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Renewing the face of the earth  Empowered by the Holy Spirit

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*“The Word of God,
to which listening
alone ‘gives rise to
wonder,’ should be
jealously guarded
in the depths of
one’s heart.”*

*“The first effect of
the Word of God is
therefore wonder,
‘and then it gives us
joy. But wonder is
more than joy alone.
It is the moment
when the Word of
God is sown in our
hearts.’ ”*

~Pope Francis
Saturday, 8 June 2013

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Pondering & Reflecting on the Word

By Jim Murphy

An excerpt from a talk given by Jim Murphy at the March 2007 Leaders' and Helpers' Day. Originally published in September 2007 GLEANINGS. Jim Murphy will be one of the speakers at our Pentecost Celebration on May 15-16. See page 4 for more information.

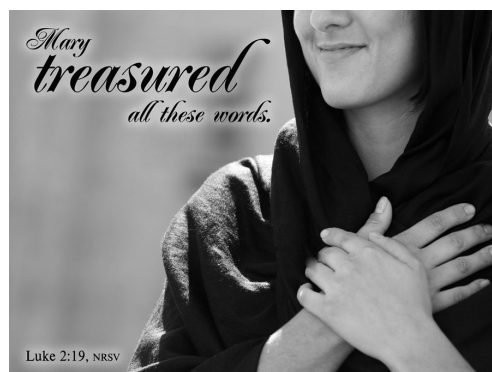
We have a beautiful model for the spiritual life in Mary, our Blessed Mother. In Luke chapter 1:26-56 you can read about some defining events in her life: She is told by an angel, “Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.” and God reveals to her the incredible news that she will bear a son and name him Jesus. Then the angel tells her that Elizabeth, her kinswoman, is already with child. Mary goes in haste to visit Elizabeth and is greeted with “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” and then there is that beautiful canticle that begins, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...” (Luke 1:46-55)

One of the things that Mary did when the angel spoke to her is that she pondered the greeting that she received. Later when Jesus was twelve, she treasured these things in her heart. One of the qualities of Mary is that she didn't just think about it, she took it into her heart.

In Old Testament language, the heart was far more than just a place of emotion. It was a place where decisions were made, a place of the will and the intellect. The core of the human being is the heart. Mary took the Word into her heart and it influenced her decisions, her thoughts, her actions—everything after that.

Now, in the Old Testament to be a hearer of the Word there are four things that needed to happen. First, you had to physically hear the Word of God, and then you had to do as much as possible to understand the Word of God. Thirdly, you had to assent or agree to the word of God. Lastly, you had to act on the Word of God. If any of these four elements were missing, then you had not properly heard the word of the Lord.

This gives a little insight into how Mary pondered the Word. It had an impact on every part of her being. It affected everything as it soaked down into her.



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From Sue's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I pray that this letter finds you rich in faith and trust in God.

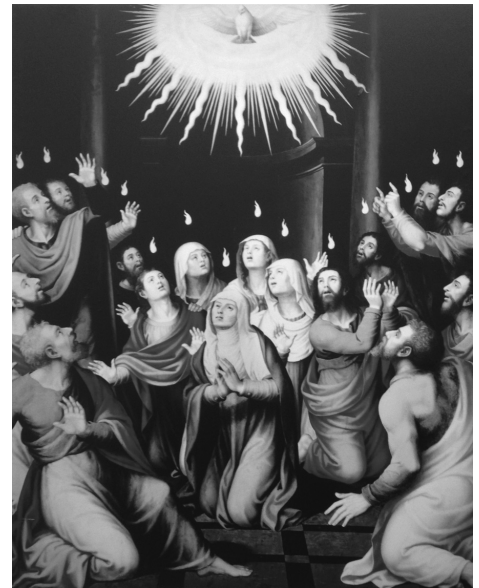
Our life circumstances can, at times, be difficult and challenging. It is often in suffering that we draw close to the One who suffered much. Know that you are not alone. The grace of the Holy Spirit can fill us with hope and joy in the midst of struggle and our God will surround us with others to encourage us. Know that in the Body of Christ there are members who will hold you up when the burden is heavy.

