



WORD FOR SUNDAY
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Sunday Readings: (R1) Acts 2:1-11. (R2) 1 Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13. (R3) Jn. 20:19-23.

If you want to find out how a man feels about God, don't ask him for a creed; instead, watch his life. If you put a coin under a piece of paper, you won't be able to see it. But you can discover its denomination by rubbing a pencil over the paper. For all the individual rises and valleys, your answer will come out.

So if you want to find out who the Holy Spirit is, don't just hear about Him; rather, watch Him in action in the Bible and in the Church today. By examining the rises and valleys, we shall more surely get a glimpse of Him.

The root word for "spirit" in Hebrew is ruah. This word can mean two things: wind and breath. "Wind" is an impersonal force. "Breath" presupposes a person. But common to both words is movement. Ruah was always in action, always moving. It affected whatever it came into contact with. At creation, ruah moved over the waters and brought cosmos out of chaos. Ruah was breathed into nostrils and man became a living soul.

In later Old Testament books, the Spirit raised up the great shepherds of Israel. The Spirit poured strength into Samson, girded Gideon for battle, stirred up Jephthah and Joshua, anointed David. The Spirit made heroes of ordinary men.

In the Psalms, the Spirit created the clean heart and was intimately present to man. "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit?"

Isaiah foretold that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the Messiah. As we might expect, there is in the New Testament such a flurry of references to the Spirit that were we to strike out the passages referring to Him little would be left of the New Testament.

In a magazine, there was a picture of a minister holding a leather-bound Bible in his hand. From this Bible, every reference to the Holy Spirit had been neatly scissored out. Dorothy Ranagham, who helped launch the charismatic renewal in the United States, said this magazine picture shocked her:

without the Holy Spirit nothing of the Bible remained but fragments! And yet for so many Christians, the Holy Spirit has been scissored out of their lives.

But God's Spirit can no more be bound than can the wind. He has been brooding mightily over the waters of modern life. He moved John XXIII to call the Second Vatican Council. In 1966, the charismatic renewal (or Pentecostal Movement) has brought Him into unprecedented prominence.

Our faith tells us we are temples of the Holy Spirit, endowed with His gifts and fruits. Yet so often we experience nothing, we see no change in our lives. Does that not strike us as strange? On the First Pentecost, the Spirit transformed the Apostles, empowered them to give witness to Jesus. Ought we not, then, like the Apostles, pray for the baptism of the Spirit. In the Acts, every single Pentecost occurred after intense prayer, especially community prayer.

What is this baptism of the Spirit we ought to pray for? Simply it is a profound experience of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, not unlike that of the first Pentecost. As the baptism of water initiates us into the Church, so the baptism of the Spirit initiates us into a renewed and deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

St. John said, "Test the spirit." How can one know whether or not he is baptized in the Spirit? He need only ask himself some of the following questions. Do I have a new sense of the presence of God? A new awareness of Christ? A greater desire to pray? An improved ability to praise God? A new desire to read the Scriptures? A new compassion for others? A greater appreciation of the Mass and Sacraments? A renewed devotion to Mary?

A yes to these questions is a good indication of baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Church renewal is for everyone. But at the heart of renewal must be the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit is the life of the Church. Therefore, renewed devotion to the Holy Spirit is the order of the day. "Come, Holy Spirit."

Bishop Kearney High Gets New Principal

Brother William M. Stoldt, CFC, has been appointed principal of Bishop Kearney High School, replacing Brother Edward M. Tracey who has served in this position for the past six years.

Brother Stoldt is from Hackensack, N.J., and was graduated cum laude from Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y., in 1963 with a B.Sc. in Biology. He received his Masters' Degree from New York University where he was chosen as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. At present, Brother Stoldt is attending Fordham University for his professional diploma. He also studied at the University of Cape Town and Witswaterand University in the Republic of South Africa.

