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Renewing the face of the earth



Empowered by the Holy Spirit



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No Longer a People of Waiting

by Debora Johnston

When you think of Jesus' final words to his disciples you might immediately jump to the Great Commission when he instructs them to go out and teach the whole world. Later in Acts 1:4-5, Paul shares this directive spoken to the apostles after the resurrection: "While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for 'the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

Here we find Jesus telling them to wait. Wait for what? The promise of the Father: baptism in the Holy Spirit! Jesus knew they needed more; they needed to be clothed with power from on high. Jesus says in Acts 1:8, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." He knew without the Spirit, they could only do, say, and act of their own accord. But once they were empowered (or baptized) by the Spirit, only then were they ready to "go" as Jesus had instructed. "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these" (John 14:12). The reality of performing greater works than Jesus seems hard to fathom, but let's look more closely at the gift we ALL receive when we are baptized in and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

I did not grow up in church, nor did I have any understanding of God or what faith was. I was in my 30's searching for meaning when I was introduced to WWCCR and immersed in the charismatic life. I was completely unlearned but open to all the graces, teachings, prayer groups and prayers I could soak in or was invited to attend, including a Life in the Spirit seminar. I had no idea what that actually meant or what I was saying "yes" to but I went. Six weeks of inspired teachings on the gifts and fruit of the Spirit. I remember thinking, "whatever it is these people had, I want it!" I asked, I was open, and I received. My baptism in the Spirit was not a tongue of fire moment, but a simple life-changing encounter with the living God. I discovered the beauty of living life more fully alive, and this precious gift called faith!

Those six weeks changed my life. I can't tell you exactly how but I've come to learn that with God sometimes there are just no words to describe the transformation taking place; we just walk it out and share as best we can. The best way to describe what was going on in my heart was that I was hungry. And I am still hungry for more of Him today.

If you are hungry for more of Him, "ask and it will be given to you ... for everyone who asks, receives" (Matthew 7:7-8). Ask Him for more

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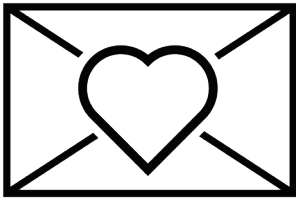
"The Holy Spirit is a living fire of love... dare to entrust oneself to this burning fire."

Pope Benedict XVI

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***Jesus, I surrender
my life to you, take
care of everything!***

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this prayer has been my mantra, and as a result I have found greater peace in my life and grown in trust. Jesus has answered prayers in my family life, in my ministry life and in my personal life. Last month I shared with you about my long struggle with playing card games on the computer. I've had a few slips, but I continue to surrender this addiction and claim victory in Jesus, Alleluia! I am so passionate about the *Novena of Surrender to the Will of God* that I have included it in this newsletter. I encourage you to pray it with all your heart and believe that Jesus will take care of everything as you surrender to His Lordship in your life. I pray that you experience victory in all you surrender. Keep going and never, ever give up. God is with you always.

Recently when I 'surrendered' our need for a bookkeeper and Webmaster/Gleanings editor, God sent Spirit-filled people for these positions. Next month we will be introducing you to Corinne Clarke as our new Bookkeeper. She has a heart on fire with joy and enthusiasm in the Holy Spirit. Equally enthusiastic and filled with holy energy is Diana Jorda, to whom we have offered the position of Webmaster and Gleanings editor. We are grateful to God for fulfilling our needs and look forward to what these women will bring to this ministry.

We surrender our vision and mission to Jesus and ask Him to take care of the countless people who have not experienced the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and may not know it as an option. "Come Holy Spirit! Keep our flame burning brightly for all to see; may each soul desire all God has available for them, Amen." This year's Pentecost Celebration will be the perfect opportunity for the gift of

the Holy Spirit to fall afresh upon all who are open to receive Him and want more of God. Our theme article by Debora Johnston underscores how important the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit was, and is, in her life. He changes everything. Will you help us fulfill our mission that every Catholic experience an intimate relationship with Jesus? Invite a friend to St. Francis of Assisi in Burien on the evening of April 19th. This beautiful church is perfect for our celebration! Details are in this edition of Gleanings and at wwccr.org. With God, all things are possible.