On May 15-16 we will have the opportunity to experience more of this grace and community. We will gather to be "United in the Upper Room" at St. Stephan the Martyr Church in Renton; to be lifted up and set on fire during our Pentecost Celebration. Register today at wwccr.org (see page 4). In Christ's heavenly plan we are united with Him as family.

In this beautiful month of May we celebrate 2 heavenly gifts; our Mother Mary and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In our chapel at the office we have a

picture of the apostles and disciples of Jesus waiting in the upper room, as Jesus had instructed them. Mary is in the middle of the group and they are all facing toward her. It is a beautiful image of how the early church, the first Christians, looked to her for her prayers and maternal encouragement.

Today we still look to Mary for intercession. She is the mediatrix between her Son and us for a twofold reason: she gives Jesus to us and she brings us to Him. In a book titled, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, Fr. Michael Gaitley presents an easy, compelling way to Consecrate yourself to Jesus, through Mary. It takes you on a journey through the rich and captivating Marian teachings of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximillian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Theresa and St. John Paul II. For me personally, it opened my heart wider to receive the grace necessary to move closer to Jesus. The love in my heart was plunged deeper into the mystery and my spiritual gifts were strengthened. Each day there is a prayer that we meditate on throughout the day. It always begins, Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary.... Mary was full of grace, full of the Holy Spirit. Mary is a perfect model of obedience,



humility and self-surrender to God's will. Creating more space for the Holy Spirit to live and move in our hearts is what we as charismatic Catholics are always striving for, Amen?

As we go forth into our day to day living, let us keep the words of Mary in our hearts: "my soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47 "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your word." Luke 1:38

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

Sue+

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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Pondering continued

I bought a little tree for our yard at home and right after it was planted we were going through a dry spell. The guy I got the tree from told me to make sure that I watered that tree every day. Because I'm so busy, I'd go out and water it for about two minutes and then think that was good enough. Maybe the next day I'd throw a bucket of water on it and thought it was good enough. What a surprise when after three weeks this little tree was completely dead. I went back to the guy I bought it from and said, "I spent thirty dollars for this tree and all I have is a dead stick in my yard." He asked if I watered it. "Sure, I did! Every day I went out there and threw a bucket of water on it." Then he told me that when I water it, I have to soak it down for about an hour and a half. When I water it just a little, most of it evaporates off. I have to saturate it so that the soil holds the water and then the roots can get to water. In the same way, I think sometimes I only sprinkle myself with the Word of God, instead of letting it saturate the soil of my person.

There is great benefit in studying the Word of God and we should study it to educate us. But in this case of pondering, we are talking about something different. In pondering the Word of God we are allowing it to affect our lives. Paul says in Romans 10:17 that "faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ." You and I have to be the evangelists of our own hearts. We have to be sure that we are saturated by the Word of God every day.

Ways to Ponder the Word

One day you might be reading a passage and all of a sudden one line of it seems to jump off the

page at you. You've read three pages of scripture in your bible and nothing's caught your attention and then this one word jumps out at you. Sometimes you think, oh I'll get back to this one word later because I have three more chapters to read. It would be better to stop there, and let that word deeply soak in.

"In pondering the Word of God we are allowing it to affect our lives."

Another way to saturate yourself with the Word of God is that when you get that one-liner that strikes you, just sit with it and quietly repeat it again and again. Keep proclaiming the word deeper and deeper. Some people keep a little journal where they write only about that one passage. They write about what this Word is saying to them, and spend time reflecting on what they are hearing in this Word. Other people will take a verse that really touches them and they write it on an index card and tape it to their mirror to reread that Word for the next few weeks. These are some different ways that you can saturate the soil of your heart with the Word.

I suspect that Mary allowed the Word to saturate her heart more than just sprinkle it, which served her well in the days ahead. When Mary went to visit Elizabeth, Elizabeth said to her. "Blessed are you who believed what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45) I believe what the Lord spoke to Mary took such a deep place within her that it gave her something to hold onto during difficult times. Again, that doesn't mean that Mary never had troubles. That doesn't mean that

Mary was never discouraged or that everything went her way. But in the most difficult times of her life and in our lives, too, the Word planted in us will be like a solid rock of safety.

