



# GLEANINGS

Renewing the face of the earth  Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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## Dwelling Place: Discovering Your True Identity

by Misty Tougas

*“The mystery  
of Pentecost is  
a permanent  
mystery.  
The Spirit  
continues to  
come to all  
souls who truly  
desire Him.”*

- Blessed Elena Guerra

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You are created to experience God’s glory. Can you imagine knowing your identity as a child of God and living from a place of security knowing that you are loved? That is your purpose and your destiny.

Article 1 of the Prologue to the Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

*“God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. For this reason, at every time and in every place, God draws close to man. He calls man to seek him, to know him, to love him with all his strength. ... In his Son and through him, he invites men to become, in the Holy Spirit, his adopted children and thus heirs of his blessed life.”*

During the baptismal rite the priest prays that the recipient will be made a temple of God’s glory. We are created and designed by God to live in a wonderful, intimate and exciting relationship with HIM. God pursues each one of us with a passion and a purpose to capture our

hearts. He longs for our love. That is the gift we have to give to Him. Our lives are filled with blessings and gifts from God’s tangible presence intersecting with our daily lives, but we have to learn to tune in to the Holy Spirit that resides in us and recognize His presence.

The ministry we call “Dwelling Place” is designed to remind us that we ourselves are the very dwelling place of God. He dwells within us and we are tabernacles of the Holy Spirit. As in the days of Moses when God came to dwell among his people, first in the cloud by day and the fire by night and then in the Ark of the Covenant, Jesus made the way for God to dwell with us and within us.

Dwelling Place takes place each month at St. Pius X Parish in Mountlake Terrace and at St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Renton [see page 5]. In a quiet, contemplative atmosphere, with instrumental music and in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you can simply sit in God’s presence

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face of the earth and we want to be His hands and feet on this journey. We want to be His eyes and ears and, oh yes, His heart. As you probably have heard, February marks the Catholic Charismatic Renewal 50th Jubilee. During a retreat at Duquesne University in 1967, while studying the Acts of the Apostles, the students invoked the Holy Spirit and asked in prayer that they would receive the gifts that the disciples received on Pentecost in the Upper Room. The book, "As by a New Pentecost," is the firsthand account by Patti Gallagher Mansfield of the events and fruit of that weekend. You can stop by or give us a call to purchase the new Golden Jubilee Edition.

As we celebrate and remember the amazing things God has done, let us also look to what God is doing today. Where is He leading us and are we ready to GO?

For the last year we have been praying, and recently held visioning workshops to listen and discern how to share this gift of the Holy Spirit with the whole Church. The Holy Spirit is very creative and He often speaks through people like you. So pray and listen and share what you hear. Feel free to give me a call: 206-364-2272.

Our first opportunity to journey together in this year of Jubilee is on January 17 and 31 at the WWCCR office (see page 4). We are going to view the homilies and talks from the 2016 National Convention. They will inspire us and fill us with the zeal of the Holy Spirit.

This is what then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (future Pope Benedict XVI) had to say when speaking about zeal in ecclesial movements in general:

*"We must not allow the establishment of a blasé enlightenment that immediately brands the zeal of those seized by the Holy Spirit and their naïve faith in God's Word with the anathema of fundamentalism,*

*allowing only a faith for which the ifs, ands, and buts become more important than the substance of what is believed."*

What does this substance look like in our lives? Bishop Sam Jacobs proclaimed in his homily on November 5 at the national conference: "This year is the time to take up our weapons; it is a year of marching. We have divine appointments." Please join us on Jan. 17 to hear more of this inspiring talk. He asked us, "What if we took the call to 'tell others what has happened to us' seriously; a billion people could be baptized in the Holy Spirit." Do you want to be part of that? I say YES! Let us surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, repent of our sins and get out of the boat and walk on water!! Are you with me? I want to do this with you. There is work to be done and together with the Father, Son and Spirit, we are strong and together it will be a really, really good time.