We are excited to announce a one-day Unbound conference on June 9th. There are so many hurting people who need Unbound. Register today and experience afresh the healing and freedom that Christ has won for us all. Let us continue to surrender to Jesus and the will of the Father in all we say and do and watch as He takes care of everything. Praise be God, now and forever!!

Surrendered to our Risen Lord, Alleluia!
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St. Francis Assisi Parish, Burien - Location of Pentecost Celebration 2018

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 June/July 2018 issue are due March 1st.** All submissions subject to editing for length, accuracy and clarity.

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of His Holy Spirit. If you haven't received baptism of the Holy Spirit, God is ready and willing to fill you up. All you have to do is ask Him and He will pour His life-giving Spirit into you and take you places you've never been. The more we cry out to our loving Father, the more present He becomes, and the deeper the friendship develops. As with my experience, it may not feel like one distinct revolutionary moment, but it will change your life, sometimes in little ways in the quiet of your heart at first. But get ready, because God has great things in store for both you and me!

Fr. William O'Shea, Catholic Bishop and theologian (1884-1945) said the difference between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation is the difference between giving life and enabling that life to reach its full potential. That's what the Spirit does in ALL of us: we surrender, God takes over and in the process we are transformed into a new creation. Not of our own doing but by the power, grace and love of God. If it was important for the apostles to wait for the Holy Spirit before beginning their work in the world I think it's equally important for you and me.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit is considered the essential or primary grace of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and has nothing to do with any good deed or deserved merit. It can't be earned but is a free gift from our

loving God. The tangible ways the Holy Spirit animates our life are through the 'charisms' or 'gifts' mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of St. Paul. Charisms are gifts to be given away in service to others, to strengthen the body of the church. When we invite and give permission for the Holy Spirit to have His way in us, the result is a deeper conversion and a more intimate relationship with the Living God. All we have to do is ask, and we will receive!

I could list many ways the power of the Holy Spirit is made present to us, but part of discovering and living out our faith is learning and listening to the ways the Spirit speaks to and moves through each of us individually. If you ask, you absolutely will receive. If you have never received the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit, ask God for it! If you would like to receive prayer for or understand more about moving in the gift of the Spirit; call, email or visit WWCCR we would love to pray and talk with you. It is our great privilege to share and inspire others to live a life empowered and clothed from on high. You and I no longer have to wait. Jesus has sent his Holy Spirit to dwell in us! Let us be filled with Him.

Debora Johnston is currently on staff as the Healing Mass and Event Coordinator at Western Washington Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Our Eucharistic Chapel



You are welcome to come any time to pray in our chapel during office hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday!

Office Masses:

Wednesday
May 9, 11:00 AM
Fr. Cal Christiansen

Wednesday
June 13, 11:00 AM
Fr. Cal Christiansen

Monday
June 25, 7:00 PM
Fr. Tony Bawyn

DWELLING PLACE A GOD ENCOUNTER

Dwelling Place Healing Nights *in 2 locations each month*

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

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

Monday, May 21
Monday, June 18
7:30 to 9:30 pm

NO May DP (Memorial Day)
Monday, June 25
7:30 to 9:00 pm

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

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unbound

walking in freedom
conference



Discover the freedom Christ has won for you

unbound prayer ministry is a sound and practical way for Christians to experience healing and a greater freedom from the influence of evil and to enjoy a greater fullness of life in Christ.

Saturday, June 9, 2018

St. Pius X Parish

22301 58th Avenue West
Mountlake Terrace, WA

7:30 am - 8:30 pm

\$50 Conference Registration

Register online at wwccr.org



John and Michelle Kazanjian serve as lay apostles with Renewal Ministries, a Catholic mission organization dedicated to the New Evangelization. They have trained hundreds of clergy and lay leaders in the application of the Five keys which are at the heart of Unbound Healing.



