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The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

MEDITATION ON THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"You will be my witnesses…"(Acts 1:9)
By Rev. Fr. Modeste Digwou

On this 7th Sunday of Easter year A, we celebrate at the same time the feast of the Ascension of our Lord to heaven. This feast reminds us of the departure of Jesus to his father and our father. Jesus announces that he entrusts them with a mission: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:9). Then he disappears from their sight. For the apostles, this is the beginning of their mission: the proclamation of the good news to all. To bear this witness, they will need the strength of the Holy Spirit. And so, the Ascension sends us back to our mission: as baptized and confirmed Christians, we have to witness to our faith in the risen Jesus.

The event of the Ascension takes place in Galilee. This region was a place where all beliefs and even unbelief clashed. It was from there that Jesus began his ministry. And it is also from there that the apostles will leave to announce the good news of the Gospel. This is a way of saying that this good news is for everyone, not only for those who are closest, most receptive, most welcoming. It also concerns those who are on the "periphery".

The mission consists in not leaving aside those who seem the most distant and the most indifferent. The Lord is looking for everyone. He wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and love. His great plan is to gather all humanity into his Kingdom, including those who are far away. To carry the Gospel is to carry the power of God to tear down and demolish evil and violence, to put love where there is only hatred, selfishness and intolerance. Through us, it is the Lord himself who acts in the hearts of men. When we come to church, we are imbued with this love that is in God. This is important because the world must be able to discover in us something of his passionate love for all people. Our hearts must be more and more attuned to his infinite tenderness for humanity. It is at every moment that we must radiate this light that is in him. This feast reminds us of the purpose of our lives.

The risen Christ wants to associate us all with his victory over death and sin. We are ten days away from Pentecost. The apostles took the opportunity to make a retreat. With them, we beseech you, Lord: "Send your Spirit to renew the face of the earth".

At the same time, the Lord told us what the mission he entrusts to us as his disciples consists of. He tells us, in substance, that the mission of every Christian is a participation in the mission of the Three Divine Persons. The Father sends the Son into the world; and, after the Ascension, the Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit.

MEDITATION (continued)

What means that, we Christians are personally associated with the divine works in favor of men, for the essential, the Creation, the Redemption and the Sanctification? Let us be well aware of this, having moreover the assurance that the three divine Persons will always assist us in the accomplishment of this mission.

This is what the Lord tells us in his Gospel. "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" (Jn 17:18). Clearly, we are invited to share the redemptive zeal of our Lord. That is to say, we must always keep in mind our mission as apostles. Of course, the task is not easy, because the world is not doing well, since it is moving away from God, perhaps without being really aware of it, especially aware of the practical consequences that flow from this distance, involuntary perhaps but how real.

WE DO NOT lack the means or the concrete possibilities to accomplish our mission, especially the last aspect mentioned, the family. Let us try to reflect on this today, on this 7th Sunday, but also during the weeks to come, including during the approaching summer vacations, with the benefit of the hindsight that they always bring us. It goes without saying that, in order to do this, one of the indispensable conditions is to take care of our personal prayer, especially if we want to feel the strength of the Holy Spirit within us. Let's look at our moments of prayer to see how we can associate ourselves even more and better with the initiatives underway. Knowing full well that the Holy Spirit will not be insensitive to our desire to accomplish our mission. He will grant us the graces we need. And if our strength fails, which in itself is nothing extraordinary, let us go without hesitation to be reinvigorated by our Lord, especially in the Eucharist. In this way, the Mass will be at the heart of our lives, as the source and summit of our Christian life,

Next Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday and the end of the Easter season. To answer this question, one would be tempted to say "excuse the pun", because it will be the Most Holy Trinity, on Sunday, June 4; then the Feast of Corpus Christi, on Sunday, June 11, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, on Friday, June 16, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on Saturday, June 17. In short, the most extraordinary mysteries that the human mind can contemplate. The Lord intends to introduce us to them, by his advice, but above all by his own prayer, that priestly prayer which as a man he addressed to his Father. The Word, the Word of the Father, became flesh, that is to say, a human word, to make us know the Father and the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Mass, celebrated on this 7th Sunday of Easter and on this day of the Ascension, bring us new spiritual energies, a new zeal to accomplish our mission. May we respond as we should to the expectations of God the Father, which are the expectations of Jesus Christ our Lord. We will succeed if we do not depart even for a moment from our Mother, the Virgin Mary. So let us not hesitate to invoke her often as our Mother, but also as the Mother of the Church.

