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OUR MONTHLY THEME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of April are:

**THE MONTH OF
APRIL**

is dedicated to

the Holy Spirit

2. Francis of Paola, Opt. Mem.
4. St. Isidore, Opt. Mem.
5. Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Sunday
9. Holy Thursday, Triduum
10. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, Triduum
11. Holy Saturday, Triduum
12. Easter Sunday, Solemnity
13. Monday in the Octave of Easter, Solemnity
14. Tuesday in the Octave of Easter, Solemnity
15. Wednesday in the Octave of Easter, Solemnity
16. Thursday in the Octave of Easter, Solemnity
17. Friday in the Octave of Easter, Solemnity
18. Saturday in the Octave of Easter, Solemnity
19. Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy), Solemnity
21. Anselm, Opt. Mem.
23. George; Adalbert, Opt. Mem.
24. St. Fidelis, Opt. Mem.
25. St. Mark, Feast
26. Third Sunday of Easter, Sunday
28. Peter Chanel (NZ, Feast); Louis Mary de Montfort; Gianna Molla, mother (Italy), Opt. Mem.
29. Catherine of Siena, Memorial
30. Pius V; Bl. Marie de l'Incarnacion (Can Memorial

This information on the special feast days were obtained from Catholic Culture.org.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT



"The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone" (St Pope John Paul II, Opening address in Ireland, Phoenix Park, September 29, 1979).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ONLINE

Hello Dear Friends and Faithful Eucharistic Adorers,

The following Eucharistic Adoration sites are available online and in most cases are being streamed online "LIVE." Once you click on the link you will be able to easily see if they are LIVE and sometimes there is a display which indicates the number of Eucharistic Adorers who are watching and praying.

1. <https://youtu.be/BKoweAT723g> (In Poland) John Hashtak - This one is for you my Brother...
2. [Adoration at Our Lady of Guadalupe of The Blessed Sacrament](#) 24/7 Live Perpetual Adoration hosted by Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Doral, FL
3. [Live Adoration from Tyburn Convent](#) From London England
4. [Adorecast – Live Perpetual Adoration](#) - This site has been closed temporarily due to the COVID-19 If you click on the link you'll notice the sign they have posted.
5. <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/adoration> available from 9 AM to 6 PM

Personal Reflection – David Britt

ARE YOU MISSING OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?

I am! During the time of Lent, our world surely has changed with the Covid-19 virus. If you have been following Fr. John's daily Gospel reading and reflection or Bishop Baron's reflections, you know that this is a chance for us to grow stronger in our faith.

What are you doing during your normal Adoration hour? Are you praying a rosary? Are you sitting quietly in front of a Crucifix? Or, are you spending more quality time with your loved ones? Adoration will be back!

Remember this time and what you are doing when Adoration returns.

God Bless,
David Britt

Personal Reflection – Susana Suarez

DURING THIS TIME OF GLOBAL PANDEMIC

The threat of nuclear war, 9-11, missiles with nuclear warheads, or other weapons of mass destruction could not take our country down. But this little submicroscopic protein molecule, not even a living organism, invisible to the naked eye, traveling, not with the speed of sound, but by some mysterious manner that compels us to practice never-before-experienced “social distancing”; killing people now in the thousands, and threatening death to thousands more, not in some remote village in some remote part of the globe, but right here in our country, in our state, in our city, in our community, in our homes, this pernicious corona virus has succeeded in bringing us down on our knees as we cry to God for help, for his mercy. And the irony is that we cannot even go to our churches to pray because they are now closed to us to keep us safe in order that this virus does not spread. So, we take advantage of the instruments of technology to help us. Through the internet, we worship together, though we are far apart.

EWTN airs the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass live at 8:00 am daily from their chapel in Irondale, Alabama. The mass can be accessed again at 12 noon and 7:00 pm. Bishop Robert Barron also offers Mass in his private chapel and this livestreams at 8:15 am ([word on fire.org/daily-mass/](http://wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)). It is also available at any hour of the day. Our own Parish celebrates the 10:00 am Sunday Mass from our Main Church which is also virtually available on the Parish Website. There are a myriad of sites which also offer Mass which we can participate in through the magic of the Internet. Various devotions are available if we now where and how to look for them.

Let us storm heaven with our Masses, rosaries, hours of virtual adoration, private prayers and sacrifices, so that we may be saved from the ravages of this insidious predator. We take our pleas to Jesus, through Mary, his mother, to deliver us from all danger from this calamity, to help the afflicted victims to recover, the dead, to attain eternal rest and their families, to take comfort in their grief. We pray for the doctors and nurses, emergency personnel and policemen and women, firefighters and others who are in the front lines of this "war" and all, as well, who are devoting their time and effort, sometimes even their lives, to combat this enemy.

We pray for our country and our President, our Congress and the media to unite to give their concerted effort to lead us out of this crisis safely and peacefully. And for Pope Francis and our bishops, priests, and deacons we pray for their health and safety and for spiritual leadership.

As we kneel before our private altars and with faith in our hearts, we believe that Jesus is here at a time like this, as he is in our tabernacles, and we say in adoration:

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine
All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

O Lord Mighty God have mercy on us.

Jesus, we trust in you, have pity on us and deliver us from this evil.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, and mother of us all, pray for us.

