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Vacation: Take God with You



We can't wait until summer comes so we can take our vacation, relax, and get away from the hustle of work. With the children out of school, we can go to the lake, go swimming, go sightseeing, go to Cedar Point, etc. We get to spend time with and enjoy our family. After planning for

months, we get the car or van all packed, and away we go. What did we forget? Did we also plan for the most important person in our life? Do we also take a vacation from God at this time too or did you plan your vacation around God by attending Mass on the weekend?

What is more important than going to Mass on Sunday? We spend one hour with Jesus, receive Him

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From Fr. Jim

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

What is a gift? Someone or something given willingly to someone without payment; a present: "like a Christmas gift" Also a natural ability or talent: "he has a gift for comedy"

God is good, and because of that goodness, God wants to meet all of our needs. We are called to be holy – like God, to be saints. We are called to go into the world to be disciples and to make disciples. We cannot become holy or to do our God given mission on our own. The Scriptures indicate that without God, we can do nothing, but with God, all things are possible.

God gives Himself to us as the creating love of the Father, the saving love of the Son, and the empow-

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Come Holy Spirit! 15 candidates learned how to have a new Life in the Holy Spirit.



Vacation: Take God with You (cont. from front page)

in Communion, go to our pew and pray in silence, so Jesus can speak to us in the silence of our hearts. But what do we get? Music, Communion songs and organ playing, maybe we get one minute when father sits down, then the closing prayer, the dismissal "Go proclaim the Gospel," final song and out the doors.

Have you ever taken a vacation with the Lord? Have you ever planned a short vacation to a shrine to spend a day there or even a few hours to enjoy His beauty? Have you ever taken a road trip to enjoy God's beauty in nature? Have you made a parish mission, Life in the Spirit retreat, Encounter conference, or just spent some time at Adoration? Have you ever joined a bible study and invited the Holy Spirit into your life to rekindle the gifts that He gave you at your Baptism and Confirmation?

By being Baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire, our prayer life becomes alive. Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments take on a new meaning. The fruits and charism of the Holy Spirit become light in the darkness shining in this world. None of this should change

when we go on vacation. I love going on vacation and going to Mass in a different city: studying and admiring the beauty of the church interior designs and celebrating with other people.

When was the last time you attended a retreat, Parish mission, or bible study to have a personal experience with the love of Jesus, casting all your fears, labors, and cares on Jesus? Jesus said come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest.

God gives us 144 hours in 6 days to work and 24 hours on Sunday to rest and give honor and glory to Him. In total, God gives us a total of 168 hours in a week, so it shouldn't be hard to give him 1 hour on Sunday. How much time do you spend praying, reading, and studying His Word daily? Our relationship with God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is an ongoing experience every day not just a one hour a week, or a one-time experience.

God Bless
Deacon Leon

From Fr. Jim (cont. from front page)

ering love of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is often mentioned as the Gift of God Himself, and it is out of this Gift that all the other gifts or Charisms flow.

Isaiah 11 offers us the names of the Gift associated with Baptism and Confirmation: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Council, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. These particular Gifts are given primarily for our own growth into holiness and openness to the grace and work of God in our life.

There are a number of other Gifts mentioned, for example in 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12; Ephesians 4. These gifts are meant to be used for our mission to others to build up the Church, the Body of Christ. While individual Gifts are mentioned throughout the Bible, it is possible that there are other Gifts of the Spirit not mentioned in the Scriptures.

While thinking about these Gifts of the Spirit, an image came to me of a pine tree – like a Christmas tree – on which we place ornaments.

Consider the topper, the Gift of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Then the Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Council, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

There are many other Gifts like Prophecy, Service, Reaching, Exhortation, Giving, Leadership, and Mercy. There are also gifts of Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Miracle Workers, Healers, Helpers, Administrators, and Speakers of various Tongues.

Other Gifts include: Celibacy, Craftmanship, Discernment of Spirits, Evangelism, Exorcism,

Hospitality, Mercy, and Music.

