

**NOVENA TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT**
19TH - 27TH MAY 2023

DAY 6 - 6:00 PM

**GIFT OF
UNDERSTANDING**



CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SERIA



**Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
from the clear celestial
heights, Thy pure beaming
radiance give, come, thou
Father of the poor, Come
with treasures which
endure, come thou Light of
all that live.**

OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

**Thou, of all consolers best,
thou, the soul's delightsome
guest, Dost refreshing peace
bestow, thou in toil art
comfort sweet, Pleasant
coolness in the heat, solace
in the midst of woe.**

OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

**Light immortal, light divine,
visit thou these hearts of
thine, And our inmost being
fill: if thou take thy grace
away, Nothing pure in man
will stay, all his good is
turned to ill.**

OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

**Heal our wounds, our
strength renew, on our
dryness pour thy dew, Wash
the stains of guilt away:
bend the stubborn heart
and will; Melt the frozen,
warm the chill, guide the
steps that go astray.**

OPENING HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, LORD OF LIGHT

**Thou, on those who ever
more thee confess and thee
adore, In thy sevenfold gifts
descend, give them comfort
when they die; Give them
life with thee on high; give
them joys that never end.**

INVOCATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your Divine Love.

All: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created; and You will renew the face of the earth.

INVOCATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit instructs the hearts of the faithful, grant we beseech you to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen

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**If Thou take Thy grace away,
nothing pure in man will stay,
All his good is turn'd to ill.**

The Gift of Understanding

Leader: Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion BY faith we know them, but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases

**to be sterile and inactive, but
inspires a mode of life that bears
eloquent testimony to the faith
that is in us; we begin to "walk
worthy of God in all things
pleasing, and increasing in the
knowledge of God."**

Let us pray:

All: Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

Our Father [Once]
One Hail Mary [Once]
Glory be to the Father [Seven Times]

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

All: Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Grant me the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

All: Grant me the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Grant me the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

All: Grant me the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader: Grant me the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

All: Grant me the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

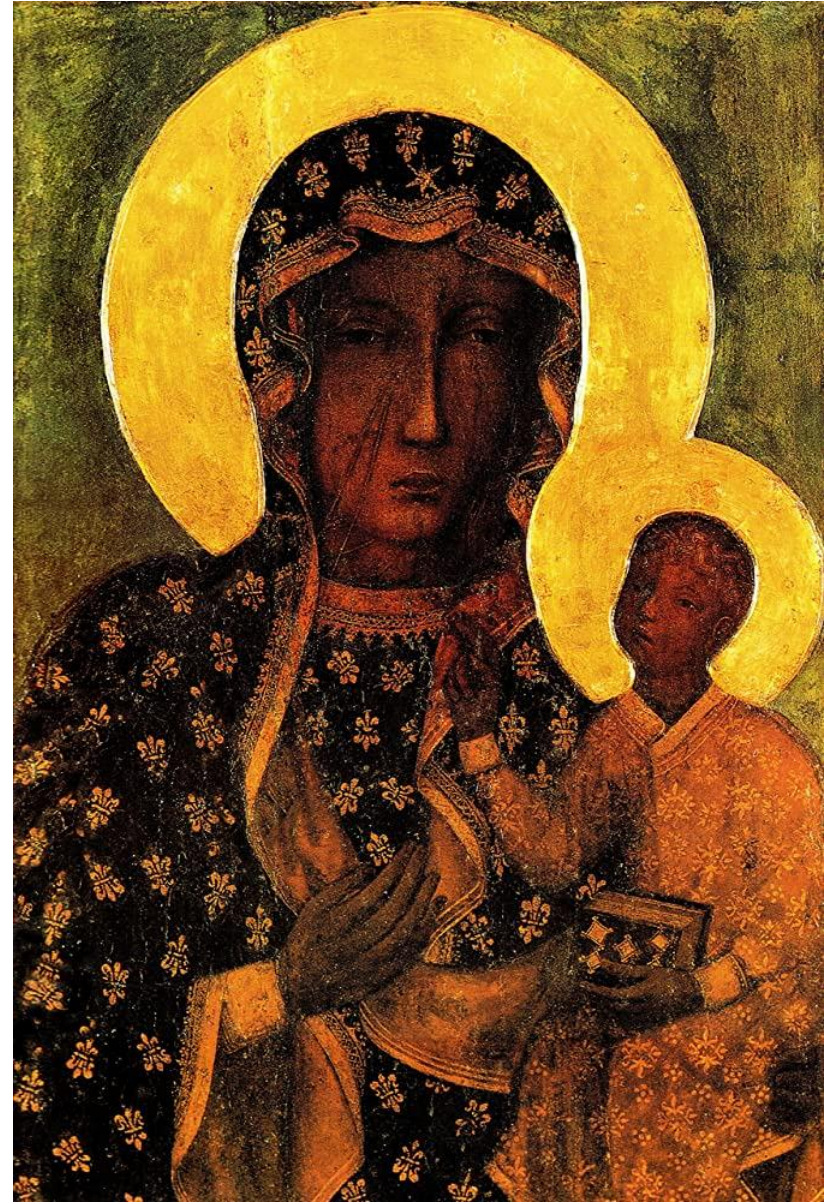
PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Leader: Mark me, dear Lord,
with the sign of Your true
disciples and animate me in
all things with Your Spirit.**

All: Amen.

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- ✘ Scripture Reading –
Luke 2:41-52
- ✘ Our Lady of
Czestochowa



INTERCESSION DAY 6

C: Led by the Spirit in us, let us pray, to God our Father through our elder brother Jesus

1. For all men and women, that the Holy Spirit be for them the Giver of Life, life within the Church in this world and eternal life in the world to come, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For Christians whose religion has become sterile from a lack of expectant faith, that the Holy Spirit may reveal Himself to them as fully present, fully alive, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For this our Christian community, that by remaining united in worship and service, we allow the Spirit to bring into the Church those not yet Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For all Christian denominations, that the Holy Spirit lead them to be united in faith and love so as to become one Church in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For each one of us, that we remember at all times that our greatest treasure is the Holy Spirit living within us, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For the Holy Father, our bishop, priests and leaders of church organizations, that they allow themselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit in proclaiming the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

C: Let us pray:

All: Christ Jesus, before returning to your Father in heaven, you promised to send your Holy Spirit on your disciples. We are your disciples today - pour out your Spirit into our lives so that we may reflect your grace and love and in this way, spread your Gospel to those whom we meet. With Your Spirit of Understanding may we understand Your will for our lives and fulfil the plan you have for each of us. Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

All: On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself soul and body to You, eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity the unerring keenness of your justice and the might of Your love. You are

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

the strength and the light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**that I may always watch for
Your light and listen to Your
voice and follow Your gracious
inspirations. I cling to You and
give myself to You and ask You
by Your compassion to watch
over me in my weakness.
Holding the pierced Feet of**

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart I implore You Adorable Spirit Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in your grace that I may never sin against You. Give

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of
the Father and the Son to say
to you always and everywhere
“Speak Lord for Your servant
hears.” AMEN.**

AVE MARIA

**As I kneel before you
As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love.**

Refrain

Ave Maria! Gratia Plena

Dominus Tecum, Benedicta tu!

**All I have, I give you
Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine
Present them to my Lord.**

Refrain

Ave Maria! Gratia Plena

Dominus Tecum, Benedicta tu!

**As I kneel before you
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace**

Refrain

Ave Maria! Gratia Plena

Dominus Tecum, Benedicta tu!

**Join us again tomorrow at
6:00 PM.**

