daniel P. Leary

February 11 - March 25, 2018

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

WEEK 6: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

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MORE TO LEARN

- ◆ *Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” (John 15: 4)*
- ◆ By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear "the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (CCC 736)
- ◆ "We live by the Spirit"; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we "walk by the Spirit." (CCC 736)
- ◆ The mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit is brought to completion in the Church, which is the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. This joint mission henceforth brings Christ's faithful to share in his communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit prepares men and goes out to them with his grace, in order to draw them to Christ. The Spirit manifests the risen Lord to them, recalls his word to them and opens their minds to the understanding of his Death and Resurrection. He makes present the mystery of Christ, supremely in the Eucharist, in order to reconcile them, to bring them into communion with God, that they may "bear much fruit." (CCC 737)
- ◆ Marching orders to live in the spirit.

MORE TO SHARE

- ◆ How does a deeper understanding of our baptism transform our work in the world? Why is your work and what you do each day important to God and to His kingdom?
- ◆ How does prayer, the sacraments, our Christian community, and evangelization impact the way you live your life?
- ◆ How does Mary provide an example of living life in the Spirit?
- ◆ Why is it important to think of the Church as a family? How does this make you think and feel about your fellow parishioners?

MORE TO PRAY

Daily Prayer for the Week: The Mission of My Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life., but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do not but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow, may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends., He may throw me among strangers He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about. Amen. (John Henry Cardinal Newman)

Daily Reflections

Monday: *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.” (Galatians 5: 25)*

Jesus was led by the Spirit His entire life. The more we are open to this same Spirit, the more we imitate Christ.