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My Jesus, I believe that You are present in all things and desire You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You in the Sacrament, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You; do not permit me ever to be separated from You. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

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Eternal Father, In this, the Jubilee Year of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, we praise you for all blessings we have received over the past 250 years of our existence. We bless you for the lives of all those who, throughout the centuries, have helped build this vibrant community of love and service. May they rest eternally in Your divine and merciful presence. We give you thanks for all the people who gather in this Cathedral to worship you, striving to turn away from sin and follow the teachings of the faithful disciples of your Son Jesus-Christ. May Your Holy Spirit continue to lead us on the path of faith, hope, and charity, so that in every aspect of our lives, and inspired by the example of our patron saints Peter and Paul, we may always be joyous witnesses of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen

PASTORAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Baptisms are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. Requests for a different date and time will be honored to the extent possible. Parents and sponsors who have not yet received the required baptismal instruction are expected to do so by attending our baptismal preparation program. Call the parish office well in advance so that class arrangements can be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
Anyone wishing to have his or her wedding celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral must contact the parish office 9-12 months prior to the celebration and talk to a priest for pre-wedding counseling. Please visit our website www.cathedralvi.org or call us at 340-774-0201. The Sacrament of Marriage is generally celebrated on a Saturday between the hours of 11:00AM and 2:00PM. Please contact the parish priest if you would like a different time for your wedding. (Note that Saturday mornings are reserved for cleaning and decorating the cathedral.)

VISITING AND ANNOINTING THE SICK:
If anyone in your family is sick or shut-in, please inform the parish office so that we can pray for them and arrange to visit them. Please note that the hospital does not notify us when Catholics are in the hospital. Please call the parish office to inform us of a Catholic in the hospital who needs to have a priest visit. Thank you!

FUNERAL MASSES:
Funeral Masses at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral are held on the designated day at 9:30AM. Please make arrangements with the Church office before the funeral home to assure availability of the date requested. The Funeral Program should read "**Christian Burial**" on the cover. If you would like a different time, please contact the parish priest. Viewings will not take place inside the cathedral. Funerals generally are not held on weekends (Saturday or Sunday).Thank you for your cooperation.

DAILY READINGS EASTER WEEKDAYS

Monday, May 22, 2023
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
First Reading: Acts 19:1-8; Philippians 4:4-9;
Gospel: John 16:29-33; Luke 6:27-38

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
First Reading: Acts 20:17-27
Gospel: John 17: 1-11a

Wednesday, May 24, 2023
First Reading: Acts 20:28-38
Gospel: John 17:11b -19

Thursday, May 25, 2023
Saint Bede the Venerable, Priests and Doctor of the Church
Saints Gregory VII, Pope; Saints Mary Magdalene de" Pazzi, Virgin
First Reading: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Gospel: John 17:20-26

Friday, May 26, 2023
Saints Phillip Neri, Priest
First Reading : Acts 25:13b-21; Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 21: 15-19; John 17:20-26

Saturday, May 27, 2023
Saint Augustine of Cantlebury, Bishop
First Reading: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31;
1 Thessalonians 2:2b-8
Gospel: John 21: 20-25; Matthew 9:35-38

Ascension Prayer

Look on us Lord,
and let all the darkness of our souls
disappear before the beams of your brightness.
Fill us with your holy love,
and open to us the treasures of your wisdom
We seek your face turn your face to us and
show us your glory. Then our longing will be
satisfied and our peace will be complete. Amen

–St. Augustine of Hippo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTH OF MARY:
In this month of Mary, we are all invited to emphasize the prayer of the rosary. This can be done in the community, family, or individually.

We invite you to join us in praying the rosary every day before 6:45 am mass.

