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Come, Holy Spirit, Living in Mary!

Preparing for Pentecost with Mary, the Mother of Jesus

by Alane Howard, editor

In the chapel at our office here at WWCCR, a large image of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost occupies much of the wall to the left of the tabernacle. I pray with it often as food for meditation. Like most images depicting this pivotal moment, two persons are really the focal point of the entire composition: the Holy Spirit, and Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The apostles fan out on the right and the left of Mary, all gazing above her head and reacting in different ways to the Holy Spirit coming down upon them in the form of a dove, as flames radiate from Him and rest in tongues of fire above their heads. What a mystery! Some point, others look shocked, and most stare in open-mouthed awe. Mary alone seems unsurprised, serene, and perhaps filled with a quiet but very great joy. She is kneeling, with her hands clasped, her face tilted upwards in the midst of the action and (holy!) chaos.

The Scriptures highlight that the apostles felt drawn to pray with Mary when it describes the original community in Jerusalem: "All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some

women, and Mary the mother of Jesus ..." (Acts 1:14) Even though she isn't mentioned by name at the beginning of the Pentecost narrative, every artist who has portrayed this scene has put her front and center, surrounded by the apostles. Many of us may wonder at this, because while we know Mary is a vital player in salvation history, we may not think that her role was the most exciting or the most important at Pentecost, second only to the Holy Spirit Himself. Why not Peter? After all, he was the one who stood up to give a speech to the crowds as they gathered to find out what the hubbub was all about. Why Mary?

This year, I felt like the Holy Spirit opened my eyes and woke me up dramatically to the answer to this question as I worked my way through the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration* by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. For the record, this was probably the fifth time I had read this book, and the sixth consecutive year I had prepared to renew my consecration to Jesus through Mary. I thought I knew this book inside-out, upside-down and backwards by now! But nine days into the retreat,

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Acts 1:14, NABRE

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We're approaching the halfway point of the Jubilee year for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Last year, when representatives from the international Renewal met with Pope Francis, he shared his excitement, saying, "We are experiencing new things of the Spirit ... the Spirit is asking new things of us ... We should be prepared for the surprises of the Holy Spirit. God is preparing something very important." The Pope invited us to join him to celebrate Pentecost at Circus Maximus in the Center of Rome. Pentecost, living life empowered by the Holy Spirit, is a gift for the whole world. Many from the Pacific Northwest will be traveling to Rome to experience the 'surprises' firsthand, along with thousands from around the world.

In our archdiocese, we will be celebrating Pentecost at St. Louise in Bellevue on June 3rd. We are co-sponsoring this exciting celebration with the Renewed in Christ prayer group. We see signs all around us that God is fertilizing the soil of people's hearts to receive with total surrender the stirring up of His Spirit with baptism in the Holy Spirit—by means of the Wild Goose videos and the Alpha series, for example. Within our own ministry, Dwelling Place was launched some four years ago and, in April, Nights of Worship had an inspired beginning. In addition, we offered "Introduction

to the Prophetic Gifts" classes. All of these are ways the Spirit is moving, touching and changing lives. Thank You, God!

We are working on a Strategic Plan for the next 10 years, asking God, listening, and discerning His desire for the work of this ministry. Please keep this important work in your prayers. It is our mission at WWCCR to teach and impart to others how and what it means to live a life infused by the Holy Spirit. Being baptized in the Spirit is the first step. Living out our baptism and walking in all that God has for us as "Spirit-filled" people requires surrender or docility to the Spirit and formation. This is the heart of our ministry. This year in the newsletter articles, we have highlighted how God is moving. We hope you are blessed by them, and hope that God is awakening in you a desire to participate in this important work.

It is interesting to note, in light of this special year of Jubilee, that there are several other significant anniversaries that fall in 2017. Did you know it is the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation as well as the 100-year anniversary of Fatima? Consider how God has planned from the beginning of time to use this year for healing and unity within His people. Alleluia! Are you ready?

Let us pray in unison the prayers that have been handed down through the ages. Many saints have prayed these prayers with miraculous results. Do you believe miracles can happen in your life? Let us pray these powerful prayers together—the Pentecost Sequence, Come Creator Spirit, and the Pentecost Novena. We will post these on our website for your convenience.

May the Lord bless us with His Spirit, living in Mary, and fall afresh on all of us this Pentecost. Amen!

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 July/August 2017 issue are due June 1st.** All submissions subject to editing for length, accuracy and clarity.