Sometimes the Word will be from scripture. Sometimes a word comes through the prophetic. Have you ever had a time where you felt that while someone was praying with you or during your prayer time that the Lord has spoken a word to you? Discern that it came from the Lord first and then hold on to and ponder those kinds of words when you get them. They can also be a source of encouragement in the most difficult times.

Contemplative & Charismatic

As Mary pondered and treasured the Word, I think that Mary was being a contemplative. I really believe that Mary had a contemplative dimension in her life. In the Renewal, we also consider Mary as the first charismatic. It blows peoples minds to say that Mary spoke in tongues. In Acts chapter 2 it said she was in the room and "they all spoke in tongues." She probably didn't excuse herself from the room when they started to speak in tongues.

Sometimes I've heard people say, "I used to be a charismatic, but now I am a contemplative." Why do we feel that we have to choose, when both are clearly part of the spiritual life? You and I are trying to live a life in the Spirit. A life in the Spirit is blatantly charismatic and unquestionably contemplative. We really do need both of these dimensions in our lives.

I want to show you why I think that charismatics are really contemplatives and that contemplation is actually a form of the charismatic. One of the

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UNITED

in the
Upper Room

ACTS 1:14



Jim Murphy



Sister Lucy
Lukasiewicz, DLJC

May 15-16, 2015
St. Stephen the Martyr Church, Renton, WA

Join us, on the day after Ascension Thursday, as we prepare for Pentecost, begin the Pentecost Novena, and seek to be empowered by the Holy Spirit!

We will gather Friday evening and all day Saturday for times of praise & worship, wonderful talks, and opportunities for prayer and fellowship. Pre-Registration is \$25 and is available online now by sending in the form below or by calling the WWCCR office: 206-364-2272

Pre-Registration deadline is May 6, 2015 - *Registration will be \$35 per person at the door.*

Bring a friend who needs more of the Holy Spirit!



Our Eucharistic Chapel
is available for private
prayer any time
that our office is open,
9:30AM until 4:00PM,
Monday through Friday.

OFFICE MASS SCHEDULE:
Wednesday, May 13, 11:00 AM
with Fr. Cal Christiansen

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 PM
with Fr. Tony Bawyn

Holy Hour: *We would love to have you join us every Friday from 2:30pm-3:30pm as we pray for charismatic renewal, the work of WWCCR and your own special intentions.*

WWCCR NEWS!!

Our beloved Bobbie Brown is retiring from her position as Healing Mass Coordinator after 15 years of faithful, loving and dedicated service. Her loving touch brought joy to all who worked with her. She will be greatly missed.



The Lord God answered our prayers for a new Healing Mass Coordinator with Debora Johnston. She is a passionate Catholic who has great enthusiasm for evangelization and doing God's will. We think this is a winning combination. Please join us in welcoming Debora at the next Healing Mass you attend.

Pondering continued

dimensions of the charismata is that we have the potential to fall into a place that Paul warns us about in 1 Corinthians 13:1 — that without love, “I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.” In other words, without the love of God, it’s very easy to just rattle off the words. If we are not praising God from the depth of our being, we can be like a clanging cymbal.

In Matthew 6:7, Jesus warns us to be careful that we are not praying like the pagans “who think that they will be heard because of their many words.” We charismatics use a lot of words when we pray and that’s fine when they come from the heart. But what I am saying is that there is a danger in charismatic prayer that without contemplation we could become disconnected from our hearts. Praying in tongues, praying in the Spirit, and praising God can become very mechanical, superficial and, unfortunately in some limited cases, even no longer authentic. We must express and boldly proclaim the love of God and keep connected to our heart to be effective.

On the other hand, at times contemplative prayer can become self-serving without charismatic prayer. You can take the genuine emotions of prayer but, instead of your heart being connected to God, begin to make it your own and keep it for yourself and then something that was very beautiful could spoil. However, your time spent in contemplation can also fill you to overflowing so that it can be released out in charismatic praise and ministry. Contemplation and the charismata are two realities of the same thing.

With Mary as our model, let us ponder and treasure the Word of God. May the Word saturate down to our very roots and may our life in the Spirit be a balance of contemplation and charismata. ♦

Financial update

“Thank you for being the loving touch of God for me.”