All the angels and saints of God intercede for us.

God Bless

Susana Suarez

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF HOLY SPIRIT

The first—and only—place in the entire Bible where seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed together is Isaiah 11:1–3, in a famous Messianic prophecy:

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.”



The nature of the seven gifts has been debated by theologians since the mid-second century, but the standard interpretation has been the one that St. Thomas Aquinas worked out in the thirteenth century in his *Summa Theologiae*:

- **Wisdom** is both the knowledge of and judgment about “divine things” and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.
- **Understanding** is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to “see” God.
- **Counsel** allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation.
- **Fortitude** denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.
- **Knowledge** is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.
- **Piety** is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety.
- **Fear of God** is, in this context, “filial” or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to “servile” fear, whereby we fear punishment.

**Information taken from an Article by Frank X. Blisard found in Catholic Answers.
6/10/2019**

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

The third person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is sometimes referred to as “the forgotten” member of the Godhead. He is, no doubt, the least spoken of among the three persons of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Most students of our Catholic theology of the Trinity agree: *Pneumatology*, or the study of the Holy Spirit, is probably the least developed, after the study of the Son and the Father. It is, therefore, no surprise to find many Catholics ill-equipped to deal with some of the more notable errors concerning he who is “the Lord and giver of life.” Thus, studying the person and nature of the Holy Spirit, though sometimes neglected, is crucial for us as Catholic apologists and as Catholics in general.



The most common attacks on Catholic belief concerning the Holy Spirit generally come from quasi-Christian sects such as the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, Jehovah’s Witnesses, and others who deny the central mystery of the Christian faith—the Trinity. Both the personhood as well as the divinity of the Holy Spirit are rejected by these groups. The Holy Spirit is spoken of as a “force,” or as “power” emanating from God, rather than as God himself. As Catholics, then, we must be able to respond to these two key misunderstandings concerning the Holy Spirit. The truths about the Holy Spirit are that 1. he is a person, and 2. he is God.

Indeed, the Holy Spirit is referred to in personal terms by our Lord throughout the New Testament. If we only consider John chapters 14, 15, and 16, the evidence is overwhelming. This is not to mention the abundance of examples we could cite throughout Scripture, both Old (in seed form) and New Testaments.

Let’s take John 14:16-17 to start. Jesus says,

And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, who the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

In John 15:26-27, Jesus says,

But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.

And in John 16:7-15, Jesus makes it very plain,

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment; of sin, because they do not believe in me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; of

judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Holy Spirit is personal. He convicts of sin, teaches the truth, speaks, declares things that are to come, and so on. These texts leave no doubt as to the personhood of the Holy Spirit.

Notice the Holy Spirit is synonymous with God himself. In Hebrews 10:15-17, the reference is even more clear:

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their misdeeds no more."

The Holy Spirit is revealed here to be both a person and divine. He is depicted as "bear[ing] witness," "establish[ing] a covenant," is referred to as "the Lord," "puts [his] laws on [our] hearts," and even forgives sins. How many Catholics realize when they recite the Nicene Creed every Sunday at Mass that they are clearly and concisely professing just what we see here in Scripture: The Holy Spirit truly is "the Lord and Giver of Life."

Information taken from an Article by Tim Staples found in Catholic Answers. 4/5/2014

SCHEDULES AND MORE

PLEASE NOTE THAT Eucharistic Adoration is cancelled at the Chapel in the Cody Center until further notice.

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's is held at the Cody Enrichment Center, located at:

4152 Loretto Rd, next to the Historic Church.

The current schedule for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's can be found at:

<https://stjosephsjax.org/eucharistic-adoration>

REGULAR ADORATION HOURS

ADORATION TIMES (Adoration is SILENT with the exceptions shown below under Vocal Prayers.)

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Second Thursday: 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. (Friday)

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

First Friday/Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (Friday) with 7:00 p.m. Mass in Historic Church while Adoration continues in Chapel until 7:45 a.m. (Saturday); followed by 8 a.m. Mass in Historic Church* **There are Vocal Prayers on First Friday, please see schedule below for Vocal Prayers.**

ADORATION TIMES (VOCAL PRAYERS)

Daily: Rosary - 8:45 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.

Daily: Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday: People of Praise - 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Thursday: Children's Holy Hour - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday: Shepherds of Christ: 7:00-8:15pm

Second Thursday: Knights of Columbus - 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (rosary)

First Friday: Holy Hour of Reparation (Entire Red Book) - 5:00 - 6:00 pm (in chapel prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the historic church)

First Friday: Alliance of the Two Hearts - 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Last Friday: Adoration for Vocations: 7-8 p.m. (in chapel); March 22 (one week early due to Eucharistic Congress)

Please e-mail me (drrodcruz@yahoo.com) if you have any concerns or questions about online sign-up.

God's peace and love, St. Joseph's Eucharistic Adoration Ministry
Rod Cruz

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This section of the Newsletter is dedicated to questions we receive from Adorers and our answers.

If you have a question specifically related to Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph's, our schedule or our current procedures, please do not hesitate to pose those questions. You may send your questions to drrodacruz@yahoo.com.

We will do everything we can to provide you an answer, and we will post the Q & A in this section the following month.

Thank you, Rod Cruz