

Pope Francis Audience On Holy Spirit 12 June 2024

The Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy contains this statement: "All Scripture is inspired by God" (3:16). And another passage in the New Testament says: "men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Pt 1:21). This is the doctrine of the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, which we proclaim as an article of faith in the Creed, when we say that the Holy Spirit "has spoken through the prophets". The divine inspiration of the Bible. The Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures, is also the one who explains and makes them perennially living and active. From inspired, he makes them *inspiring*. The Sacred Scriptures "as inspired by God", says Vatican Council II, "and committed once and for all to writing ... impart the word of God Himself without change, and make the voice of the Holy Spirit resound in the words of the prophets and Apostles" (21). In this way the Holy Spirit continues, in the Church, the action of the Risen Jesus who, after Easter, "opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures" (cf. Lk 24:45). Indeed, it can happen that in a certain passage of the Scripture, that we have read many times without particular emotion, one day we read it in an atmosphere of faith and prayer, and then that text is unexpectedly illuminated, it speaks to us, it sheds light on a problem we are living, it makes God's will for us clear in a certain situation. To what is this change due, if not to an enlightenment of the Holy Spirit? The words of the Scripture, under the action of the Spirit, become luminous; and in those cases, we touch with our own hands how true is the statement in the Letter to the Hebrews: "The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" (4:12).

Brothers and sisters, the Church is nourished by the spiritual reading of the Sacred Scripture, that is, by reading under the guidance of the Holy Spirit that inspired it. At its centre, like a beacon that illuminates everything, there is the event of the death and resurrection of Christ, which fulfils the plan of salvation, realizes all the figures and the prophecies, unveils all the hidden mysteries and offers the true key to reading the entire Bible. The death and resurrection of Christ is the beacon that illuminates all the Bible, and it also illuminates our life. Revelation describes all of this with the image of the Lamb that breaks the seals of the book "written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals" (cf. 5:1-9), that is, the Scriptures of the Old Testament. The Church, Bride of Christ, is the authorized interpreter of the inspired text of the Scriptures; the Church is the mediator of its authentic proclamation. Since the Church is gifted with the Holy Spirit — this is why she is the interpreter — she is the "pillar and bulwark of the truth" (1 Tm 3:15). Why? Because she is inspired, held steady by the Holy Spirit. And the task of the Church is to help the faithful and those who seek the truth to interpret the biblical texts correctly. One way of doing a spiritual reading of the Word of God is what is called the *lectio divina*, a word whose meaning we perhaps do not understand. It consists in dedicating a time of the day to the personal and meditative reading of a passage of the Scripture. And this is very important: every day, take the time to listen to, to meditate, reading a passage from the Scripture. And therefore, I recommend that you always have a pocket edition of the Gospel and keep it in your bag, in your pocket... So, when you are travelling, or have a little free time, you can take it and read it. This is very important for life. Get a pocket Gospel and read it once, twice, or whenever you have the chance throughout the day. But the quintessential spiritual reading of the Scriptures is the community reading in the Liturgy at Mass. There, we see how an event or a teaching, given by the Old Testament, finds its full expression in the Gospel of Christ. And the homily, that comment by the celebrant, must help to transfer the Word of God from the book to life.

Let us conclude with a thought that can help us to fall in love with the Word of God. Like certain pieces of music, the Sacred Scripture too has a base note that accompanies it from the beginning to the end, and this note is the love of God. "The whole Bible", observes Saint Augustine, "does nothing but tell of God's love". [1] And Saint Gregory the Great defines the Scriptures as "a letter from God Almighty to His creature", like a letter from a bridegroom to the bride, and exhorts us to "learn and know the heart of God in the words of God". [2] "Through this revelation", says Vatican Council II again, "the invisible God, out of the abundance of His love, speaks to men as friends and lives among them, so that He may invite and take them into fellowship with Himself" (*Dei Verbum*, 2).

Dear brothers and sisters, keep reading the Bible! But do not forget the pocket Gospel: carry it in your bag, in your pocket, and at some moment during the day, read a passage. And this will bring you very close to the Holy Spirit, who is in the Word of God. May the Holy Spirit, who inspired the Scriptures and now breathes from them, help us to grasp this love of God in the concrete situations of life. Thank you.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2025



HOLY MASS

Saturday: 05:30 pm English, Church.

