



WELCOME



PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL

St. John the Baptist
PARISH RETREAT

The Journey to Vibrancy

**Currently
136 Parishes**



**Parishes Form
into Parish
Families**



**Each Parish
Family Becomes
One Parish**



Come Holy Spirit

Listen

Reflect

Pray

Chant

Veni Sancte Spiritus



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Small Groups

- Share your name, a bit about yourself and how you came to join St. John the Baptist
- Use a weather pattern to describe how you feel at this moment about “Partners in the Gospel”
- What is your hope for today’s retreat?
- How do you see change impacting our lives, our feelings, our reactions, the good/bad/ugly?



**Holy Spirit, you are
welcome here;
Come flood this place
and fill the
atmosphere;**

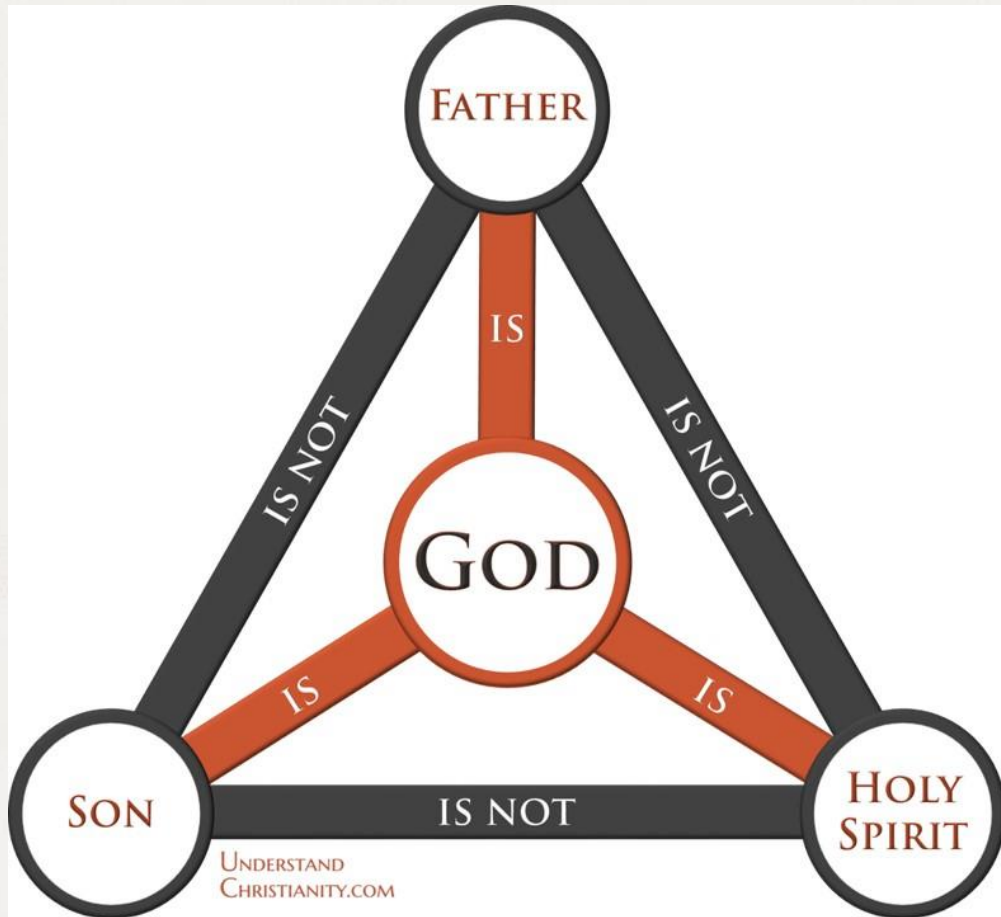


**Your glory, God, is what
our hearts long for,
to be overcome by
Your Presence, Lord;
Your Presence, Lord.**

The Role of the Holy Spirit in Salvation History



Holy Trinity



Son

- Eternally Begotten of the Father
- Not Created

Holy Spirit

- Proceeding from the Father
- And the Son



Holy Spirit



Ruah: Wind, Storm, Gentle Breeze

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the waters —

Genesis 1:1-2

Holy Spirit



Ruah: Breath

Then the LORD God formed the human out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the human became a living being.

Genesis 2:7



Holy Spirit



Ruah: Breath

When you hide your face, they panic. Take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. Send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 104: 29-30



Holy Spirit



Spirit of the Lord



The woman bore a son and named him Samson, and when the boy grew up the LORD blessed him. The spirit of the LORD came upon him for the first time.

Judges 13:24-25

Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Lord



Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed him in the midst of his brothers, and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

1Samuel 16:13



Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Lord



It shall come to pass. I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Joel 3:1



Holy Spirit

Spirit of the Lord



The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.



Holy Spirit



Spirit of the Lord



Not by appearance shall he judge,
nor by hearsay shall he decide,
But he shall judge the poor with
justice, and decide fairly for the
land's afflicted.

