



Socrates, the Spirit, and Self

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“Know thyself,” advised the philosopher Socrates. Yet easier said than done. A recent public service ad warning about the dangers of smoking concludes, “The worst lies are the lies you tell yourself, like smoking isn’t that dangerous.” To admit the truth, to come to truth, to live the truth is no small thing.

Have you ever wondered why it takes a lifetime to come to wisdom, why we aren’t born with all the wisdom we need? It would make life so much easier. When Jesus promised us the Spirit, he said, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will guide you to all truth” (John 16:12-13). To know ourselves and the truth of who we are can be a painful process, coming to terms with what we do not want to hear. So the Spirit brings us to that wisdom gradually, over the course of a lifetime, lest we run from it.

Paul warns against “immorality and impurity and lust,” and each of us at some point in our lives must come to terms with the truth that if we do not channel our sexuality healthfully it will mess up our lives. Paul warns against “hatred, rivalry, fury, dissensions,” and each of us eventually realizes how any of those can ruin relationships and our very lives. Some of us learn such wisdom early in life, some late, yet coming to Truth is a lifelong journey guided by the Spirit. ●

Reflect

What truth do you know now that you did not know ten or twenty years ago?

The fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.

GALATIANS 5:22-23





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OUT OF OFFICE

Office Information

For your information, Julie will be out of the office from Tuesday May 21st – Wednesday May 28th. Please contact Kristin with any questions or concerns.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of May 20, 2024

Monday	5/20			† No Mass
Tuesday	5/21	9:00 am	STM	† Dato & Marian Olivero
Wednesday	5/22	5:30 pm	HT	† Kathy Sondgeroth
Thursday	5/23	9:00 am	HT	† Herman & Mary Hahn
Friday	5/24	9:00 am	STM	† Regina Pommier

Mass Intentions for the weekend of May 25 - 26, 2024

Saturday	5/25	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Mindy Taber
Sunday	5/26	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Dave & Angela Miller

Pentecost - The Beginning of the Holy Spirit's Mission

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost marks the definitive end of the Easter Season. It occupies a very important position in the Church's life and liturgical calendar. This is because it marks the beginning of the church's missionary endeavor. Pentecost day is a day of renewal and empowerment.

From the first reading of this Sunday, we see the reward of obedience and steadfastness in prayer. Therefore, today we celebrate a great feast, when Christ fulfilled his promise to us. As Christ's disciples, every true believer has been empowered by the Holy Spirit. He is the mutual love of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit empowers us to go into our world to bring peace, unity, joy, love and salvation to nations.

In the second reading of today, Paul makes a very important statement: "No one can say Jesus is Lord, except through the Holy Spirit." This means that it is God himself who enables us to recognize and accept the lordship of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Due to pride, it is difficult for Satan to acknowledge and accept the lordship of Christ. To say "Jesus is Lord" is to humble oneself. It means to accept Christ as the Lord and Savior of one's life. Truly, this is only possible through the spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit.

In the gospel, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon his disciples in order to restore their peace and to free them from the slavery of fear. Christ knew that the Holy Spirit empowers and liberates. So, the Spirit we have received, "is not the spirit of fear and timidity, but the Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline." (2 Tim 1:7)

According to our Catechism, the Holy Spirit empowers us; makes us strong Christians and soldiers of Christ (CCC 1302). This empowerment comes through the different gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit. Through them, we become bold to call God our Father (Rom 8:15), and above all, to proclaim to our world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Also, the Holy Spirit helps us to bear good fruits in Christ (Gal 5, 22). He leads us into the kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy.

Today, we must ask ourselves: "What does the Holy Spirit want me to do? Where is He leading me to?" It is important to reflect on these questions, especially, now that our world has become so complex, and many of us seem confused. We must pay attention to the Holy Spirit. We must be docile to him. We must let him lead and show us the best way.

(Excerpted from Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp., "frcanicenjoku.com")

Cemetery Appeal

We like to remind our SP parishioners who have received the cemetery appeal letter to please read and consider donating to this worthy cause. As for the HT parishioners, please watch your mail for the 2024 cemetery appeal letter.

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels is a ministry of Catholic Charities serving families in need across the Peoria Diocese. To aid this mission, the Council of Catholic women are organizing a diocesan collection of supplies which will be held in the LaSalle vicariate in June.

All 3 churches will collect supplies. Volunteers will be needed to bring items to St. Patrick Church in LaSalle on Tuesday, June 11th at 3:15pm. Let the office know if you are interested.

Items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent, garbage bags, razors, shampoo and conditioner. Also needed are Visa, Wal-Mart and Casey gas cards.

LATEST OFFERING'S

MAY 12TH WEEKEND

HT – \$ 895.00

SP – \$ 494.00

STM – \$1,071.00



CONFESSIONS

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SAT. MAY 25TH

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST. THOMAS MORE

IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer."

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THE LORD'S PRAYER: LEONARDO BERNINI/SCIENCE PHOTO LIBRARY

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 20 <i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	May 21 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	May 22 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	May 23 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	May 24 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	May 25 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	May 26 <i>Most Holy Trinity</i> Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.

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