We received this note at a recent Healing Mass.

God’s love is a fire that flows through us into others as we allow Him to use us. This ministry provides opportunities to grow and to minister in the spiritual gifts that we have been given. We rely 100 percent on donations from generous people like you. Thank you for choosing to support this ministry. If you enjoy this newsletter send us a thank you gift this month.

You are in our prayers!



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 calendar; particularly the events WWCCR is sponsoring, and also...

- that, through living, proclaiming and nurturing baptism in the Holy Spirit we would be examples of the full Christian inheritance imparted through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; and
- that we would be examples of ongoing conversion and openness to the full range of gifts which the Holy Spirit chooses to bestow on His children, exercised in vibrant relationship with Jesus and with the Church, so that
- in the celebration of Pentecost, all Catholics would mature in a personal relationship with Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father!
- for these prayer groups:
 - 05/01-05/02 Jesus En Ti Confio Grupo de Oracion, Aberdeen
 - 05/03-05/09 Joy Of The Lord Prayer Group, Anacortes
 - 05/10-05/16 Emmaus Grupo de Oracion, Bellevue
 - 05/17-05/23 Renewed in Christ Catholic Charismatic Community, Bellevue
 - 05/24-05/30 Servants of the Lord Prayer Group, Bellingham
 - 05/31-06/06 Light of Christ Prayer Group, Bothell

	March	YTD	Cash at
		\$8827.31	beg. of 2015
Income all sources	\$21,958.24	\$65,136.36	
Expenses	-\$21,704.40	-\$67,871.24	
Adjustments	\$81.39	\$254.91	
net income/shortfall	\$335.23	-\$2,479.97	
		\$6,347.34	Cash at end of March

*"Dear priests, may God the Father
renew in us the Spirit of holiness with
whom we have been anointed. May he
renew his Spirit in our hearts, that this
anointing may spread to everyone..."*

Pope Francis, Chrism Mass 2013

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

- May 1 Pope Francis
- May 2 Archbishop J. Peter Sartain
- May 3 Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, MSpS
- May 4 Fr. Jim Northrop
- May 5 Fr. Gary C. Weisenberger
- May 6 Fr. Edward G. White
Dcn. Ed White, Sr.
- May 7 Fr. John D. Whitney, SJ
- May 8 Fr. Nicholas Wichert
- May 9 Fr. John J. Wilkie
- May 10 Fr. James A. Williams
Dcn. Stephen Wodzanowski
- May 11 Fr. Stephen S. Woodland
- May 12 Fr. Gerald L. Woodman
- May 13 Fr. Michael H. Wright
- May 14 Fr. Horacio V. Yanez
Dcn. Joua Pao Yang
- May 15 Fr. Gabriel Dong Hyuk Yang
Dcn. Joseph Yuen
- May 16 Fr. David H. Young
Dcn. Gary Zellmer
- May 17 Fr. Reynaldo T. Yu
Dcn. Matt Zuanich
- May 18 Fr. James D. Zakowicz
Dcn. Scott Aikin
- May 19 Fr. Gary M. Zender
Dcn. David Alcorta
- May 20 Fr. Peter Adoko-Enchill
Dcn. Dan Allen
- May 21 Fr. Joseph Altenhofen
Dcn. John Amlag
- May 22 Fr. Jose M. Alvarez
Dcn. Carl Anderson
- May 23 Fr. Michael Angelovic
Dcn. Salvador Ardon Sanchez
- May 24 Fr. Larry Bailey
Dcn. Bruno Bahk
- May 25 Fr. R. Roy Baroma Jr
Dcn. Terry Barber
- May 26 Fr. Richard J. Basso
Dcn. Sam Basta
- May 27 Fr. Michael J. Batterberry
Dcn. Bill Batstone
- May 28 Fr. Anthony E. Bawyn, JCD
Dcn. Jim Bemis
- May 29 Fr. Ronald H. Belisle, OSB
Dcn. Nate Benedict
- May 30 Fr. Thomas A. Belleque
Dcn. John Bergford
- May 31 Fr. John Marie Bingham, OP
Dcn. Raymond Biersbach