Five Keys to Freedom:

- Repentance & Faith
- Forgiveness
- Renunciation
- Authority
- The Father's Blessing

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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	Jun 1	Pope Francis
May 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain	Jun 2	Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
May 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS	Jun 3	Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSPS
May 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg	Jun 4	Bishop Daniel H. Mueggenborg
May 5	Fr. Jim Northrop	Jun 5	Fr. Jim Northrop
May 6	Fr. Watson Paramasivam	Jun 6	Fr. Stephen C. Rowan
May 7	Fr. Thomas R. Park		Dcn. Bob Rupno
	Dcn. Cary Parnell	Jun 7	Fr. Michael G. Ryan
May 8	Fr. Colin S. Parrish	Jun 8	Fr. Denis Ryan
May 9	Fr. Vincent J. Pastro		Dcn. E. Jerome Sadler
May 10	Fr. Felino S. Paulino	Jun 9	Fr. Steve Sallis
	Dcn. Sagato Pele		Dcn. Ron San Nicolas
	Dcn. Michel Pentony	Jun 10	Fr. Ramon Santa Cruz
May 11	Fr. Donald J. Perea		Brody Stewart (<i>seminarian</i>)
May 12	Fr. Armando S. Perez	Jun 11	Fr. Timothy J. Sauer
May 13	Fr. Leonardo T. Pestano	Jun 12	Fr. Rajasekar Savarimuthu
May 14	Fr. C. Vincent Peterson	Jun 13	Fr. Milhton H. Scarpetta
	Dcn. Theman Pham		Alexander Nelson (<i>seminarian</i>)
May 15	Fr. James D. Picton	Jun 14	Fr. Frank R. Schuster
May 16	Fr. Paul R. Pluth	Jun 15	Fr. Sebastin Santhosh Sebastian
May 17	Fr. Marc L. Powell	Jun 16	Fr. Dennis C. Sevilla
May 18	Fr. Thomas E. Quinn		Dcn. Tim Shamrell
May 19	Fr. Michael E. Radermacher	Jun 17	Fr. Patrick R. Sherrard
May 20	Fr. Philip H. Raether		Dcn. Mark Shine
	Dcn. Arturo Ramirez	Jun 18	Fr. Jack D. Shrum
May 21	Fr. Michael B. Raschko		Dcn. Joseph Sifferman
May 22	Fr. John T. Rashford	Jun 19	Fr. Vinner Raj Simeon Raj
May 23	Fr. Armando V. Red	Jun 20	Fr. Roger J. Smith
	Dcn. LaMar Reed		Dcn. Lloyd Snider
May 24	Fr. John J. Renggli	Jun 21	Fr. Richard J. Spicer
	Dcn. Rob Rensel	Jun 22	Fr. Aloysius G. Ssensamba
	Dcn. John Ricciardi	Jun 23	Fr. Michael J. Stinson
	Dcn. Michael Riggio	Jun 24	Fr. Todd O. Strange
May 25	Fr. George O. Rink	Jun 25	Fr. Mel V. Strazicich
May 26	Fr. Patrick J. Ritter	Jun 26	Fr. Thomas J. Suss
May 27	Fr. Dennis E. Robb		Dcn. Bill Swanson
	Dcn. Ted Rodriguez	Jun 27	Fr. Stephen J. Szeman
May 28	Fr. Mario Rodriguez-Garcia		Dcn. Mirek Sztajno
May 29	Fr. David A. Rogerson	Jun 28	Fr. Brian D. Thompson
May 30	Fr. Stephen T. Roman		Dcn. Mike Teskey
	Dcn. Rey Ronquillo	Jun 29	Fr. Francis K. Thumbi
	Dcn. Jack Roscoe		Dcn. Donald Tillitson
May 31	Fr. Cody L. Ross	Jun 30	Fr. Jaime M. Tolang

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 a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all prayer groups and churches throughout Western Washington during this Easter season.

- We continue to lift Fr. Michael Wagner in prayer asking for God's healing touch to be upon him through the intercession of Venerable Cardinal Wyszynski.

- May holy wisdom guide world leaders in all of their decisions.