We encourage the faithful to offer their prayer intentions to the Virgin Mary and to light candles for her. Candles are available at the church office for $5 and small candles inside of the church for $1. Place all your written prayer intentions at the feet of the virgin and we will collect them.

The closing of the Month of Mary will take place on May 31 at all masses: 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN:
The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in the Virgin Islands will host their first Convention, 'An Afternoon with the Bishop and the Board'. All women and women's organizations are invited to attend. Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral, on Sunday June 4, 2023. Please contact the Chancery at (340) 774 3166 ext. 104 or email usviccw@gmail.com for further information.

BAPTISM:
The next Sacrament of Baptism for infants will take place on May 28, 2023. Please register at the church office if you would like to have your child baptized. Preparation classes will be on May 24 and May 27 at 5:30pm

OFFETORY ENVELOPES:
The offertory envelopes can be picked up in the Hospitality Lounge after each mass. Please check with the Church office if you need offertory envelopes. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD SALE
On May 21, 2023, the SPPC Senior Choir will be having a bake and food sale. All proceeds of the sale goes to the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support.

PENTECOST MISSION TRIDUUM
Will begin on Thursday, May 25 to Friday, May 26 at 5:00pm – 7:00 pm. On Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 3:00pm followed by 4:30pm Vigil Mass. All are encouraged to make this journey of the Holy Spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **PENTECOST SUNDAY: May 28**. A Novena to the Holy Spirit began on Friday, May 19,. The Hispanic Community will have some activities.

2. **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: June 4**: Confirmations are scheduled at SPPC for all St. Thomas parishes.

3. **CORPUS CHRISTI: June 11**: First Communion at SPPCathedral at 8:30AM and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament from the Hurley Funeral Home to the cathedral at 4:30PM under police escort.

4. DIOCESAN FAMILY PICNIC June 19 at Magen's Bay starting from 12:00pm - 4:00pm Shed #4. This will be an afternoon of family fun, games and camaraderie. Additional details to follow in the near future about the picnic. All parishes are invited.

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CONFIRMATION
The Retreat for our candidates will be on May 27, 2023 from 8.00am - 12noon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH). On June 3, 2023, Practice will begin with the 7:00am Mass at Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
7:00AM Bernadine Barnes - Rb. Herself
4:30PM In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Bernadine Jules Rb. Herself

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
6:30AM Priests of the Diocese
8:30AM People of the Parish
10:30AM Michael Benjamin, Romel Benjamin & Jalen Joseph - Rb. The Benjamin family
12:15PM

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023
6:45AM The Emotionally Disturbed in our Community Rb. Christianie Edwards
† Randy Barnes Rb. His wife and children

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
6:45AM Tc Creque Hodge -Rb. Cleone Creque & family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023
6:45AM Tamika Jno Baptiste Rb. Her Mother
12:15PM Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School, faculty, Staff and Volunteers

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 - Pentecost Mission Triduum
6:45 AM Youth of the Parish
5:00 PM Pentecost Mission

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023 – Pentecost Mission Triduum
6:45 AM Lee-Troy Barnes Rb. His Mother
5:00 PM Pentecost Mission

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 – Pentecost Mission Triduum
7:00 AM Young Adults of the Diocese
3:00 PM Pentecost Mission
4:30 PM † Peter Carty Rb. Carty, Farrington, and Sturdivant family
† Charles Bernes & family Rb. Dominique Olive

La solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Primera lectura: Hechos 1:1-11
Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 47:2-3,6-7,8-9
Segunda lectura: Efesios 1:17-23

