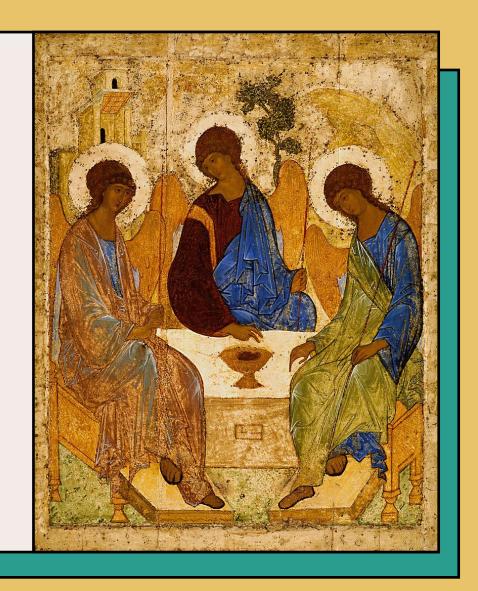
God Indwelling:
Developing a Personal
Relationship with the
Holy Spirit and
Recognizing and
Opening His Gifts in
Your Life and Ministry

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Andrei Rublev, Icon of the Holy Trinity (c. 1410). Tempera on wood. Public domain via Wikimedia Commons

Forgetfulness of the spirit/the Holy Spirit

(cf. Jer 2:12-13)



Breathe in me, Dear Holy Spirit

That my spirit may be holy with you.

Awaken my soul, Dear Holy Spirit,

That my life, both seen and unseen, may be holy.

Alert my conscience, Dear Holy Spirit,

To be aware of you, echoing deep within,

To judge what is holy.

Draw my flesh, my appetites, Dear Holy Spirit,

To desire what is holy.

Strengthen my will, Dear Holy Spirit,

To seek and defend all that is holy.

Enlighten my mind, Dear Holy Spirit,

To know and understand all that is holy.

Soften and widen my heart, Dear Holy Spirit,

To love all that is holy.

Act through, with, and in my body, Dear Holy Spirit,

To incarnate in this time and place all that is holy.

Guide me, Dear Holy Spirit,

That I may always be holy.

Holy Spirit, help me to do my work and to trust that you will do yours.

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For the baptized: indwells

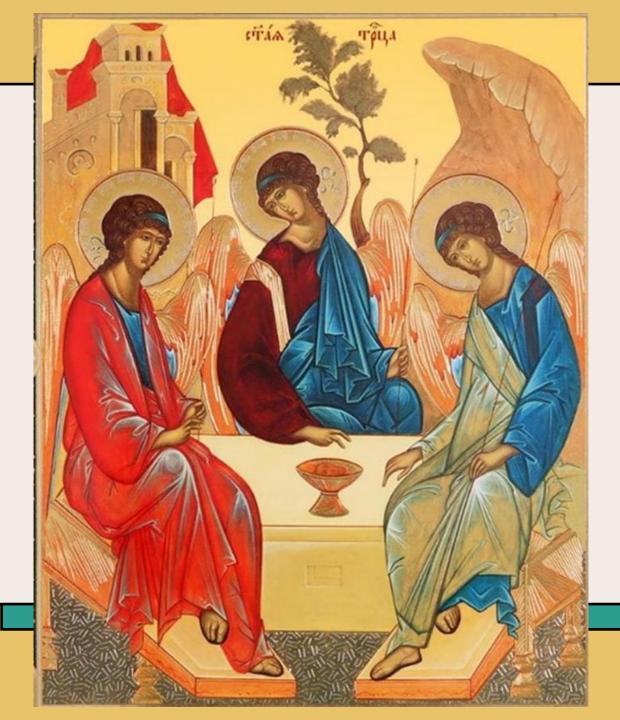
- interior Master, guest & friend
- conforming
- holding in communion
- ever-present advocate
- missionary "thirst"

Rm 8; John 14:16-17, 26; 2 Cor 5:1-5; CCC 1697

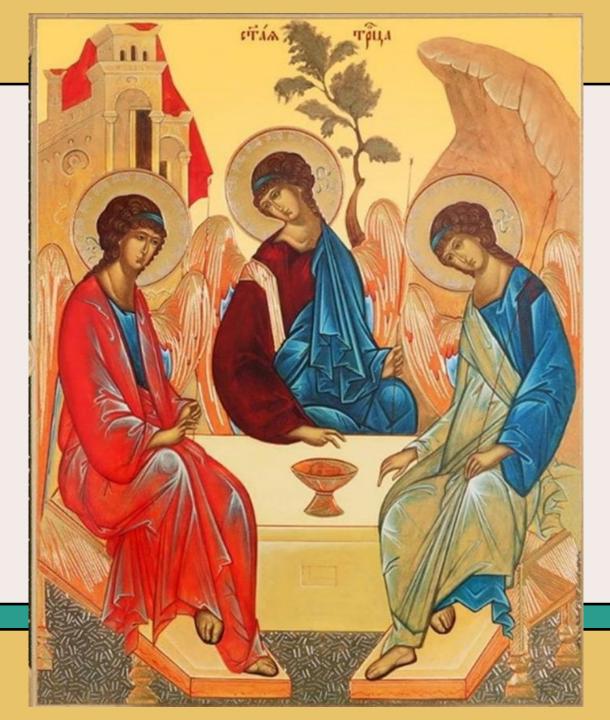
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- exterior prompts
- softening and widening
- "thirst"..."wonder"

Acts 16:14; Rm 9:18; 2 Cor 6:11-13; Eph 4:18; Heb 3:8, 13-15, 4:7



To whom do you address your prayer? God? Father? Jesus? Lord? Holy Spirit?