I felt like I got hit over the head by a divine two-by-four! What I was reading was so amazing and new to me; it was as if I had never read that chapter before. I almost wondered in earnest whether I had accidentally picked up some new edition of the book, instead of what I'd read in previous years. It radically changed how I understood Mary, and it came through understanding her intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Now, for those of us who are drawn to the Charismatic Renewal, the Holy Spirit has made a big impact in our lives personally. Perhaps an experience of baptism of the Holy Spirit, that actualization of the gifts we received at confirmation, has completely changed the way we pray and understand our relationship with Jesus. For us, the Holy Spirit has given us a new awakening in our life of faith and a conviction that God the Father really loves us personally, tenderly, and passionately. We may feel excited to grow in the freedom He gives us in His Spirit. Or, if we haven't experienced this yet, we desire it, and we pray for the Lord to send us His Holy Spirit to transform our lives and set us on fire with His love.

In his book, Fr. Michael Gaitley quotes St. Maximilian Kolbe's revelation about Mary at length, specifically about her name "the Immaculate Conception" which she revealed to St. Bernadette at Lourdes. What does this have to do with the Holy Spirit? Apparently, everything! St. Maximilian Kolbe says that Mary takes this name the way spouses share a name. He describes the union with Mary and the Holy Spirit in this way:

"What type of union is this [between the Holy Spirit and Mary]? It is above all an interior union, a union of her essence with the 'essence' of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in her, lives in her. This was true from the first instant of her existence. It was always true; it will be always true."

He goes on to say about the Holy Spirit:

"In what does this life of the Spirit in Mary consist? He himself is uncreated Love in her; the love of the Father and of the Son, the Love by which God loves himself, the very love of the Most Holy Trinity. He is a fruitful Love, a 'Conception.' Among creatures made in God's image the union brought about by married love is the most intimate of all. (cf. Mt 19:6) In a much more precise, more interior, more essential manner, the Holy Spirit lives in the soul of the Immaculata [Mary], in the

depths of her very being. He makes her fruitful, from the very first instant of her existence, all during her life, and for all eternity." (*Sketch, February 17, 1941*)

In a mysterious way, the Holy Spirit is the true "Immaculate Conception," and Mary shares that name, not because she is God, but because she is so intimately united with Him.

This led me to imagine Mary with fresh eyes, and I felt a connection with her that I hadn't been able to make before! Try to imagine a person in your life who inspires that desire for God in you, who appears to be living in that freedom, peace, and joy that can only come from God. Perhaps that person is a good friend of yours, or perhaps it is a charismatic speaker whose testimony inspires you, or perhaps you've read about someone, like Saint Teresa of Calcutta for example, who lived in habitual docility of spirit to the Lord's inspiration and impressed everyone she met with her joy and deep love for them.

Regardless of who comes to mind for you, even though they are human beings, sinners like ourselves still in need of healing, they have reached a point where they are transparent enough to give us a taste of God's unconditional love. Now, try to imagine the freedom of someone who is completely purified and healed in relation to God and their fellow man. This person

has no resistance to God at all – no fear, stubbornness, resentment, or impatience. They are full of peace and a deep joy in every situation. 1 Corinthians 13:4 paints a good portrait of their love: everything we could want to encounter in another human being is there. They are alive, and they give us life when we are around them. This is everything we were meant to be, "man (or woman) fully alive." (St. Catherine of Siena) This is what Jesus came to restore to us through His passion, death, and resurrection.

And this is who Mary is! She is *full* of grace, living in the Holy Spirit. It's no wonder that the apostles gathered around her after Jesus ascended to the Father, especially during those nine days of waiting in Jerusalem. She was the one person they knew who most faithfully and beautifully communicated God to them in her words, actions, and prayers. While she may have seemed very ordinary in most ways, her simplest glance or word could touch their hearts in a way no one else's could.

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Whatever your relationship with Mary today, let me propose a simple prayer Fr. Michael Gaitley repeats at the end of every day of his retreat: "Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary!" This year, as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Renewal, and 40 years for WWCCR itself, let's prepare our hearts to receive all the graces of Pentecost. Let's welcome Mary, the Mother of God, into the home of our hearts, where she can teach us about receptivity to the Holy Spirit, perhaps in a way we've never known before. Let us pray in thanksgiving for the gifts of love that the Lord wants to pour out into our hearts. With delicacy and gentleness, our Blessed Mother, with all the joy and warmth of a woman fully alive, can draw out of our hearts the child within and teach us how to trust God more deeply than ever before. Come, Holy Spirit, living in Mary, enkindle in us the fire of Your love!

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School of Prayer Ministry Class Dates

ORIENTATION CLASSES:

Each Orientation Class takes place at St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Renton. Attending one of the two orientation classes is required to enroll in the course.

