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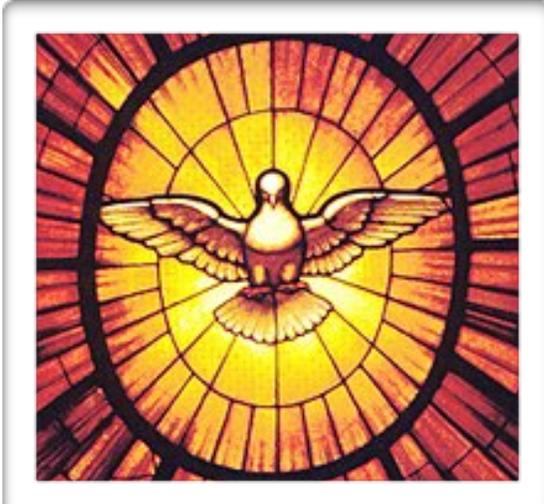
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## June 23, 2019

The Spirit Teaches



### Next Sunday

*Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit*

1 Cor 2:11-16 (The True Wisdom)

Lk 10:21-24 (Praise of the Father)

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 23rd 10:30 am

+Gaby Bassili

Monday, June 24th

Available

Tuesday, June 25th

Available

Wednesday, June 26th

Available

Thursday, June 27th

Available

Friday, June 28th

+Una Kilbane

Saturday, June 29th

Available

Sunday, June 30th

Available

*Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30 am before the morning Liturgy.*

*Confession every Sunday at 9:45 am before the morning Liturgy.*

*Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.*

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for June 9th - 15th*

Online.....\$1,035.00

Collection.....\$502.00

Weekly Total.....\$1,537.00

YTD Total.....\$45,607.51

YTD Goal.....\$44,304.00

YTD Difference.....\$1,303.51

## Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, June 23rd

Redmond Family

Sunday, June 23rd

Available



# Reflection

## The Spirit Teaches

*As we continue in our celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, our reflection now turns to the theme of the purifying and elevating work of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist.*

The Spirit, who is believed to be at work in the celebration of all the sacraments, plays a particularly intimate role in the Eucharist, which, in Syriac theological anthropology, is one of the two nature-changing sacraments, the other being Baptism. Not only is the Eucharist seen as the new and superior fruit of the Tree of Life, it is also seen as containing the same fire and Spirit present in the womb of the Virgin at her impregnation and present in the baptismal font. The power of the new fruit is that it divinizes its receivers. Those who eat of the fire in the bread and the Spirit in the wine become infused with the very same elements of God. This is a significant elevation over the previous nature of man; as Ephrem points out Isaiah only had the coal touch his lips, but we fully consume it. The implication is that we are wholly purified, not only in an exterior ritual sense, but at our very core. In physically consuming the fire in the bread and the Spirit in the wine, our nature is not simply restored to the pre-fallen state of Adam, but entirely elevated to a divinely infused nature. Divinity is something in which we participate in a limited sense, rather than acting as simply the passive recipients of its benevolence in the form of the fruit in the Garden. Having been elevated to the divine nature through the remedy of the Eucharist, we are granted access to a level of intimacy with God that even Adam could not enjoy after the fall.

In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ himself has prepared before us the feast of life and has invited each of us to partake of it. This feast of life – the Eucharistic feast – is the divine presence, and is often depicted as fire. Fire normally burns and incinerates material, but Christ weds the Church and allows her children to consume His own flesh that He has prepared by His self-sacrifice. He is also the only food that could effect the benefits that He does:

Blessed are you, O Holy Faithful Church, for the Groom Who wed you placed before you a good and heavenly food. He mixed a drink at your banquet and those who drink it will never thirst. Come! Eat fire in the bread and drink Spirit in the wine that you shall be adorned by fire and by Spirit and enter with Him into the nuptial chamber!

This verse bids the Church to draw near to the feast of her Groom, which is unmistakably a Eucharistic allusion. Partaking of this feast that He has set before the Church allows her both to consume and be adorned by fire and the Spirit – clearly divine elements. The fire is the very presence of Christ, her Groom, and the Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity inextricably united to the Son. If the Church consumes His body and blood, here called the bread and wine, she can enter with Him into the nuptial chamber, and thus the members of the Church are brought into union with Christ and are restored from Adam's transgression through the remittal of sins.

There is truly a profound and essential connection between the Eucharist and the working of the Spirit in the life of the Church. Each time we gather in the celebration of the Eucharist, drawing near to the banquet of Jesus Christ, we consume the fire in the bread and the Spirit in the wine. Through this consumption, we receive the same Spirit that impregnated the Virgin Mary, the same Spirit that descended upon the Apostles and Mary on Pentecost, and the same Spirit that was active on the day of our Baptism. In receiving the fire and the Spirit in the Eucharist, we are no mere receptacles, but are continually changed, transformed, and elevated at the very core of our being and brought into the deepest of unions with God himself. Today we receive Jesus Christ. Today we receive the fire and the Spirit. Today is our Pentecost.

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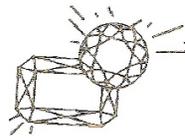
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