

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Blacksburg, VA
Novena to the Holy Spirit, 2021

Introduction

The parish is encouraging all parishioners to take part in the spiritual preparations for Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, by participating in the Novena to the Holy Spirit. The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

The novena starts on Friday, May 14, and ends on Saturday, May 22. Every day at 7 PM there will be a Zoom session of the Novena. Those who might not be able to attend the Zoom session may do the Novena reflections on their own at any time convenient to them. Please scroll down to the end of this announcement for the Zoom link.

Order of Prayers for Each Day of the Novena

1. Opening Prayers

- a) Make the **Sign of the Cross** saying "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen," and say the **Apostles' Creed**: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."
- b) Say the **Our Father**: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."
- c) Say **three Hail Marys** for Faith, Hope, and Charity: "Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen." – 3 times.
- d) Say the **Glory Be**: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

2. Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Spirit

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. 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, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the

Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, 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, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

3. Gospel Reading and Reflection

Select the reading of the day from the list below and take a few moments meditating on the reading.

Day	Scripture Readings
Friday, May 14	John 15: 9-17
Saturday, May 15	John 16: 23-28
Sunday, May 16	Mark 16: 15-20
Monday, May 17	John 16: 29-33
Tuesday, May 18	John 17: 1-11
Wednesday, May 19	John 17: 11-19
Thursday, May 20	John 17: 21-25
Friday, May 21	John 21: 15-19
Saturday, May 22	John 21: 20-25

4. Closing Prayers

a. Come, O Divine Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

d. Glory Be

Glory be to the Father **SEVEN TIMES** "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

e. Sign of the Cross

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”,

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