Friday, June 23 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Saturday, June 24 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Please see our website
for more details at:
[www.wwccr.org/healing-ministry/
school-of-prayer-ministry](http://www.wwccr.org/healing-ministry/school-of-prayer-ministry)

NIGHT OF WORSHIP



MAY 6th AT 7:00 PM

TONY D'ANGELO | PAT D'ANGELO
GABBY HERNDON | TESS MAGIN

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
180 18TH AVE, SEATTLE, WA 98112

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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:

May 1	Pope Francis	June 1	Pope Francis
May 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain	June 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
May 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS	June 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
May 4	Bishop-elect Daniel H. Mueggenborg	June 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
May 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	June 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
May 6	Fr. Timothy W. Ilgen	June 6	Fr. Andrew Seung Hyun Lee
	Dcn. Chad Green		Dcn. Joe Lehman
May 7	Fr. Caleb M. Insko	June 7	Fr. Isidro Lepez
	Dcn. Chris Hoiland	June 8	Fr. Dwight P. Lewis
May 8	Fr. John A. Jennings		Dcn. Juan Lezcano, OFS
	Josh Nehnevaj (seminarian)	June 9	Fr. John J. Ludvik
May 9	Fr. Paul Je Deok Jeon		Dcn. Craig Lundberg
	Dcn. Larry Jesmer		Dcn. Jack Luz
May 10	Fr. James O. Johnson	June 10	Fr. Fabian T. MacDonald
	Dcn. Fred Johnson	June 11	Fr. Peter G. Mactutis
May 11	Fr. Clarence E. Jones		Andrew Hollands (seminarian)
	Dcn. Dave Jones	June 12	Fr. John C. Madigan
May 12	Fr. Bernard F. Jonientz		Dcn. Abel Magana
	Dcn. Deuk Jung	June 13	Fr. Paul A. Magnano
May 13	Fr. Paul A. Kaech		Dcn. Jack Magnuson
May 14	Fr. Jean Pierre Kasonga	June 14	Fr. Kyle C. Manglona
May 15	Fr. Negusse Fesseha Keleta		Dcn. Terry Marcell
	Dcn. Patrick Kelley	June 15	Fr. Jacob M. Maurer
	Dcn. Dennis Kelly	June 16	Fr. Gerald L. Mayovsky
	Dcn. Larry Kheriaty		Marc Jenkins (seminarian)
May 16	Fr. Joel Kiefer	June 17	Fr. David L. Mayovsky
	Dcn. Duk Kim	June 18	Fr. Dean Mbuji
May 17	Fr. Lino Hyun-Gyu Kim	June 19	Fr. Richard (Woody) McCallister
May 18	Fr. Mark M. Kiszewski	June 20	Fr. Michael J. McDermott
	Dcn. Jeffrey Moore	June 21	Fr. J. Patrick McDermott
May 19	Fr. Ronald W. Knudsen		Dcn. Larry McDonald
May 20	Fr. Bryon A. Dickey		Dcn. Stephen McGlone
	Alexander Nelson (seminarian)	June 22	Fr. Joseph O. McGowan
May 21	Fr. Joseph A. Kramis		Dcn. Rod McGuire
May 22	Fr. Matthew Kunkel	June 23	Fr. William A. McKee
	Dcn. Richard Labrecque	June 24	Fr. Shane P. McKee, S.O.L.T.
May 23	Fr. Thomas J. Lamanna	June 25	Fr. Timothy J. McKenna
	Dcn. Loren Lane		Matthew Newland (seminarian)
May 24	Fr. Stephen C. Lantry	June 26	Fr. John M. McLaughlin
May 25	Fr. Derek J. Lappe	June 27	Fr. Thomas G. McMichael
	Brody Stewart (seminarian)	June 28	Fr. John E. McMullan
May 26	Fr. Leo J. Larrivee		Dcn. J. Gregory McNabb
May 27	Fr. Jan R. Larson	June 29	Fr. Francis S. Mien
	Dcn. Colin Parrish		Dcn. Henry Miner
May 28	Fr. Seamus M. Laverty	June 30	Fr. Joseph P. Mitchell
May 29	Fr. Gary F. Lazzeroni		
	John DePalma (seminarian)		
May 30	Fr. Francis Hung Le, O.P.		
May 31	Fr. James E. Lee		

MAY/JUNE

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 ...

- for the ongoing work of WWCCR; that baptism in the Holy Spirit will be prayed for and bestowed at every Confirmation retreat, every sacrament of Confirmation, and every opportunity provided by prayer groups, healing ministry, and other WWCCR-sponsored activities.

- the great celebration of Pentecost! We pray for more of the Holy Spirit's grace in our lives, faith communities, and our world. What a blessing for mothers it would be to receive more of the Holy Spirit on "their day."

- for all who are involved in preparing Holy Spirit seminars in the next few months. We pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to permeate every facet of planning and presentation, for protection of health, schedules, families' health, facilities as well as prayer group and faith community support.

