

ABLAZE PRAXIS 2-19-17

PRAYER: “COME, HOLY SPIRIT”

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

- V. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.
- R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAXIS: THE SPIRIT OF THE KINGDOM—BURNING DEVOTION TO THE FIRE OF GOD’S LOVE

- I. Review—Three Essential Gifts of God to Man in the New Covenant
 - A. Ezekiel 36:25-27
 - B. Christ’s Heart/Mary’s Immaculate Heart/Fire of the Holy Spirit
 - C. Sacraments of Initiation
 - 1. Baptism—Water from Christ’s Heart and His Holy Spirit
 - 2. Eucharist—Blood from Christ’s Heart and His Flesh
 - 3. Confirmation—Fire of Love between the Father and the Son
 - a. For Stronger Communion—Love (Exchange/Dialogue)
 - b. For Fruitful Communication—Proclamation of True Love (Expansion/Diffusion)
- II. Experiencing and Acknowledging the Presence of the Holy Spirit—“Knowing” God
 - A. Love of God Expressed at the Annunciation/Incarnation
 - 1. Love as Sanctification—“Hail, full of **GRACE**” (Luke 1:28)
 - 2. Love as Creation/Re-Creation—“you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son” (Luke 1:30)
 - 3. Love as Revelation—“the angel Gabriel was sent from God” (Luke 1:26)
 - B. Love as Expressed at Mass
 - 1. Love as Revelation—Liturgy of the Word/Homily
 - 2. Love as Creation/Re-Creation—Offerings/Transubstantiation
 - 3. Love as Sanctification—Holy Communion
 - C. Love as Expressed at Confirmation
 - 1. Love as Revelation—Words of the Liturgy
 - 2. Love as Creation/Re-Creation—Oil/Anointing (“Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”)
 - 3. Love as Sanctification—Completion and Strengthening of Baptismal Grace
- III. “Knowing” God through the Movement of the Holy Spirit
 - A. John 1:10-18
 - B. John 1:24-34
 - C. Key Marks of Movement of God’s Love in the Power of the Holy Spirit
 - 1. Love for and Catholic penetration of Scripture, re-affirmed in lives and writings of the Saints (Revelation)

2. Intense attraction to Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration with a growing desire for holiness and a life of charity (Sanctification)
3. Deepening personal relationship with and devotion to Mary (Creation/Re-creation)

QUESTIONS

- I. How can we call Mary the Spouse of the Holy Spirit? Does this teaching contradict our belief that Jesus is the Bridegroom of the Church, with all the members of the Church—of whom Mary is pre-eminent—living as His Bride?
- II. What desire or change in my life reveals the action of the Holy Spirit?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: “Come, Holy Spirit”
- II. Mental Prayer: 5/5/5 (children) or 10/10/10 (teen/adult)
 - A. Gospel of the Day or Any Passages from Scripture
 - B. Stories or Writings of Saints
 - C. Passages from Theological or Catechetical Writings
 - D. Particular Decades of the Rosary
 - E. Visual Images
- III. Examination of Conscience followed by an Act of Contrition
 - A. Did I approach the Word of God with the Fire of the Holy Spirit in my heart to experience REVELATION as an expression of God’s Love?
 - B. Did I see God’s CREATION, though fallen and groaning for restoration, with a sense of wonder and gratitude to keep alive the Holy Spirit of Love within my heart?
 - C. Have I cooperated with God’s Word and the inspirations of the Holy Spirit to allow grace to increase in me and to make me more like God in thought, word, and deed?
 - D. Did I permit the Holy Spirit to make my work today radiant and fruitful?