Row by row these "ornaments" are placed on our tree. And they look beautiful and they adorn our tree of life. Problem is, as they are put on they can easily be taken off and put away in a closet somewhere and become forgotten.

Now think of them as the pinecones, a part of the tree itself. The pinecones contain the seeds that become the fruits of the Gifts of the Spirit within us not only enhancing ourselves but transforming the whole area around us.

The Gifts are provided for us to be God's instruments to continue to transform the world. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit enable us to be the hands and the feet and voice of Jesus in the world today.

We are reminded of St Paul's exhortation to Timothy, "to stir into flame the gifts given with the laying on of hands." We need God's Gifts to fulfill our high calling. And they are always available for us. Thanks be to God!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr Jim Brown



Coming Events 2026

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Night of Healing

AUG 27 | SEPT 13 | OCT 13 | NOV 12

NOTE Start Times | 4 LOCATIONS

WORSHIP WORD HEALING ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY AUG. 27 7:00 - 8:30 pm

All Saints, New Riegel

39 N Perry St, New Riegel, OH 44853

Fr. Tim Kummerer
Fr. James Brown

TUESDAY OCT. 13 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Rosary Cathedral - Toledo

2535 Collingwood Blvd, Toledo, OH 43610

Fr. Nathan Bockrath
Fr. James Brown

SUNDAY SEPT. 13 Start Time 6:30 pm 6:30 - 8:00 pm

St. Wendelin, Fostoria

323 N Wood St, Fostoria, OH 44830

Fr. Joseph Poggemeyer
Fr. James Brown

THURSDAY NOV. 12 Mass & Healing Service 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Epiphany of the Lord, Toledo

729 White St., Toledo OH 43605

Fr. John Peter Lazaar
Fr. James Brown



SAT. SEPT 19, 2026 • 2PM

UPPER ROOM, ST JOSEPH, TIFFIN

36 Melmore St, Tiffin, OH 44883

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The Upper Room is the hall in the upstairs of parish building, accessible by stairs or elevator.



Sat., September 12, Magnificat Breakfast

Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • Starts 9:00AM-12:30PM.

• St. Peter Catholic Church, 430 Main St., Huron, OH

Speaker: Kim Rodriguez-Torres

Reservation must be received by SEP 2 (There is no registration at the door.) To register by mail, send \$20 to Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr., Huron, OH 44839. Checks should be made payable to "Magnificat." For more information or online registration \$22, see link: <https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/next-magnificat-meal.html>



Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings and Contacts

Call contacts with questions about prayer groups, growing in your gifts, or living a Charismatic life

MONDAY:

Assumption - Holy Trinity Prayer Group 7:00 p.m.
Judy Cole (419) 367-8385

Huron, St. Peter's, Chapel 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Women's Rosary & Shared Prayer
Diane Dudenhofer (419) 602-0627

Port Clinton 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Joan Nunnery (440) 390-0054

TUESDAY:

Toledo, Epiphany of the Lord, St. Thomas Aquinas chapel 1:30 p.m.
Emmaus Community *Enter in door at top of handicap ramp.*
David Bland (419) 322-8282

Ottawa Areawide (SS Peter & Paul in chapel) 7:30 p.m.
Sharon Rump (419) 615-3513

THURSDAY:

Defiance, Beacon of Love 7:00 p.m.
St John (Basement: Sts Mark & Matthew room)
Sandy Diehl (419) 770-0057

Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul 7:00 p.m.
Candy Cordova Hispanic (419) 377-8053

FRIDAY:

Defiance, St. Mary Hispanic 6:00 p.m.
Fela Trevino (419) 784-4508

SATURDAY:

Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic 7:00 p.m.
Silvia Garza (567) 201-8686

AREA CONTACTS: call about living a Charismatic life

Fremont, Judy Good (419) 366-1025

Lima, St. Gerard, Jerry & Sharon Laurent (419) 331-1763

Norwalk, St. Paul's, Bev Reichert (419) 706-0464



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Life in the Spirit Retreat
See inside article



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