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

*Events listed below are sponsored by groups other than WWCCR.
For more information please refer to the contact listed.*



Discovering God's Best for Your Marriage and Your Family

A Weekend Retreat -
Presented by Tom and Kari Curran

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane

Friday May 29 – Sunday, May 31st

**Cost: \$195 per person / \$295 per couple /
\$150 per commuter**

Register at <http://ihrc.net> (click on Events)



*The response from all of those in
attendance (at the Marriage Retreat) was
that you were the best Christian marriage
speaker they had ever heard.*

Mick & Deanna Maddock
Community Coordinators, Retrouvaille of Seattle

Events sponsored by the Anawim Prayer Group in Kelso

✠ Fount of Mercy Healing Mass
Held on the 4th Monday of each month at Immaculate Heart of
Mary, Kelso at 6 PM

✠ School of Healing Prayer
Orientation - May 9th from 2 - 4 PM
classes begin May 16th at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Kelso
For more information on either of these events call Lucille Hadden at
360-232-8299.

✠ The Adult Faith Formation at St. Louise Church, Bellevue and
Renewed In Christ invites you to a **Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Dates: Friday evenings, April 24th through June 12th

Times: 6:00 - 8:30pm

Location: St. Louise Room (formerly St. Louise Library)

To register or for more information visit: www.renewedinchrist.com
Email - ric4communications@gmail.com, Call - (425)-243-2480



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- May 1 ☩ Healing Mass in Tulalip - see below
 May 4 SOAKING PRAYER TEACHING
 May 9 SCHOOL OF HEALING PRAYER Level II Class 1
 May 13 OFFICE MASS, 11AM - see page 4
 May 15 PENTECOST CELEBRATION - see page 4
 Pentecost Novena Begins
 May 16 PENTECOST CELEBRATION - see page 4
 May 18 DWELLING PLACE HEALING NIGHT - see below
 May 24 *Pentecost Sunday*
 May 25 *Memorial Day* - WWCCR OFFICE CLOSED
 May 27 OFFICE MASS, 7PM - see page 4
 May 29 HEALING MASS, SUMNER - see below

**CLOTHED
WITH
POWER
FROM
ON HIGH.**
 LUKE 24:49, NRSV

WWCCR events are CAPITALIZED,
 Prayer Group and other events
 are marked with a ☩
 Check our website for updates on events not
 available at time of print.

Healing Masses

Healing Masses 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.

Friday, May 29 at 7:00 PM

Praise & Worship beginning at 6:45 PM

with Fr. Jack Shrum

St. Andrew Church

1401 Valley Ave. E. , Sumner, WA 98390

☩ Healing Mass in Tulalip

Friday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

with Fr. Emmanuel Iweh

Sponsored by St. Anne Mission

7231 totem Beach Rd, Tulalip, WA

for more information call 360-653-9400



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, May 18

at 7:30 PM

St. Pius X Church

22209 59th Ave W

Mountlake Terrace, WA

No Dwelling Place

in May at

Stephen the Martyr

Church, Renton

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<https://wwccr.org/healing-ministry/dwelling-place-healing-nights/>



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2015 Pentecost of the Nations - Pray the Pentecost Novena!

Plan now to join with tens of thousands of other Catholics in fervent intercession "that the spirituality of Pentecost will spread for a new Culture of Pentecost in the Church for the New Evangelization."

This is a response that the worldwide Catholic Charismatic Renewal offers to the desire expressed by Popes John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis – that the spirituality of Pentecost will spread in the Church for a new "Culture of Pentecost" (JP II, May 2004; Benedict XVI, Sept 2005; Francis, May 2013)

The Pentecost Novena...for a New Culture of Pentecost
"Oh, if only...unanimous and fervent prayers could be raised to Heaven in every part of Christendom as they were one in the Cenacle (upper room) of Jerusalem for a rekindling of the Divine Spirit." ~Bl. Elena Guerra

Visit www.wwcrr.org and click on **Pentecost** for ideas on how to pray the Pentecost Novena in your parish or your prayer group. Join us on May 15-16 at St. Stephen the Martyr Church as we begin the Pentecost Novena together (*see page 4 for more information*).

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