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

Save the Date

WWCCR Annual Benefit Dinner/Auction

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Holy Rosary Edmonds

May

- May 8:** Prayer Group Development Team Meeting
- May 9:** WWCCR Office Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Cal
- May 19:** Pentecost Celebration at St. Francis of Assisi, Burien 7:00-9:30 PM
- May 19:** School of Prayer Ministry Level III Class 3
- May 21:** Dwelling Place Healing Night at St. Pius X, Mountlake Terrace, WA
- May 24:** WWCCR Board of Directors Meeting
- May 28:** Memorial Day (NO Dwelling Place at SSTM)

June

- June 1:** +Mercy Night, Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 PM
- June 3:** Pre-Conference Unbound Team Training
- June 9:** Unbound Conference, St. Pius X, Mountlake Terrace, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- June 12:** Prayer Group Development Team Meeting
- June 13:** WWCCR Office Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Cal
- June 16:** School of Prayer Ministry Level III Class 4
- June 18:** Dwelling Place at St. Pius X
- June 25:** WWCCR Office Mass at 7 p.m. with Fr. Tony
- June 25:** Dwelling Place at St. Stephen the Martyr
- June 28:** WWCCR Board of Directors Meeting
- June 30:** School of Prayer Ministry Level III Class 5 with Mass (Graduation Day)

Volunteers Needed!

Are you feeling God calling you to share your gifts?
Would you like to volunteer and help make a difference?

WWCCR would love to work with you in the office, developing and presenting 'Life in the Spirit Seminars, or helping with Masses for Healing just to name a few, Contact the office for more information.

Financial Update

Thank you for your loving support!

Make a pledge, donate online or call the office for assistance.

For where your treasure is there also will your heart be - Matthew 6:21

Balance the end of February: \$10,873.00

Balance the end of March: \$14,119.75

Our theme article this month reflects the vision and mission of the Charismatic Renewal. It is God's will that we receive the Holy Spirit to animate all we do and say. We pray that our Pentecost Celebration will be an opportunity for all to be filled and renewed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, so invite your family and friends. Without this ministry these opportunities for to experience and grow in the charismatic gifts may not happen.

Thank you for your generous support every month!



This novena was composed by Father Dolindo Ruotolo (1882-1970), a priest from Naples, Italy about whom Padre Pio said "The whole of paradise is in your soul." Please join us in praying this beautiful novena of surrender to the will of God.

Day 1: Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations. *Pray: O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything! (10 times)*

Day 2: Surrender to me does not mean to fret, to be upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to me a worried prayer asking me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything. It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way. Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in my care, so that only I act. Saying "You take care of it." *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Day 3: How many things I do when the soul, in so much spiritual and material need turns to me, looks at me and says to me; "You take care of it," then close its eyes and rests. In pain you pray for me to act, but that I act in the way you want. You do not turn to me, instead, you want me to adapt to your ideas. You are not sick people who ask the doctor to cure you, but rather sick people who tell the doctor how to. So do not act this way, but pray as I taught you in the Our Father: "Hallowed be thy Name", that is, be glorified in my need. "Thy kingdom come", that is, let all that is in us and in the world be in accord with your kingdom. "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven", that is, in our need, decide as you see fit for our temporal and eternal life. If you say to me truly: "Thy will be done". Which is the same as saying: "You take care of it". I will intervene with all my omnipotence, and I will resolve the most difficult situations. *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Day 4: You see evil growing instead of weakening? Do not worry, Close your eyes and say to me with faith: "Thy will be done, You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will

intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say "You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than my loving intervention. By my love, I promise this to you. *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Day 5: And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms, on the other bank of the river. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts and worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts you. *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Day 6: You are sleepless; you want to judge everything, direct everything and see to everything and you surrender to human strength, or worse- to men themselves, trusting in their intervention,- this is what hinders my words and my views. Oh how much I wish from you this surrender, to help you and how I suffer when I see you so agitated! Satan tries to do exactly this: to agitate you and to remove you from my protection and to throw you into the jaws of human initiative. So, trust only in me, rest in me, surrender to me in everything. *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Day 7: I perform miracles in proportion to your full surrender to me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever performed miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don't think about it any more, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs, do this all of you and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things, I promise this to you. *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Day 8: Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say "You take care of it." I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you. *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Day 9: Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, "Jesus, you take care of it." Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!" *(Pray the Surrender Prayer 10 times)*

Final prayer: Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you I always want to belong completely to Jesus.



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Pentecost Celebration

**Saturday, May 19, 2018, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
St. Francis of Assisi, Burien**

At the sound, they all gathered in a large crowd. Acts 2:6

**with Dr. Tom Curran and Dr. Kerry McMahon
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