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10:00 AM

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7:00 AM



What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

See, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Luke 24:49

An old joke asks the question: "If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?" And the answer of course is: Pilgrims!

During this flowering of May which follows Easter, God is indeed raising up pilgrims for the cause of Christ. Our pilgrimage is a journey of exploration and expression through the deeper waters of the Holy Spirit. On May 27 we will celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the early church. The month of May is a time in which we can prepare for that celebration, that we might receive a deeper infilling of God's power, love, and wisdom. Here are some words from our Christian brothers and sisters that may help us in that preparation.



The Holy Spirit brings scripture alive!

Without the present illumination of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God must remain a dead letter to every man, no matter how intelligent or well-educated he may be. . . . It is just as essential for the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of Scripture to the reader today as it was necessary for him to inspire the writers in their day.

-- William Law (1686–1761)

The Holy Spirit brings unity with God!

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, he unites us body, soul, and spirit with God until we are one with God even as Jesus was. This is the meaning of the Atonement—at-one-ment with God.

-- Oswald Chambers (1874–1917)

The Holy Spirit gives direction!

When Christians meet . . . to take counsel together, their purpose is not—or should not be—to ascertain what is the mind of the majority, but what is the mind of the Holy Spirit—something which may be quite different.

-- Margaret Hilda Thatcher (1925–)

The Holy Spirit changes human character!

Every time we say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit," we mean that we believe that there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it.

-- J. B. Phillips (1906–1982)

The Holy Spirit brings true and healthy spirituality!

The great King, immortal, invisible, the divine person called the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit: it is he that quickens the soul, or else it would lie dead forever; it is he that makes it tender, or else it would never feel; it is he that imparts efficacy to the Word preached, or else it could never reach farther than the ear; it is he who breaks the heart; it is he who makes it whole.

-- Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834–1892)

May your Easter season and Day of Pentecost be filled with the gracious gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus,
Fr. Rob

This Month's Happenings

May 5: Tours by Emmanuel trip to Huntinton Gardens

May 27: Pentecost services, 8:15am, 10am Wear RED!!!

Epiphanies Experiencing Emmanuel as an Epiphany

Suzanne Kaisch

Coming to Emmanuel was an Epiphany experience for me. Initially, I did not know what it was that made Emmanuel feel like home. And I was reluctant to let down my guard. So I came to a few classes, then I came to a few church services, but I did not enter into the life of Emmanuel. I left for a while due to travel and illness, and I found that I missed the folks and the worship at Emmanuel.

So when I returned, I decided to let my walls down a little bit. And in came the love – that wonderful love of God poured out from the folks at Emmanuel – similar to the love of family, but better. Family love is usually expected, and perhaps given or received without much joy. But God's love, as expressed by the Emmanuel family was not expected. It is not given grudgingly; rather, it is given without reserve. This incredible love enabled me to let my walls down farther and to start to love (just a little bit) back.

And then I realized that God's love at Emmanuel is not parceled out. It is freely given! If I wanted to be a part of this wonderful family, I needed to love that way as well – freely (and more than just a little bit)! So I started going out to breakfast with some of the folks at the 8:15 service, then to Early Birds, then to the Taizé service, then to the 7am Wed. morning Eucharist and breakfast. In each of these groups, the love of God was flowing freely! What an incredible experience!!!

The best part of this expression of God's love is that it is easy to love in return and to love first. God's love is unconditional. Being loved unconditionally by all of you encourages me to love all of you unconditionally. And it doesn't stop at Emmanuel. It spreads to all people with whom we connect. Coming to Emmanuel has truly been a life-changing, life-enhancing, life-giving experience for me. I give thanks to God for all of you!

Fundraiser for Emmanuel

We love to eat! Many of us love to cook and to eat! Many of us love to cook and like to watch people eat! We are a community of food lovers! So what better fundraiser for our Emmanuel Community than a cookbook! We, Beth Madrigal and others, will be collecting your recipes to put into our cookbook. We need recipes for beverages,

appetizers, entrees, soups, salads, desserts, side dishes, etc. Make sure your name and a contact number is on each recipe if we have any questions and to give you credit. If you are interested in helping me with the production of the cookbook, type, organize pages, help with the decision making process, contact me via email mad1aug@aol.com, 714-519-3797, or you can contact the church office to leave a message for Beth. I would like to have all recipes turned in by May 6th 2012.

Just a side note-We have been blessed with all of the wonderful meals that people in this community have provided for us! I would love to have those recipes included in our cookbook! This community has also been blessed with wonderful dishes at our BBQ's and during hospitality! Please share those with us in our cookbook!

With gratitude for you, Beth Madrigal

Upcoming Event Tours by Emmanuel – May 5

Our next bus trip will be to Huntington Gardens on Sat May 5. The bus will leave Emmanuel promptly at 9:30am and return at approximately 5:00pm. The cost for this trip is \$32, which includes admission to the Huntington (\$14 group rate). As usual, our bus will have a restroom and can accommodate strollers, wheelchairs, etc. Tours by Emmanuel will provide coffee. If you wish, you may bring snacks to share. Special thanks to those who have provided snacks on past trips. It helps make the trips so much more fun.

