

Day 4: Monday, June 2, 2025***Prayer to the Holy Spirit***

O Holy Spirit, Beloved of my soul, I adore You.

Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen and console me.

Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.

I promise to submit to everything that You ask of me and to accept all that You allow to happen to me. Just show me what is Your will, O Holy Spirit.

(by Cardinal Mercier)

Ask the Holy Spirit for an increase of the Gift of Right Counsel.

Counsel allows you to be directed by God in matters necessary for your salvation. Counsel is saying, “I need a guide.” Jesus said to Peter, “Simon, you are rock and on this rock I will build My Church. The gates of the hell will not prevail against Her” (Matthew 16:18). In these words, Jesus made a promise that He would guide His Church through all these centuries. You will want to stay close to the one Church that Jesus established. The Holy Spirit will guide you through the Catholic Church: through prayerfully reflecting on Sacred Scripture, studying the *Catechism*, receiving the Sacraments, especially receiving the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and receiving the Sacrament of Confession frequently.



- You received the Theological Virtues of faith, hope and charity in Baptism. (1Corinthians 13:13; CCC 1812-1829) which make it possible for you to develop a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You grow in these Virtues by asking the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in you and by making acts of faith, hope and charity in your daily life. Faith is believing in God and all that He has revealed to the Apostles and handed down to us through the Church. Hope is trusting God’s faithfulness and love for you. Charity is loving others for the sake of God.
- Pray that the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be strengthened in you in you so that you can “spread and defend the Faith by word and action as a true witness, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never be ashamed of the Cross.” (CCC 1302-1303; 1265-1266) These seven supernatural Gifts are **Wisdom, Understanding, Right Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord.** (Isaiah 11:1-2)
- Ask the Holy Spirit to act within you and through you. As you understand better the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, think about why you need each of these Gifts. Continue to pray for an increase of each of these Gifts in you in order to serve others with greater charity, which is the heart of the Christian life.