- for the **St. Thomas More Prayer Group** at St. Thomas More Church in Lynnwood.

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

"I loved the spirit of freedom in the room and the power and joy of Jesus in our midst." – Kelley

"The Night of Worship was such a beautiful evening of encounter with truly anointed praise and worship... to feel God's presence, hear His words and join with other believers and the whole communion of saints in praising God is something I haven't had enough of in my life... I can't wait for the next opportunity to gather again." – Casey

"The prayer teams were perfect and I know some of our visiting youth encountered Christ through them in a profound way." – Tess

"The night was so beautiful. I shed many tears as God lifted my burdens. I left refreshed and inspired."
– Karen

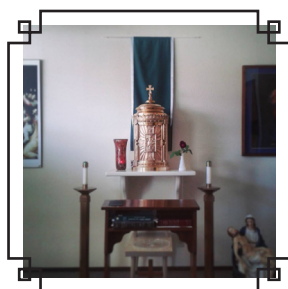
Jesus is Lord!

Scripture tells us "no one can say Jesus is Lord except in the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 12:3). It is this current of grace – baptism in the Holy Spirit that unites all of us in the Charismatic Renewal.

You are invited to the upcoming 50th Jubilee Conference of the Charismatic Renewal in Pittsburgh July 20-23, 2017. Now is the acceptable time, now is the Year of Jubilee. Come join the family reunion. Come unite with your brothers and sisters in the Lord; where rivers of living water flow, leading us to recognize and cherish these charisms and to proclaim more than ever before with one voice: Jesus is Lord!

Go to <http://www.2017jubileeconference.org/> to register online!

We will celebrate WWCCR's 40-year Anniversary in November. Details will be in the July/August GLEANINGS.



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:

Monday
May 22, 7:00 PM
Fr. Tony Bawyn

Wednesday
June 14, 11:00 AM
Fr. Cal Christiansen

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

St. Pius X Church
22209 58th Ave W
Mountlake Terrace, WA

(No DP in May at St. Pius X)
Monday, June 19
7:30 to 9:30 pm

St. Stephen the Martyr Church
13055 SE 192nd St.
Renton, WA

Monday, May 22
Monday, June 26
7:30 to 9:00 pm

Sponsored by Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal | Learn more at: www.wwccr.org/healing-ministry/dwelling-place-healing-nights/



MASSES 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.

***Wednesday,
May 10, 2017
at 6:30 pm***

Praise & Worship music starts at 6:15 pm

Holy Cross Catholic Church
6915 State Route 92
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Celebrant: Fr. Patsy Iaquina



***Monday,
May 15, 2017
at 7:00 pm***

Praise & Worship music starts at 6:45 pm

Sts. Cosmas and Damian
213 Leber St NW
Orting, WA 98360

Celebrant: Fr. Patsy Iaquina

***Friday,
May 12, 2017
at 7:00 pm***

Praise & Worship music starts at 6:45 pm

St. Luke Catholic Church
322 N 175th Street
Shoreline, WA 98133

Celebrant: Fr. Patsy Iaquina



***Friday,
June 9, 2017
at 7:00 pm***

Praise & Worship music starts at 6:45 pm

Sacred Heart Church
812 Bowker St SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Celebrant: Fr. Tim Ilgen

Financial Update

Thank you for blessing us with time, talent and treasure. The Lord needs them all to make this ministry thrive. Our giving is anchored in a Christian sense of who we are and what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus. The Eucharist shapes our vision and actions and leads naturally toward lives that are marked by sacrificial giving.

Do you use an online bill pay feature through your bank? Did you know you can set it up to make donations to WWCCR, too? What a great idea!

Current assets for February: \$23,349.17

Current assets for March: \$20,245.44

The monthly cost of running the ministry is about \$17,000. We are grateful for the one month of reserve in the bank. Your donation helps us pay our bills and keep this number steady.



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NIGHT OF WORSHIP REFLECTIONS APRIL 1, 2017

The NIGHT OF WORSHIP was our response to God calling His people to gather and give praise, who even directed our steps to Immaculate Conception parish in Seattle. It was an evening of heartfelt worship and joy-filled praise to the King of Kings. We believe it is on the heart of God to continue gathering and offering our worship. Please join us Saturday, May 6th at 7PM at Immaculate Conception, Seattle. *(See ad on pg. 4)* Below are reflections given by some who attended our first NIGHT OF WORSHIP on April 1st:

"A rare opportunity for Catholics who want a more contemporary worship experience that's still 100% in line with our beautiful faith! Great for anyone who needs a night of spiritual encouragement and refreshment, which, I believe, is everyone." – Christin

"The joy from joining in praise and worship lingers far beyond the evening! – Patricia

"Music combined with prayer empowered me to new height of praise!" – Richard

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