

OCIA
The Holy Spirit, the gifts and what it means to us.
Sixth Sunday in Easter 5.11.26

I. Check in

One place you experienced peace this week
One challenge they faced this week

II. Prayer:

Holy Spirit Come Now ~ Jesse Manibusan

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts. Help us to hear the voice of Jesus, know the love of the Father, and be strengthened to live as disciples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

III. Think about

- Who has helped guide you during a difficult time?
- When have you felt encouraged, comforted, or strengthened?
- Have you ever felt alone and wished someone would stay with you?
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Qualities

IV. Gospel of John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Key Themes from the Gospel

- The Trinity
- The **Advocate**
- The leader
- The Church

V. Reflection and discussion

VI. The Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

VII. Contemplation Questions

- Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?
- What helps you recognize God's presence?
- When is it difficult to trust God's guidance?
- Which Fruit of the Spirit do you most need right now?
- How does the Holy Spirit help the Church in today's world?

VIII. Invitation

VIII. Closing Prayer

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All:

Come, Holy Spirit,
open our hearts to your presence.
Fill us with your peace, wisdom, and love.
Help us to hear the voice of Jesus
and follow him more faithfully each day.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflection

Sharing

All:
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
We ask this in the name of our God,
who is Father, Son, and HOLY SPIRIT.
Amen

Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, May 17, Dismissal 9:30 Mass & dismissal

Monday, May 18, Closing Mass in the church and 6:30 pm and Potluck to follow in Galilee Room
both groups

Sunday, May 24, Dismissal 9:30 Mass & dismissal

Monday, May 25, No OCIA Session, Memorial Day

Sunday, May 31, Dismissal 9:30 Mass & dismissal

Monday, June 1, OCIA Session, 7:30 pm, Trinity