**Sunday: 09:00 am English, Church.
10:30 am Creole, Church.
12:30 pm Spanish, Church.**

**Weekdays: 05:30 pm English, Upper
Room, St. Maria Goretti.**

**Fridays: 04:00 pm Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
Rosary.**

**05:30 pm Upper Room
St. Maria Goretti.**

SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms: Contact one of the priests in
person.**

**1st Confession: 13 June, 2025.
1st Communions: 22 June, 2025.**

Confirmations: To be confirmed.

**Marriage: Call the parish office for
preparation before setting a
fixed date.**

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request.

**Confessions: Everyday before Mass or
by appointment.**

Today in the Gospel of the Forth Sunday of Easter Jesus speaks of the necessity of listening to His voice in order to have eternal life. As an Australian I know a little bit about sheep and that is, that they will only listen to the voice of their shepherd. If the shepherd dies then the sheep will not follow any one else as they don't recognize his voice and so they all are destined for the Mutton factory, as that is all they are good for! To listen to the voice of the Lord is not easy as it involves being open to listen and to do something that goes against your will., perhaps even to the point that you feel that it is completely wrong or stupid. " But how do I know what the will of the Lord is for me?" Well, first ask Him, in prayer, to give you a heart open to His will, whatever that may be. Then, ask for the grace to do it, even if it seems not right for you or does not fit in with your plans. If a thing comes from the Lord and you have an open heart then the Lord will show you, by concrete facts, what His will is. There have been times when I did not know what the will of God for me was. I was presented with two directions to go and both roads to take seemed equally right. In this case, what is one to do? Go and pray and come before the Lord and say "Well, Lord, of the 2 options I think this is the best for me, so unless you show me otherwise I am going to go ahead with what I think is right." then you leave it like that and don't sweat about it anymore. Secondly and more importantly, this Gospel reveals the relationship of the Father and the Son. How tender and completely selfless it is. Oh that we could really and deeply share in this loving relationship and this would be eternal life, to know that we are loved by the Father in the same way He loves His only Son. May we all have the grace to not only believe this but to experience this.

Fr. Paul

Gratitude and prayer for our new Holy Father.



We are very grateful to God for giving us a new Pope, His Holiness Leo XIV.

We pray asking the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary to protect him and lead us to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us keep him in our prayers to face the difficult

Easter Season 2025

Blessings of the houses: If you would like your house to be blessed, approach one of the priests to make arrangements.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

PLEASE HELP US GET THERE

(around 50 young & adults
\$3,000 e/a)

Any help God will reward you a hundred fold, not only spiritually but materially as well.

Parish Events May 11-18

Holy Mass: 09:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:30pm

04:00pm Coeur de Marie Children's group.
05:00pm Fraternite, Red Room.
05:00pm Creole Youth Choir practice.
05:30pm Sacre Coeur de Jesus, P. Hall.
06:00pm Choeur D'hommes 1st and 3rd Sunday at church.

Monday St.s Nereus & Achilleus

05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room

Tuesday Our Lady of Fatima

05:30pm Daily Mass, SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm First English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Second English Red Room
07:00pm Sixth English, Bl. Sac. Chapel
07:00pm Spanish SMG, Upper Room

Wednesday St. Matthias, Apostle

05:30pm Daily Mass., SMG Upper Room
07:00pm Third English SMG, Upper Room
07:00pm Fourth English Red Room
07:00pm Fifth English Blue Chapel
07:00pm Creole Blessed Sac. Chapel

Thursday St. Isidore the Farmer

05:30 pm Daily Mass SMG, Upper Room

Friday

04:00 pm Adoration, SMG upstairs
05:30 pm Daily Mass, SMG upstairs

Saturday St. Damien de Veuster

05:30 pm Mass in Church
07:00 pm Eucharist NCW



School Notes

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This week, students learned about the significant process of the Papal Conclave and earnestly prayed for the College of Cardinals to make a selection led by the Holy Spirit. We now hold Pope Leo XIV in our prayers, praying for God's blessings and guidance as he begins his important ministry for the universal Church.



Our teachers participated in the Sesame Street Social Emotional Well-being Training Event earlier this week. What they learned there will serve as important tools in fostering a supportive and nurturing environment in the school for our students.

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