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Announcements

- 1) Documents Due
- 2) Faith Story Due
- 3) Check your syllabus for upcoming dates



The Holy Spirit

683 "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit."¹ "God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"² This knowledge of faith is possible only in the Holy Spirit: to be in touch with Christ, we must first have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He comes to meet us and kindles faith in us. By virtue of our Baptism, the first sacrament of the faith, the Holy Spirit in the Church communicates to us, intimately and personally, the life that originates in the Father and is offered to us in the Son.

Holy Spirit translates from the Greek "*Pneuma hagian*"

Pneuma is Greek for *Breath*,
Wind or *Spirit*

Hagios is Greek for *Pure* or *Holy*





Pneuma hagion is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word *ruach*

In Hebrew *ruach* is used fluidly when referring to wind and breath, but it always is connected to an animated property (action verbs) or connected to the living or divine

When referring to a divine wind, breathe or spirit Ruach is capitalized

Holy Spirit in Salvation History

“God Said” - 14 times in Genesis Chapter 1

“God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female* he created them.”

“then the LORD God formed the man* out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”



Holy Spirit in Salvation History

- 16 Prophetic Books (4 Major 12 Minor)
- Othniel, Jephthah, Gideon and Other Judges “The Spirit came upon them”



Holy Spirit in Salvation History

- Jesus conceived by the Holy Spirit
- Spirit descends upon Jesus at his baptism
- Spirit guides Jesus into the desert to conquer temptation and empower his public ministry
- The actions of Jesus healing ministry recalls the active alive authority of God the Father, in which the Spirit is present



Pentecost

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20:19-23



Holy Spirit Titles

Paraclete - “One called to the side”

Advocate - “One near to call”

Spirit of Truth - Calls to mind the voice and action of God

Sanctifier - Makes holy those who receive the Holy Spirit

Enlightener - Wisdom



Symbols of the Holy Spirit

Dove - The end of the flood, Jesus Baptism

Fire - Burning Bush, Pentecost

Wind - Action in creation, movement of the animation of spirit

A Lamp - To enlighten with wisdom

Cloud - God's presence



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.

Let us pray. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Small Group Discussion

- 1) How is the Holy Spirit animating your life?
- 2) What is your relationship to the Holy Spirit compared to your relationship with God the Father and Jesus
- 3) What would you like to know more about the Holy Spirit?
- 4) How can a relationship with the Holy Spirit assist your faith journey?

Saint Presentation