MEDITACIÓN

En este 7º domingo del año A de Pascua, celebramos al mismo tiempo la fiesta de la Ascensión de nuestro Señor al cielo. Esta fiesta nos recuerda la partida de Jesús a su padre y a nuestro padre. Jesús anuncia que les confía una misión: "Seréis mis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea y Samaria y hasta los confines de la tierra" (Hch 1, 9). Luego desaparece de su vista.
Para los apóstoles, este es el comienzo de su misión: el anuncio de la buena nueva a todos. Para dar este testimonio, necesitarán la fuerza del Espíritu Santo. Y así, la Ascensión nos envía de vuelta a nuestra misión: como cristianos bautizados y confirmados, tenemos que dar testimonio de nuestra fe en Jesús resucitado.
El evento de la Ascensión tiene lugar en Galilea. Esta región era un lugar donde todas las creencias e incluso la incredulidad chocaron. Fue desde allí que Jesús comenzó su ministerio. Y es también desde allí que los apóstoles partirán para anunciar la buena nueva del Evangelio. Esta es una manera de decir que esta buena noticia es para todos, no solo para aquellos que están más cerca, más receptivos, más acogedores. También concierne a aquellos que están en la "periferia".
La misión consiste en no dejar de lado a los que parecen más distantes y los más indiferentes. El Señor está buscando a todos. Él quiere que todos sientan el calor de su misericordia y amor. Su gran plan es reunir a toda la humanidad en su Reino, incluyendo a los que están lejos. Llevar el Evangelio es llevar el poder de Dios para derribar y demoler el mal y la violencia, para poner el amor donde sólo hay odio, egoísmo e intolerancia. A través de nosotros, es el Señor mismo quien actúa en el corazón de los hombres. Cuando venimos a la iglesia, estamos imbuidos de este amor que está en Dios. Esto es importante porque el mundo debe ser capaz de descubrir en nosotros algo de su amor apasionado por todas las personas. Nuestros corazones deben estar cada vez más en sintonía con su infinita ternura por la humanidad. Es en cada momento que debemos irradiar esta luz que está en él. Esta fiesta nos recuerda el propósito de nuestras vidas.
Cristo resucitado quiere asociarnos a todos con su victoria sobre la muerte y el pecado. Estamos a diez días de Pentecostés. Los apóstoles aprovecharon la oportunidad para hacer un retiro. Con ellos te suplicamos, Señor: "Envía tu Espíritu para renovar la faz de la tierra".
Al mismo tiempo, el Señor nos dijo en qué consiste la misión que nos confía como sus discípulos. Nos dice, en esencia, que la misión de cada cristiano es una participación en la misión de las Tres Personas Divinas. El Padre envía al Hijo al mundo; y, después de la Ascensión, el Padre y el Hijo envían el Espíritu Santo.
¿Qué significa que los cristianos estamos personalmente asociados con las obras divinas en favor de los hombres, para lo esencial, la Creación, la Redención y la Santificación? Seamos conscientes de esto, teniendo además la seguridad de que las tres Personas divinas siempre nos ayudarán en el cumplimiento de esta misión.
Esto es lo que el Señor nos dice en su Evangelio. "Como tú me enviaste al mundo, así yo los he enviado al mundo" (Jn 17,18).

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Claramente, estamos invitados a compartir el celo redentor de nuestro Señor. Es decir, debemos tener siempre presente nuestra misión como apóstoles. Por supuesto, la tarea no es fácil, porque el mundo no va bien, ya que se está alejando de Dios, tal vez sin ser realmente consciente de ello, especialmente consciente de las consecuencias prácticas que fluyen desde esta distancia, involuntarias tal vez pero cuán reales.
NO nos faltan los medios ni las posibilidades concretas para cumplir nuestra misión, especialmente el último aspecto mencionado, la familia. Tratemos de reflexionar sobre esto hoy, en este domingo 7, pero también durante las próximas semanas, incluso durante las próximas vacaciones de verano, con el beneficio de la retrospectiva que siempre nos traen. No hace falta decir que, para hacer esto, una de las condiciones indispensables es cuidar nuestra oración personal, especialmente si queremos sentir la fuerza del Espíritu Santo dentro de nosotros. Veamos nuestros momentos de oración para ver cómo podemos asociarnos aún más y mejor con las iniciativas en curso. Sabiendo muy bien que el Espíritu Santo no será insensible a nuestro deseo de cumplir nuestra misión. Él nos concederá las gracias que necesitamos.
Y si fallan nuestras fuerzas, que en sí mismas no son nada extraordinario, vayamos sin dudarlo a ser revitalizados por nuestro Señor, especialmente en la Eucaristía. De esta manera, la Misa estará en el corazón de nuestras vidas, como fuente y cumbre de nuestra vida cristiana,

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Comenzará del jueves 25 de mayo al viernes 26 de mayo de 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. El sábado 27 de mayo de 2023 a partir de las 3:00 p.m., seguido de la Misa de vigilia de las 4:30 p.m. Todos son animados a hacer este viaje del Espíritu Santo.