Isaiah 11:2-4

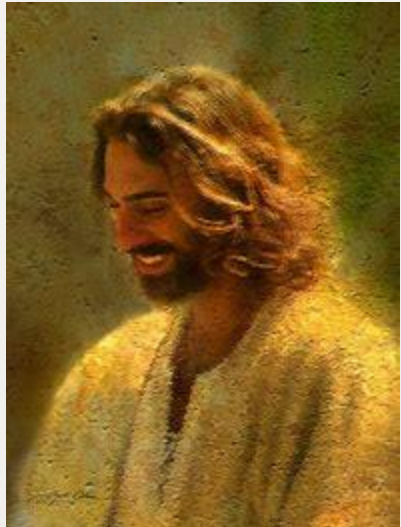
Holy Spirit *Spirit of the Lord*



I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them. You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

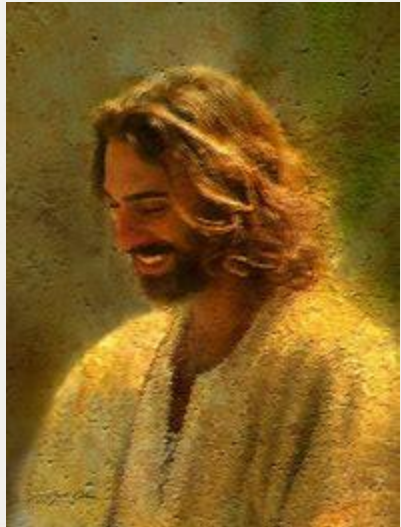
Ezekiel 36:25-27

Holy Spirit



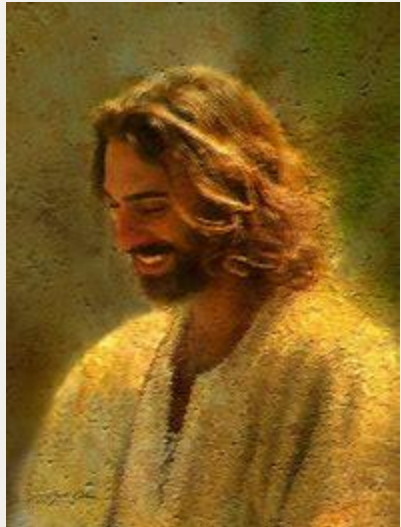
...and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Holy Spirit



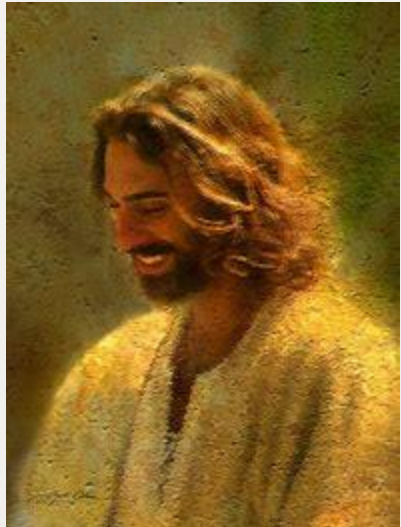
Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert.

Holy Spirit



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free...

Holy Spirit



But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

At that very moment he rejoiced [in] the holy Spirit and said, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven."

Holy Spirit



And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit."

John 20:22

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Acts 2:3-4



Holy Spirit



Peter [said] to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38



Holy Spirit



The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 8:16



Holy Spirit



There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7





...that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-19

Holy Spirit



- Prayer
- Scripture
- Tradition
 - Lived experience of the Church
 - Lives of the Saints
 - Teaching of the Church
 - Councils
 - Popes/Bishops
 - *Sensus Fidelium*





Small Groups

- What caught your attention with Fr. Bill's presentation?
- How have you experienced God at work in you through the Holy Spirit?
- When/where have you seen the Holy Spirit at work?
- Did you learn something new from the video?
- As we enter into this time of change, is there something from this presentation or video that gives you hope?



Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
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Holy Spirit come



**... and the Holy Spirit
landed at Covington
growing St. John the
Baptist Catholic
Community**

One Spirit One Church



**We are a pilgrim people,
we are the Church of God.
A fam'ly of believers,
disciples of the Lord.**



**United in one spirit,
ignited by the fire.
Still burning through the ages,
still present in our lives.**



**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
and in our hearts take up thy rest;
come with thy grace
and heav'nly aid
to fill the hearts
which thou hast made.**



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Amen.**



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Our Recent Synod Experience

- 2022 Q1 Listening Sessions Initiated
 - 21 synodal sessions
 - 263 parishioners participated
 - 61 pages of comments
- March – Collate and summarize



Our Recent Synod Experience

- May – Report submitted to the Archdiocese
- June – Archdiocese synthesis
- October – Parish Council & Commission Convocation

Synod Experience to Parish Priorities



- December 2022 – Parish Leadership Team begins planning / priorities process
- May 2023 – Draft priorities approved
- June 2023 – Parish Retreat



Proposed Parish Priorities

Please refer to handout



Proposed Parish Priorities Dialogue

- Do these priorities reflect your understanding of the synodal experience?
- What makes you excited or anxious when you look at these priorities?
- For each of the three priorities, what concrete evidence would show we are making progress?
- Is there something essential missing?
- What do we need to make these priorities a reality? What do we need to overcome?



**Holy Spirit,
Come into our lives.**

**Holy Spirit,
Make us truly wise.**



Where is the Holy Spirit leading us to now?

- Now: Current Reality Report (archseattle.org/partners)
- June: Priests review draft of parish families
- August: Parish Staff consulted on parish families
- September 17-19: Fall Parish Mission - “Accompaniment”
- October 5: Parish councils and commissions consulted
- October 7 or 12: Parish wide consultation
- January 2024: Parish Families promulgated



Partners in the Gospel Prayer

**Gracious God, we praise and thank you
for the Catholic Church in Western
Washington.**

**We praise and thank you
for the women and men
who have shared the joy of the Gospel here
for more than 170 years.**



**Send your Holy Spirit upon us
that we might encounter your Son anew
and become more effective partners
in sharing the Good News of his saving love.**



**May our partnership in the Gospel
empower us to be your missionary disciples,
bringing the Good News to all,
especially to those who are marginalized or
hurting in any way.**



**Give us the courage,
the flexibility and the vision
to renew parish life,
so that the good work, begun long ago,
may continue among us,**



**and one day, be brought to completion
in your Kingdom,
where you live and reign
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