Also, please pray about attending the Jubilee Celebration with us in Pittsburgh in July! (See flyer for more details.) Register and let me know you are coming! Mark your calendars and look for more upcoming opportunities to journey together.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

***Come, Holy Spirit, come!***  
***Sue+***

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#### WWCCR Vision and Mission

##### Vision:

*That all Catholics mature in a personal relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God the Father.*

##### Mission:

Our mission is to renew the face of the earth by nurturing and inspiring Catholics:

- ◇ *To experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through baptism in the Holy Spirit*
- ◇ *To fan into flame the gifts we receive through the Sacraments*
- ◇ *To develop a deeper life of prayer and worship.*

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**DEADLINE:** In order for any articles, news or calendar items to be considered for publication in GLEANINGS, it must be submitted by the 1st of the month before the month of publication. For example, **items for the March/April 2017 issue are due February 1st.** All submissions subject to editing for length, accuracy and clarity.

and allow Him to meet you where you are. The team quietly provides soaking prayer, and at the end of the evening there is an opportunity for blessing that can be healing and/or prophetic in nature. We also have prayer teams for short private prayer.

Dwelling Place fosters the atmosphere of encounter with the living God. God's presence heals people physically, emotionally and spiritually; He frees them from bondage, imparts new life, and awakens sleeping souls to the incredible adventure of living in the Kingdom of God.

Dwelling Place is more than a healing night and a God encounter. It is a way of life and our team is deeply committed to spiritual formation to deepen their awareness of God and live a life of practicing His presence and learning to walk in the miraculous. We aspire to deep intimacy found in contemplative prayer and, at the same time, being charismatic in proclaiming the powerful direct action of the Holy Spirit. Dwelling Place is called to glorify God and awaken people to the reality of His presence.

Recently, Father Fernando Suarez visited the Northwest, and he shared accounts of people being raised from the dead. Accounts like this are increasingly common as God is awakening His people and performing incredible miracles of healing and restoration around the world. In every land, God is pouring out miracles, signs and wonders in greater measure than in recorded history.

We have not been left out. There has been prophecy over the Northwest for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to break out with the fire of God; that we will be a people that know that God is good and that we are loved with an everlasting love, proclaiming the gospel with accompanying signs and wonders. Dwelling Place is a ministry in response to this vision of the Northwest on fire with the power of God, where people come alive in the love of God, experience His gospel and witness His signs and wonders.

At Dwelling Place, people frequently report profound experiences of the close and tangible presence of God in their midst. In fact, a few months ago Dwelling Place was at St. Pius X and the presence

of the glory of God was so tangible that people were experiencing God's presence when they drove into the parking lot of the church.

What if we believed with all our hearts that God is good and that we are created with a destiny and a purpose? What if we learned to recognize that intimacy with God is not simply for the saints, but for each one of us? We would live life with expectant joy. He wants to walk with us as closely as He did with Adam and Eve, not as some distant god, but where we are so intimate with Him that we learn to become aware that we live in HIS presence and recognize the ways that He communicates with us. When we give ourselves and our circumstances over to God, He is moved to act on our behalf.

Our faith, love and trust in Him is incredibly precious to Him. He longs for us to not be lost to the distractions of this world. Our true home is Heaven. The goal is to see beyond the trappings of this world and seek after God with all our hearts and bring others to Him. He is calling us to enter into the kingdom of God, where all things are possible.

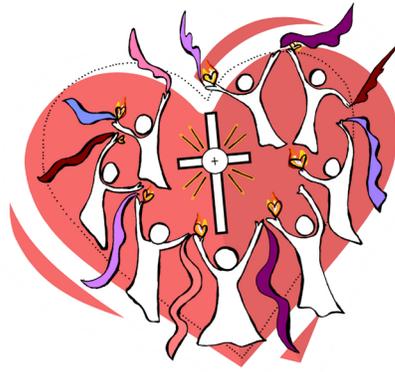
We are called to be part of this incredible move of God. We are called not to just soak in His presence and His gifts; we are to take them out to the world, wherever He has placed us. We are not to keep them to ourselves and our own small community, but to unite with the Body of Christ. He is setting fire to the earth with His glory and He is inviting us to participate in that work.