"A person discloses himself in his actions, and the better we know a person, the better we understand his actions" (CCC 236).



- in relation to one another

- in relation to us (cf. CCC 232-267)

in indwelling intimacy

cf. Rms 8; and CT 5 qtd GDC 80, DC 75



Παράκλητος

Person-Gift
Person-Love
Person-Embrace
Person-Kiss
Person-Delight

Divine Pedagogue
Helping Presence



Jn 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7; 1 Jn 2:1

Symbols

wind/breath "ruah" anointing/oil cloud and light seal hand/finger dove fire water

(cf. CCC 691-701)



Easter vigil, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fargo, ND, 3/31/2018 (Photo: Paulette Osborne)

"living water"

cf. Jer 2:12-13; 17:13; John 4:10-15; 7:37-39; CCC 694, 1011, 1179, 2652



What are the gifts we receive from the wellsprings?



Confirmation

CCC 1303...an increase & deepening of baptismal grace:

- roots us **more** deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!" (Rm 8:15);
- unites us **more** firmly to Christ;
- increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- renders our bond w/the Church **more** perfect (cf. LG 11);
- gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross

[Cf. Council Of Florence (1439): DS 1319; LG 11; 12; CCC 1302-1305)]



"increases gifts"

- personal or standard package(sanctify the person): "traditional"
- public (sanctify or build the body of Christ, serve others):
- "charismatic gifts"

Rm 8:26-27; 12:4-8; 1 Cor 12-14; Eph 4:7-8, 11-12; Heb 2:4; 1 Peter 4:8-11; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 2:1-13; 10:44-46; 19:1-7



CCC 2003 Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us to associate us with his work, to enable us to collaborate in the salvation of others and in the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church. There are sacramental graces...There are furthermore special graces, also called charisms after the Greek term used by St. Paul and meaning "favor," "gratuitous gift," "benefit" (LG 12). Whatever their character - sometimes it is extraordinary, such as the gift of miracles or of tongues - charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace and are intended for the common good of the Church. They are at the service of charity which builds up the Church (1 Cor 12).



CCC 799-800 Whether extraordinary or simple and humble, charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefit the Church, ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world. Charisms are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them and by all members of the Church as well. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the holiness of the entire Body of Christ, provided they really are genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit and are used in full conformity with authentic promptings of this same Spirit, that is, in keeping with charity, the true measure of all charisms (1 Cor 13).



CCC 951 Communion of charisms. Within the communion of the Church. the Holy Spirit "distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank" for the building up of the Church (LG 12 § 2.). Now, "to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor 12:7).



Recommended books

Clothed With Power on High,
Bishop Scott McCraig

Breath of God, Fr. Dave Pivonka

Exploring the Gifts of the Spirit,

John Michael Talbot

Holy Spirit 101, Victoria Harris



Defining elements

- free, available to all, necessary
- not possession
- requires consent
- for God's glory and service of others
- supernatural/from Holy Spirit
- never contradict Jesus & His Church



St Paul's nine

Sign Gifts/Power to Do

- Faith, Healing and Miracles
 Intellectual Gifts/Power to Know
- Wisdom, Knowledge, & Discernment
 Word Gifts/Power to Say
- Tongues, Interpretation, & Prophecy



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How do we receive and open the Holy Spirit's gifts?



opening the gifts stirring into flame baptism of the Spirit outpouring of the Spirit awakening the Spirit

(cf. Ez 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-29; Mt 3:11; Mk 1:7-8; Lk 3:16; Jn 3:5; Acts 1:4-5; Acts 2:1-4, 37-39, etc.)



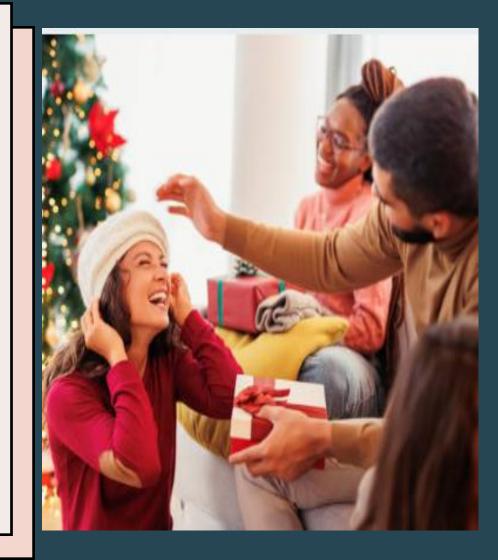
opening the gifts

Pray and stay close to the Lord
Know who you
Remember, desire and ask
Willingness/intention to be a missionary
Act in faith
Learn from others
Remove obstacles/misunderstandings
Give the Holy Spirit room to work

At home...family...work...play, etc.



How will you know the gifts are opened?



evidence of the Spirit

Deeper hunger Power over sin and evil habits Detachment from material goods Consolations of being close to Lord -feeling-touch-hear-smell-see-taste -or not Gift of tongues Manifestation of gifts Bearing of fruit



Were the charisms only for the early Church, the apostolic age?



Is there a special need for the charisms today, the "new apostolic age"?



Quoting Paul VI, who was thanking Cardinal Suenens, Pope Francis taught:

"May the Charismatic Renewal disappear as such and be transformed into a Pentecostal grace for the whole Church: to be faithful to its origin, the river must lose itself in the ocean." The river must be lost in the ocean. Yes, if the river comes to a halt the water becomes stagnant; should the Renewal, this current of grace, not end in the ocean of God, in the love of God, it would work for itself and this is not of Jesus Christ, this is of the Evil One, of the father of lies. The Renewal continues, it comes from God and goes to God.

