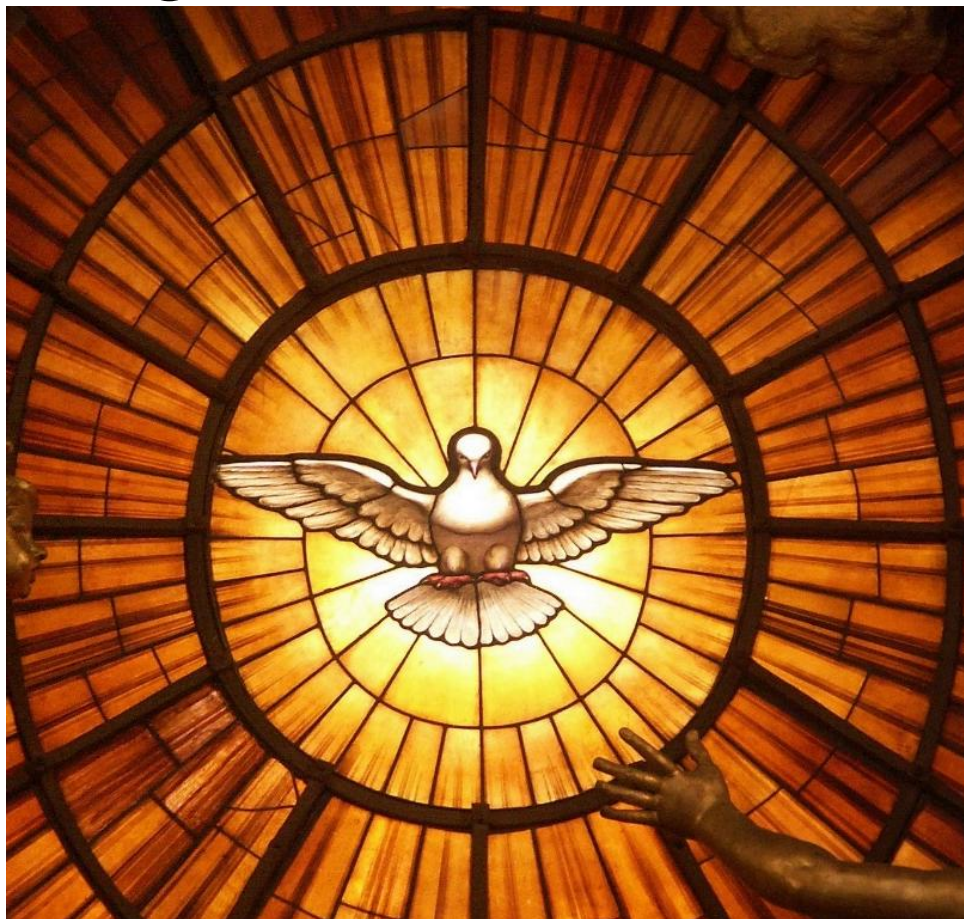


Sacred Heart Yokosuka

Religious Education



Rosary: The Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Crowning of Mary

Mary is Queen of the Universe because God crowned her

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Main Topic: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

#1: 49-53 **#2:** 60-64 **#3:** 46-52 **#4:** 42-47, 102-104

1. If we have the Holy Spirit, the fruit will be present
2. Love: wanting others to love God and their neighbor more and to help them to do it
3. Joy: desiring to go to heaven and be with God.
4. Peace: knowing that we are beloved children of God, so we are at peace even when the outside world is not peaceful.
5. Patience: suffering without complaint. Not acting annoyed when others bother us.
6. Kindness: going out of our way to notice what others need to feel welcome and loved
7. Goodness: generously giving our things and our time to help others in need
8. Faithfulness: holding steady in our faith in God and the teachings of Jesus
9. Gentleness: going out of our way to not hurt others
10. Self-Control: saying no to selfish desires so that we are free to serve others
11. All the fruit will appear in every Christian, but some more in each person according to their personality

Faith Focus: The 5Ws of the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Divine Person who proceeds from the Father and the Son

What is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God, and God is love.

Where is the Holy Spirit?

He dwells in our hearts

When did the Holy Spirit come?

Pentecost

Why did the Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the new law, teaching us to observe all the Jesus commanded us

Saint: St. Paul

25 January/29 June

Saul of Tarsus was born 2000 years ago in the Roman Empire. At first, he did not believe in Jesus. Saul even helped arrest and kill Christians. One day, Saul was traveling to Damascus to arrest more Christians. Suddenly, he heard a voice saying: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" It was the voice of Jesus. Saul became a Christian and started telling everyone about Jesus.

He traveled to many places. He preached in Ephesus and Corinth and Thessalonica. He preached to anybody who would listen. He became known as Paul because that is how they said his name in those countries. As he traveled, Paul wrote letters to people he had preached to. These letters are part of the New Testament in the Bible. In one of his letters, to the Galatians, he explained the Fruit of the Holy Spirit:

For freedom Christ set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

He arrived in Rome and preached for a while before he was killed by the Romans. He died as a martyr, which means he gave his life for his faith. We still read his letters today in churches all over the world.

Keyword: Theosis – becoming like God

Just as Christ humbled himself to share in our humanity, He intends for us to come to share in His divinity. The more we love, the more we become like Love himself. Once we see God as He is, we will become like him.

Prayer: Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe all the truths that the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; I believe these truths, O Lord, because You, the infallible Truth, have revealed them to her; in this faith I am resolved to live and die. Amen.

Next time...

Rosary: The Fifth Joyful Mystery: Finding the Christ Child in the Temple

Luke 2:42-52

When he was twelve, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and obeyed them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.