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to this vision of the  
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*Misty Tougas lives in Edmonds with her husband Dean. They attend St. Pius X. She has been a part of WWCCR since 1996. She was active in the Youth Ministry Team, helped lead our school for healing prayer from 2009 through 2012. She started Dwelling Place with Kerry McMahan and Mitch Roberts in 2013. Her heart's desire is to help people understand and come into the fullness of deep intimacy with God and realize that experiencing the Kingdom of God is His desire for everyone. (see Dwelling Place dates on page 5)*

Register online  
OR  
call the office at  
206-364-2272



# 2017 Women's RETREAT



**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**FRAN KARPIEJ, OFS**

February 3-5, 2017  
at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center  
at the Palisades in Federal Way, WA

*I will thank You, Lord,  
with all my heart!*

*Psalms 139*

Fran has served more than 35 years on Diocesan and National levels in Healing Prayer Ministry, and has given numerous seminars, prayer services, workshops and retreats on the many aspects of God's healing love and presence. Fran is professed in the Secular Franciscan Order and is an active member of the Holy Spirit Fraternity in Fairfield, CT. She is a Spiritual Director and a respected Retreat Director throughout the country using a blend of contemplative and charismatic gifts, with a hint of Franciscan gospel spirituality. Through Fran's faith and her common sense approach, she reaches out to all people with the message of peace, hope, healing and conversion in the name of the Lord, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and for the glory of God.

## Registration Deadline: January 20, 2017

### IMPORTANT NOTICE for those with a red X on your label

In our efforts to be good stewards, we want to be certain that we are not sending GLEANINGS to any who are not interested in receiving it. We do not have a subscription fee, but we do need to occasionally ask that you renew your "free subscription" if you are still interested in receiving this newsletter.

So, if you have a red X, it means we haven't heard from you for a while and would like you to notify us that you want to continue to receive GLEANINGS. If you are able to make a donation to help defray the cost, that would be wonderful. But a donation is not necessary in order to keep receiving the newsletter.

Please give us a call at 206-364-2272 OR go to our website ([www.wvccr.org](http://www.wvccr.org)) and click on the "Respond to the GLEANINGS Update" banner. You can also click on the "Newsletter" menu and then on the "Respond to the Red X" link. This will assure that you continue to receive GLEANINGS for the coming year.

### COME WITH US ON A JOURNEY TO JUBILEE!

View DVDs from the 2016 NSC National Conference as we begin celebrating our 50th Anniversary. These DVDs will inspire us and challenge us on our journey with messages of love, hope, mercy and mission.

**WWCCR Office**  
936 N 143rd St  
Seattle, WA 98133

**Tuesday, January 17 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Most Rev. Sam Jacobs and Fr. Tim Hepburn:  
"Get Out of the Boat"

**Tuesday, January 31 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Jim Murphy: "Jubilee"

**Tuesday, February 21 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Fr. Tim Hepburn: "I am Charismatic: What Does That Mean?"

**Tuesday, February 28 7:00 - 8:30 PM**

Dave VanVickle: "Encountering the Lord: Baptism in the Holy Spirit"

*See you there!*

January/February 2017



## Dwelling Place

- a God encounter

*Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people...He will wipe every tear from their eyes and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." Revelation 21:3-4*

## Dwelling Place Healing Nights

now in 2 locations each month

**Monday, January 16**

**Monday, February 20**

7:30 to 9:30 pm

**St. Pius X Church**

22209 58th Ave W

Mountlake Terrace, WA

**Monday, January 23**

**Monday, February 27**

7:30 to 9:00 pm

**St. Stephen the Martyr Church**

13055 SE 192nd St.

Renton, WA

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*www.wwccr.org/healing-ministry/dwelling-place-healing-nights/*



***Our Eucharistic Chapel is available for private prayer any time during office hours, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Join us on Fridays from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. as we pray for your intentions, charismatic renewal, and the work of WWCCR!***

Office Masses:

**Wednesday, January 11, 11:00 AM**

Fr. Cal Christiansen

**Wednesday, February 8, 11:00 AM**

Fr. Cal Christiansen

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## FEBRUARY

### Intercessory Prayer Network (IPN)

*The Intercessory Prayer Network (IPN) is comprised of all who have offered to pray regularly for God's will to be accomplished through the people and programs of WWCCR. We know that prayer changes things!*

Please pray for God to bring about His desires through the work of preparation and the events you see in this newsletter, and also ...

