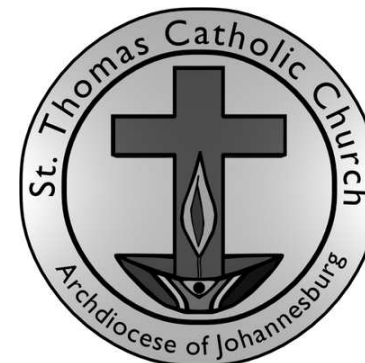


Opening Hymn:

Father, we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love you.

Jesus, we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love you.

Spirit, we adore you
Lay our lives before you
How we love you.



Closing Prayer:

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

*Come among us as wind and fire
And ignite our lives with renewed faith.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

*Help us grow in the life of grace
And reflect your presence in our lives.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

*Give us courage and faith to use our gifts
In the service of the church and your people*

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

*Enable our parishes, our families, and our communities
To respond to the challenge of the Gospel.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

*Bless the young, support the old,
Sustain all those who minister to your people.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

*Be the wind and fire that brings new life to your church
And open our minds and hearts to your presence among us.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

*May our prayer help us embrace the call you give us
To be holy people in the service of God and one another.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit Fill the hearts of your faithful.

All: Amen.

Come Holy Spirit

Rekindle in us the
Power of Your LOVE



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT - 14th to 22nd May 2010

Eighth Day (Friday)

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer:

Father, in glorifying Christ and sending us your Spirit, you open the way to eternal life. May our sharing in this gift increase our love and make our faith grow stronger. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture:

On one occasion, while Jesus was eating with his disciples, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."... "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:4-5,8)

Sharing on the Word:

1. We are approaching the day of Pentecost. Would you like this day to be a time of new beginning for you and for your family? Share with one another what changes could the Holy Spirit help you to make in your personal life and in your family life.
2. Discuss with your family which concrete steps you could all agree to take to make this new beginning a reality?
3. What impact could those changes make on your neighbours, your relatives, your friends and colleagues at work or at school, and in the Church Community of St. Thomas?

Response:

Let us say together the response: *Fulfil your promises to me, O God. Renew your Holy Spirit within me that I may be a witness of your power to all the world.*

A decade of the Rosary



Closing Prayer (at the back of the booklet)

First Day (Friday)

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer:

Father, you have given us eternal life through Jesus Christ Your Son whom You raised from the dead and now sits at Your right hand. When Jesus, who is our life, comes, then we shall reign with Him in glory. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:26-28)

Sharing on the Word:

1. What attitudes do people with a "heart of stone" have? Share some examples.
2. God has promised, through the prophet Ezekiel, to give us a new spirit, a new heart. What do you think He means?
3. Do you want God to put a new spirit in you, to give you a "heart of flesh" instead of a "heart of stone"? Explain why.
4. What must you do to receive this new spirit?

Response:

Let us say together the response: *O God, cleanse me of all my impurities. Open my heart that I may feel your Spirit within me. Guide me in your ways.*

A decade of the Rosary

Closing Prayer (at the back of the booklet)



Sixth Day (Wednesday)

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer:

God of mercy, unite Your church in the Holy Spirit, that we may serve You with all our hearts and work together with unselfish love. Allow each of us to recognize the gifts You have given our fellow servants that we may glorify You. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture:

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. (1 Cor 12:4-11)

Sharing on the Word:

1. Share with each other which gifts God has graced you with. Help each other to discover those gifts.
2. How could you - or do you - use those gifts for the building up of God's dream for the world (the Kingdom of God)? Share with one another.

Response:

Let us say together the response: *Accomplish your work in me, O God, that the many gifts you have given me through your Holy Spirit may lift up your people and bring glory to you.*

A decade of the Rosary



Closing Prayer (at the back of the booklet)

Third Day (Sunday)

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer:

Father, Your Son has saved us through His death on the cross and by His rising from the dead. May His presence in us lead us to Your truth and the unfolding of the beauty of Your love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture:

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:23-26)

Sharing on the Word:

1. Do you love Jesus? Share why you love Jesus.
2. What is the main teaching of Jesus? How do you live it out at home and with your peers at school or at work?
3. Where does the Holy Spirit of the Father and of the Son desire to stay?
4. How can you continue to learn everyday from Jesus? Try and discover all the ways.

Response:

Let us say together the response: *Enlighten me through your Spirit, O God, and teach me your truths, that I may live and move in your peace, free from all fear and distress.*

A decade of the Rosary

Closing Prayer (at the back of the booklet)