Brother Stoldt has taught at Sacred Heart School and Power Memorial Academy in New York

City. For four years he also taught at St. Boniface Mission in Kimberley, South Africa. Before coming to Bishop Kearney in January, Brother Stoldt studied in Rome, Italy, for six months in the Christian Brothers' Tertiariship Program.

Brother Daniel F. Curtin, CFC, will be the new superior of the Brothers' Community at Bishop Kearney. Brother Curtin is a graduate of Fordham University where he earned his B.Sc. and M.S. degrees. Brother Curtin has taught in various Christian Brothers' schools throughout the United States and Canada. He has served as principal and superior of All Hallows Institute in the Bronx for six years. Until this past June, Brother Curtin was deputy provincial for the Eastern Province of the Christian Brothers.

In September, Brother Tracey will be stationed at All Hallows Institute, the Bronx. He will teach mathematics and coach Cross-Country.

Nazareth Names New Registrar

Robert R. Collins, director of admissions at Montrose Community College for the past seven years, has accepted a position as director of admissions and registrar at Nazareth College. He will begin his new duties on July 9.

It has also been announced that Sister Stella Regina Welch, dean of freshmen at the college, has been named associate director of admissions. Patricia DeSouza, acting registrar for the past year, has been appointed associate registrar.

IT TICKLES!

LITTLE PEPE doesn't understand yet what the missions are all about, or what hope lies in the future for him because of the missions. But he does know he's got a new friend called "Father" who's got a beard that tickles!

Pepe doesn't understand what the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is either, or that people like you make the missions (and his hopeful future) possible through your mission sacrifices.

But then, none of us really understands the depth of meaning beneath our giving... it takes being able to love others because God loves us first.

Please "send some love" to the missions today.

Crossword

ACROSS

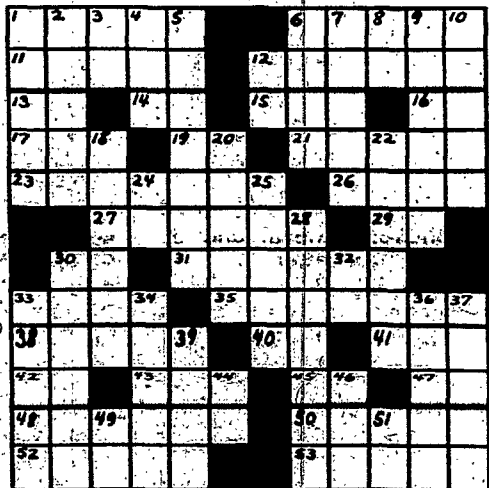
- 1. Citrus fruit
- 6. Serving girls
- 11. Rocky ridge
- 12. Horse's gait
- 13. No good (abbr.)
- 14. Either
- 15. Lubricate
- 16. Myself
- 17. Dawn
- 19. Roman numeral six
- 21. Water wheel
- 23. Natural height
- 26. Liquid receptacle
- 27. Violent speech
- 29. Negative work
- 30. Greek letter
- 31. Musical compositions
- 33. Ventilates
- 35. Thrifty management
- 38. Internal
- 40. Printing measure
- 41. Sheep cry
- 42. In like manner
- 43. Enclosure
- 45. Pronoun
- 47. Within
- 48. Greater
- 50. Large traveling case
- 52. Finished
- 53. Comforts

DOWN

- 1. Narrow roads
- 2. Rye fungus
- 3. Note of scale

Answer To Crossword On Page 15

- 4. Ear comb form
- 5. Leaf vein
- 6. Principal
- 7. Apportion
- 8. Prefix, not
- 9. Masquerade cloak
- 10. Utter
- 12. Depart
- 18. A planet
- 20. Angry
- 22. Kidnaper's payment
- 24. Palm lily
- 25. Evolve
- 28. Descendant of Esau
- 30. Ancient Cretan
- 32. Measure
- 33. Passageway
- 34. Suit material
- 36. New England state
- 37. Pulls sharply
- 39. Hollow grass
- 44. Comparative suffix
- 46. Musical syllable
- 49. Road (abbr.)
- 51. We



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