- that, through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, families would be brought together in mutual love and respect.

- that we unite ourselves with the spirit of Christ this Lent, preparing our hearts for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery and the joy of Jesus' Resurrection.

- that people around the world will experience the baptism in the Holy Spirit and an awakening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the Church.

- for these prayer groups:

**St John the Baptist Prayer Group**

St John the Baptist, Covington

**El Shaddai-DWXI PPF1 Seattle-Tacoma Chapter**

St Vincent de Paul Church, Federal Way

- for the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of WWCCR.

## JANUARY

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- for God's blessing on Dwelling Place and all ministries sponsored by WWCCR, that both those ministering and those being ministered to find their true identity as children of God.

- for an rekindling of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all Christians, transforming the world by a new Pentecost.

- for all who are preparing for the Women's Retreat, whether as part of the planning committee or as an attendee, that all will be attentive to the call of the Lord and that He will make the way clear for them.

- for these prayer groups:

**Open Door Prayer Group**

St Nicholas Church, Gig Harbor

**Prayer & Share Group**

St Nicholas Church, Gig Harbor

- for the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of WWCCR.

**Lord Jesus, we pray that these men, united to You through prayer and sacrament, may cooperate with You in building Your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen**

*(adapted from Pope Francis)*

**Please pray for these priests, deacons and seminarians:**

Jan 1	Pope Francis	Feb 1	Pope Francis
Jan 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain	Feb 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
Jan 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS	Feb 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
Jan 4	Fr. Jim Northrop	Feb 4	Fr. Jim Northrop
Jan 5	Fr. William Treacy Dcn. Asipeli Tuifua	Feb 5	Fr. Zevier H. Arockiam
Jan 6	Fr. Patrick Twohy	Feb 6	Fr. Francis Arulappan Dcn. Bruno Bahk
Jan 7	Fr. Jose Ugalde	Feb 7	Fr. James L. (Larry) Bailey
Jan 8	Fr. Fidelis Umukoro	Feb 8	Fr. Charles M. Banduku Dcn. Terry Barber
Jan 9	Fr. Thomas L. Vandenberg Dcn. Gene Vanderzanden	Feb 9	Fr. R. Roy Baroma Brian Lorenz (seminarian)
Jan 10	Fr. Michael Wagner Dcn. Dick Wallace	Feb 10	Fr. Richard J. Basso Dcn. Sam Basta Dcn. Bill Batstone
Jan 11	Fr. John R. Walmesley	Feb 11	Fr. Michael J. Batterberry
Jan 12	Fr. Dick J. Ward Dcn. Jack Warfield	Feb 12	Fr. Anthony E. Bawyn, J.C.D. Jacob Hayden (seminarian)
Jan 13	Fr. Gary C. Weisenberger	Feb 13	Fr. Titus E. G. Bayani
Jan 14	Fr. Edward G. White	Feb 14	Fr. Ronald H. Belisle
Jan 15	Fr. John D. Whitney	Feb 15	Fr. Thomas A. Belleque Dcn. Nate Belleque Dcn. John Bergford Dcn. Raymond Biersbach
Jan 16	Fr. Nicholas F. Wichert	Feb 16	Fr. John Marie Bingham, O.P. Dcn. José Blakeley Dcn. Jack Bleile
Jan 17	Fr. John J. Wilkie	Feb 17	Fr. Phillip A. Bloom Thomas Tran (seminarian)
Jan 18	Fr. James A. Williams Dcn. Stephen Wodzanowski	Feb 18	Fr. Eugeniusz Bolda
Jan 19	Fr. Stephen S. Woodland	Feb 19	Fr. Martin J. Bourke Matthew Lontz (seminarian)
Jan 20	Fr. Gerald L. Woodman	Feb 20	Fr. John J. Bowman
Jan 21	Fr. Michael H. Wright	Feb 21	Fr. Jordan Bradshaw, O.P. Michael Barbarossa (seminarian)
Jan 22	Fr. Horacio V. Yanez Dcn. Joua Pao Yang	Feb 22	Fr. David A. Brant
Jan 23	Fr. David H. Young	Feb 23	Fr. Paul J. Brunett
Jan 24	Fr. Reynaldo T. Yu Dcn. Joseph Yuen	Feb 24	Archbishop Emeritus Alexander J. Brunett, D.D., Ph.D.
Jan 25	Fr. James D. Zakowicz, O.C.D. Dcn. Gary Zellmer	Feb 25	Fr. Jack Buckalew
Jan 26	Fr. Gary M. Zender Dcn. Matt Zuanich	Feb 26	Fr. Francis Bui Gregory Snyder (seminarian)
Jan 27	Fr. Peter Adoko-Enchill Dcn. Scott Aikin	Feb 27	Fr. John J. Bulger
Jan 28	Fr. J. Gerardo Alberto Dcn. David P. Alcorta Dcn. Dan Allen Dcn. Ronald H. Allen	Feb 28	Fr. Gerald Burns
Jan 29	Fr. Joseph F. Altenhofen		
Jan 30	Fr. Jose M. Alvarez Dcn. John Amlag Dcn. Mauricio Anaya Dcn. Carl Anderson		
Jan 31	Fr. Michael G. Angelovic Dcn. Salvador Ardon Sanchez		



