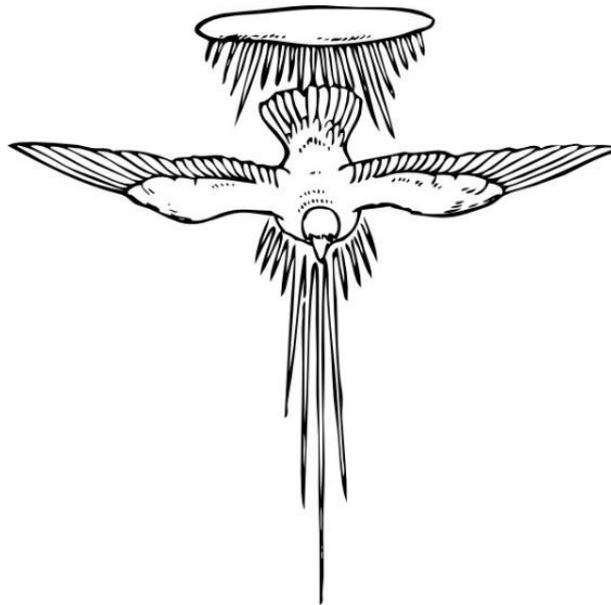




ST BONIFACE CHURCH, TOOTING

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

(Friday after Ascension Thursday to Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost)



It commemorates the nine days between the Ascension of Our Lord and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost Sunday. During this time Our Lady and the twelve Apostles prayed in the upper room for the coming of the Paraclete.

The disciples waited in unity and prayer for the Holy Spirit for nine days after Jesus' ascension to heaven. Jesus asked them to pray constantly in the upper room until the descent of the Holy Spirit. "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." – *Acts 1:14*

To celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Church, we are going to pray the Holy Spirit Novena! It is a powerful and moving novena that is meant to help us open ourselves up to the third person of the Holy Trinity. Even though we pray this novena as a preparation for the feast of Pentecost, you can also pray a novena to the Holy Spirit any time that you want. So, let us pray with great confidence and trust in our God who is all Good and Loving.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Prayer: Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

FOR THE INTENTION OF HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

Our Father... and Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father ...

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER

Day 1: For the gift of CHARITY

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Charity within us. The great charity of all the host of Saints is only made possible by your power, Oh Divine Spirit. Increase in me, the virtue of charity that I may love as God loves with the selflessness of the Saints. Amen.

Day 2: For the gift of JOY

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Joy within us. All of the Saints are marked with an uncompromisable Joy in times of trial, difficulty and pain. Give us, Oh Holy Spirit, the Joy that surpasses all understanding that we may live as a witness to Your love and fidelity! Amen.

Day 3: For the gift of PEACE

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Peace within us. The Saints were tempted, attacked and accused by the devil who is the destroyer of peace. When we are accused by the devil, come to our aid as our Advocate and give us Peace that lasts through all trials! Amen.

Day 4: For the gift of PATIENCE

Oh, Holy Spirit, you give lavishly to those who ask. Please give us the patience of the Saints who are now with you in heaven. Help us to endure everything with an eternal patience that is only possible with your help.
Amen.

Day 5: For the gift of KINDNESS

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Kindness within us. Jesus approached sinners with immense kindness. Holy Paraclete, please treat us humble sinners with the same kindness and give us the ability to treat all others with that kindness as well. Amen.

Day 6: For the gift of FAITHFULNESS

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Faithfulness within us. You, oh Lord, are ever faithful. You are faithful until the end. Though we are weak and distracted, please give us the grace to be faithful to You as you are to us! Amen.

Day 7: For the gift of GENTLENESS

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Gentleness within us. Despite the gravity of our sins, oh Lord you treat us with Gentleness. Dear Holy Spirit, give us your power to treat all in our lives with the Gentleness of the Saints. Amen.

Day 8: For the gift of SELF-CONTROL

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Self-Control within us. Your Martyrs had the overwhelming self-control to go joyfully to a painful death without shrinking from the opportunity to join You in heaven. Give us this self-control to have command over our emotions and desires that we may serve You more fully. Amen.

Day 9: For the gift of GOODNESS

Oh, Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Goodness within us. We want to be like your Saints in heaven. Holy Spirit, renew us by your power with your Goodness that we may bring the Good News to the world. Amen.

LITANY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Father all powerful, *have mercy on us*

Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world, **save us.**

Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless life of both, **sanctify us.**

Holy Trinity, **hear us**

Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, **enter our hearts.**

Holy Ghost, who are equal to the Father and the Son, **enter our hearts.**

Promise of God the Father, **have mercy on us.**
Author of all good, **have mercy on us**
Consuming fire, **have mercy on us**
Ardent charity, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of love and truth, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of wisdom and understanding, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of counsel and fortitude, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of knowledge and piety, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of the fear of the Lord, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of grace and prayer, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of peace and meekness, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of modesty and innocence, **have mercy on us**
Holy Ghost, the Comforter, **have mercy on us**
Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier, **have mercy on us**
Holy Ghost, who governs the Church, **have mercy on us**
Gift of God, the Most High, **have mercy on us**
Spirit Who fills the universe, **have mercy on us**
Spirit of the adoption of the children of God, **have mercy on us**

From all evil, Deliver us, **O Holy Spirit.**
From all impurity of soul and body, Deliver us, **O Holy Spirit.**
From all gluttony and sensuality, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From all attachments to the things of the earth, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From all hypocrisy and pretence, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From all imperfections and deliberate faults, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From our own will, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From slander, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From deceiving our neighbours, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From our passions and disorderly appetites, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From our inattentiveness to Thy holy inspirations, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From despising little things, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From debauchery and malice, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From love of comfort and luxury, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
From wishing to seek or desire anything other than Thee,
From everything that displeases Thee, **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
Most loving Father, forgive us. **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**
Divine Word, have pity on us. **Deliver us, O Holy Spirit.**

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, **Send us Thy Holy Ghost.**
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, **pour down into our souls the gifts of the Holy Ghost.**
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, **grant us the Spirit of wisdom and piety.**

V. Come, Holy Ghost! Fill the hearts of Thy faithful, **R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.**

LET US PRAY: Grant, O merciful Father, that your Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, in the unity of the same Spirit, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.