The Huntington has extensive gardens, a library, the main house and the Scott Galleries of American Art. The library has many special exhibits including a Gutenberg Bible. The main house has beautiful furniture and art galleries, with emphasis on works by eighteenth century masters such as Gainsborough, Reynolds, etc. The Scott Galleries have American art from the 1690's.

You may purchase lunch at the cafeteria or at the Chinese Garden Tea Shop. There is also a tea room which recommends advance reservations (\$30 range- call 626-683-8131 or go online). Picnicking is not permitted. Since there is no strip search on entering, you can probably discreetly bring in some light snacks.

The gardens should be particularly beautiful in early May. Also work is continuing on expanding the Chinese Gardens, which were quite beautiful the last time I was there. It should be just a great day. As usual, Fr. Rob will be in charge of ensuring great weather. The clergy have some sort of special powers in this area!

So, you ask, how do I sign up for this great trip? You send a check for \$32 per person (payable to Ron Suich) to
Ron Suich
522 Wilson Ave
Fullerton, CA 92831-3540

or see me at church with the money. Feel free to invite friends. Our last bus trip sold out and several members of Emmanuel were not able to join us. I tried to get some of those left behind to come and wave to us as we departed. I thought that it would be a great lesson on the importance of getting in your reservation early. However, none of them came to wave.

If you have any questions, contact me at rsuich@msn.com or 714-348-4315.

Ron Suich (aka Tours by Emmanuel)



Transfer of Possessions

TOP update:

Looking for: Coffee table / End tables / dresser / blender

Available: Trundle bed / old tv / ceiling fan with light

If you need an item or have available items, please contact Fred - 562-777-9960 or Fred_1121@yahoo.com.

Capital Campaign Update

The capital campaign is alive and well, but still needs your contributions. We currently need approximately \$7500 in order to complete all the work identified to date. Any amount will be very gratefully received!

Preschool News

Dear Emmanuelites,

The preschool year is flying by! As the weather warms up we are studying, bugs, plants and the wonders of God's creation. We continue to work on our garden and are having fun watching the things that we planted grow!

By the time you read this we will have had a booth at the "Faces of Fullerton" festival in downtown Fullerton. The event showcases the diversity of people, businesses and talent in our fair city! We enjoyed helping kids and grown ups alike make friendship necklaces. A great time was had by all!

We are currently registering for summer day camp and fall preschool. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our well balanced preschool program! We nurture the whole child, body , mind and spirit! Call the office for information and paperwork!

*With Gratitude,
Nancy Shively, Director*

Our Preschool Program Values:

***Creativity** - Through creative activities children construct their own knowledge, develop vocabulary and gain concrete understanding of various principles.

***Opportunities** - for problem solving and critical thinking as opposed to memorization

***Self Discipline** - Children who learn to self monitor their own behavior become successful students and productive adults

***Play** - often called "the work of children" play fosters all of the above values

- - - St. Gregory Dialogos, on Pentecost in Be Friends of God

Word search

T B Z K G S F N W X X N Y A H I G G S R U S
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Find the words below (Acts 2: 1-4) in the puzzle above.
 Note that duplicate words (in italics) will be found only once.

When the day of Pentecost had come, *the* disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like *the* rush of a violent wind, *and* it filled *the* entire house where they *were* sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, *and* a tongue rested on each of them. *All of them were filled with the* Holy Spirit.

Words in a Word

How many words can you make from
 P E N T E C O S T ?

Phrase Scramble

all are creatures earth full have how In is Lord
 made manifold O of the them wisdom works
 you your your

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Answers:
 Phrase Scramble: O LORD, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. (Psalm 104:25)
 Words in a word: cent cents con come cones cop cope copes cost cot cote cotes cots eon eons nee neon nest net nets not note notes open opens opt opts pen pens pent peon peons pest pet pets pone pones post pot potent pots scene scent see seen seep sent son sop sot spent spot steep stone stop tee teen teens tees ten tens tense tent tents toe toes ton tones tones top tope topes tops tot tote totes tots



In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit. ~Albert Schweitzer



Thoughts for the Month . . .

“And my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.’ My friends, consider the greatness of this solemn feast that commemorates God’s coming as a guest into our hearts! If some rich and influential friend were to come to your home, you would promptly put it all in order for fear something there might offend your friend’s eyes when he came in. Let all of us then who are preparing our inner homes for God cleanse them of anything our wrongdoing has brought into them.”

St. Gregory Dialogos, on Pentecost in *Be Friends of God*

“Everything that breathes, breathes by air and cannot live without air; similarly all reasonable free creatures live by the Holy Spirit, as though by air, and cannot live without Him. Every soul is quickened by the Holy Spirit. Recognize that the Holy Spirit stands in the same relation to your soul as air stands in relation to your body.”

St. John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ*

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust



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