# Mass

## *with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment*

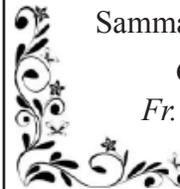
Masses with Prayers for Healing and Empowerment are sponsored by WWCCR, by prayer groups and parishes in various locations in the archdiocese of Seattle. At these Masses we are focusing our attention on the healing power of God truly present at every celebration of the Eucharist.

**January 19, 2017  
at 7:30 pm**

Mary Queen of Peace Parish  
1121 228th Ave SE  
Sammamish, WA 98075

**Celebrant:**

*Fr. Jim Northrop*



## *Give the Gift of Your Encouragement!*

Are you part of a prayer group and want to share your experience with others who are interested in learning more? Send us your story! Please contact the editor, Alane Howard, if you are interested in having your prayer group featured in GLEANINGS.

Contact the editor at:  
[alane@wwccr.org](mailto:alane@wwccr.org)

Submissions must be  
400 words or less.

**PLEASE NOTE:  
THE NEXT ISSUE OF GLEANINGS WILL BE A COMBINED MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER.**

# January/February

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**GLEANINGS volunteers  
needed February 20th!**



## *Financial Update*

People need the Lord! We need 50 caring people like you to become monthly donors.  
Lives are being changed and you make it possible.

Did you know you can set up an online account with your bank and send us a donation at the same time you pay your bills or you can set up an automatic withdrawal with us. Call 206-364-2272 to set it up today. Thank you for all you have given over the last 40 years. Let's start 2017 strong together.

	Oct	Nov	YTD
Income all sources	\$27,050.36	\$14,969.78	\$260,480.10
expenses	\$19,893.38	\$11,147.31	\$246,752.79
adjustments	(\$3,127.99)	(\$706.60)	(\$14,997.21)
<b>net income/shortfall</b>	<b>\$4,028.99</b>	<b>\$3,115.87</b>	<b>(\$569.90)</b>
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## From Sue's Desk

*Happy New Year my friends,*

It feels like so long since I have written to you. I would like to invite you to take a journey with me in 2017. Let us invite Blessed Elena Guerra (1835-1914), the founder of the Oblate Sisters of the Holy Spirit, whom Pope John XXIII was to beatify and give the title "Apostle of the Holy Spirit" in 1959, to accompany us and intercede for us on the journey.

Blessed Elena wrote letters to Pope Leo XIII, encouraging him to promote the Holy Spirit. In 1902, Pope Leo XIII pleaded with the Bishops to promote the Pentecost novena to the Holy Spirit, insisting it be prayed for the unity of all Christians. He solemnly invoked the Holy Spirit over all of Christendom. Here we are over a century later and we hear Pope Francis continue the call for Christian unity in all traditions. As we journey together, let us be aware of this call and embrace it in our hearts. This will require an examination of our judgments and opinions on other faiths. Can we look for what unites us?

This journey I am referring to is not totally clear. We are praying for the Spirit to renew the

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