

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.

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.

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.

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.

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** 

# DAY 5

Light immortal!
Light Divine!
Visit Thou these hearts of Thine,
And our inmost being fill!

# The Gift of Knowledge

Leader: The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth--in their relation to God. **Knowledge unmasks the** pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving

care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesses it." Let us pray:

**All: Come, O Blessed Spirit of** Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

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

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.

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.

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

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

**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.

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

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

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.

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

All: Amen.

#### DAY 5

- Scripture Reading Genesis 1:26-31
- ★ The gift of Knowledge

# INTERCESSION DAY 5

C: Let us pray to God the Father who sends us the Holy Spirit to renew the world through Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

1. For each one of us, to be able to truly see the passing nature of the things of this world, and for the grace to rejoice in pursuing the things that are eternal, let us pray to the Lord.

2. For the Church in this country, that Christians may experience a new season of refreshment and renewal to share the Gospel in humble obedience to the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

3. For the Holy Father, our bishop, priests and religious, that in their work of leading souls to the kingdom, they may allow themselves to be guided by the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

4. For ourselves, that the Spirit may move us day by day to seek out and to console those whose lives have been marked by serious illness and disability, let us pray to the Lord.

5. For you and I, that we may hear the voice of the Spirit affirming us in our true nature as children of the Father and sharers in the evangelising mission of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

6. For those who do not know Christ, especially those men and women dear to us, that may receive the grace of conversion through our prayer and humble witness, let us pray to the Lord.

#### 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 Knowledge, may we discern your plan for our lives and respond so that together we can build a better world. Amen.

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

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

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** 

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

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.

# O COME TO THE THRONE OF GRACE

O come to the throne of grace!
O come to the heart most pure!
To Mary, our hope of life,
In whom salvation is sure.

Immaculate heart, we kneel!
To consecrate all to Thee
The present, it's pain and joy,
The future, all it may be.

The Rosary, white and gold, We take from thy virgin hand; A pledge of the power of God, To heal and strengthen our hand.

O Mother of Sorrows, hail! We mourn for our evil done O soften our selfish hearts And lead us back to thy Son.

# Join us again tomorrow after the 5:30 PM Mass.

