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## Marriage



### Many Gifts, One Spirit

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the

same Lord. – 1 Corinthians 12:4-5

Today, we celebrate the

### Solemnity of Pentecost

For fifty days the Church has observed the festival of the Resurrection. As difficult as it may have been to observe the forty days of Lenten penance, the challenge of fifty days of gladness may have posed a greater stretch of conversion. The one is for the sake of the other. Achieving the fiftieth day, *Pentecost*, the Church had to press on ahead, along the way as the *Holy Spirit* prompted us. By God's grace, we must make our way to *Advent*, the Coming of the Lord, as well. As Christian wayfarers, shouldering the cross, we hope, even expect to meet *Christ* along the way, stopping with Him at sometimes pleasant oases and familiar inns. We give thanks for each homey place and for all familial comforts. But none of these places are exactly like the Home we seek. Our fellow wayfarers come and go and shift about, our attachments to each other imperfect and strained until they are made perfect in our *Father's House*. Therefore, we keep moving/pressing on, remembering Israel in the desert, with our way more like the road from *Emmaus* and toward the *New Jerusalem*. With every cross we carry, we also bear the *first fruits of the Holy Spirit* and keep each other's spirits up, singing "*Alleluia*" as we go. Press on, dear brothers and sisters in *Christ Jesus The Lord. Jesus is preparing for our arrival at His Father's House.*

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15)

Any two people who live as closely as husband and wife are bound to emotionally hurt each other at times. It may be a careless word or wanting your way. Don't be too proud to repent. "I'm sorry" is the first step. Making amends is the next.



## Stewardship



The Spirit of God prepares us and sustains us in a life of service and generosity to others. We are raised from the dead when we are converted from a life of selfishness and indifference to one of love and concern for others.

### The Extraordinary Jubilee

### Year of Mercy Special Grace

... Thursday. ... Although I was very tired today, I nevertheless resolved to make a Holy Hour. I could not pray, nor could I remain kneeling, but I remained in prayer for a whole hour and united myself in spirit with those souls who are already worshiping God in the perfect way. [Then Jesus said to me,] **Your prayer is extremely pleasing to Me** – *Saint Faustina's Diary, 691.*



**Prayer Response:** Lord Jesus, when temptations are attacking me and fatigue is exhausting me, grant me Your peace. Give me the special grace of Your mercy. *Amen.*

## Our Catholic Community is in need of the following Ministers

Greeters	Eucharistic Ministers
Ushers	EMs to the sick
Lectors	Choir Members
Catechists/Aides	Altar Servers
R.C.I.A. Sponsors	CWOC Servants

### Training will be provided.

To answer Jesus' call to you to serve our Catholic Community, with your God given talents, please call our Catholic Community Life Coordinator (CCLC), Fran, at 706.791.4308. Thanks!

**The Son of Man did not come into this world to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for the many.**



## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark" it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism. As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the

forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism. — *Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.* Did you notice how the girl in the picture begins to make the sign of the cross on her forehead? Want to learn more about this custom? Let's talk about it, during our Sunday morning God and Coffee Bible Study session, in the Command Chaplain's Office, Conference Room, from 1130-1300.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS

### Gifts for Service

What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it – right now?

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK FOR CHILDREN

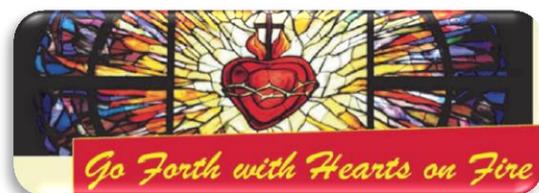
What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

*Be Bold, Be Catholic!*  
*Pray the Rosary, daily!*

And



*To Mass and To Bible Study with you!*



*"Pax et Bonum!" / "Peace and Goodness!"*

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