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VENTA DE ALIMENTOS
El 21 de mayo de 2023, el Coro Senior de SPPC tendrá una venta de pasteles y alimentos. Todas las ganancias de la venta van a la casa del obispo Apelación. Gracias de antemano por su apoyo.

LLAMAMIENTO DEL OBISPO 2023
¡Gracias a todos los que ya han contribuido a la Campaña del Obispo 2023! Por favor, entregue un folleto a un amigo. Nuestras escuelas, Caridades Católicas y esfuerzos de evangelización necesitan el apoyo de todos. Para su comodidad, puede optar por hacer una promesa ahora y difundir su pagos durante varios meses. Las donaciones pueden hacerse en forma de efectivo, cheque, tarjeta de crédito o pagos directos en línea. Por favor llene el formulario en el folleto y haga sus cheques pagaderos a "Diócesis de St. Thomas". Consulte el folleto para obtener más información. ¡Gracias!

VISITAS Y BENDICIONES DE LOS HOGARES CRISTIANOS
Los sacerdotes están disponibles para visitar a las familias y bendecir su casa en este mes de mayo y junio. Llame a la oficina al 340-774-0201 o envíe un correo electrónico cathedralvi@gmail.com. Gracias y la bendición de Dios.

CONFIRMACIÓN
El retiro para nuestros candidatos será el 27 de mayo de 2023 de 8:00 a.m. a 12 del mediodía en Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (OLPH). El 3 de junio de 2023, la práctica comenzará con la Misa de las 7:00 am en la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo.

OUR CHURCH AND OUR SCHOOL ARE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS:
We are all committed to the protection of the children in our institutions. **If you notice any harmful behavior toward our children, do not hesitate to contact us as soon as possible.** Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:
May 21, 2023 - **Catholic Communication Campaign**
May 28, - **Catheedral Maintenance & Ehancement**
June 4 **- Priests' Retirement**

OFFERTORY / OFERTORIO
LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY AMOUNTED TO:
LA OFRENDA DE LA SEMANA PASADA SUMÓ
MAY 14, 2023

Thank you for your donation!
Gracias

4:30PM	$ 449.00	$ 250.00
6:30AM	$ 1,363.00	$ 250.00
8:30AM	$ 1,434.00	$ 912.00
10:30AM	$ 1,143.00	$ 455.00
12:15PM	$ 290.00	$ 142.00
TOTAL	$ 4,679.00	$ 2009.00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023: $147.00 6:45AM $48.00

E-GIVING:
Please fill out the E-Giving Enrollment Form at the parish office, if you prefer to send your offertory donations using automatic payments from:
* your Checking/Saving account. * your PayPal account.
* your Credit or
Debit card. * a Bank-to-Bank transfer.

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please be aware that during the COVID-19 pandemic, we recommend the following practices:
1. Wear a face covering in the cathedral.
2. Sanitize your hands.
3. Attempt to maintain a social distance of six feet.
4. Consider receiving Holy Communion in the hand.

KEEP OUR SICK & SHUT-INS IN PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS:

HOME OR NURSING HOME

LENO ABRAHAM
JENVILLE ANDREWS
ORDETTE ANDREWS
EDWIN ARROYO
MONICA BIRKLEY
EDRIS CALLWOOD
DELITA DELAGARDE
PRISCA DAVIS
RITA DUNCAN
DARIEL EVANS
MICHAEL FARRINGTON
JOKATA GARCÍA
MERCEDES GARCÍA
WILFRED GARDIER
ALFREDO GASKIN
ETLA V. GASKIN
ERIC GRAF
MARIA GRIFFIN
ESONIA HASSELL
MILDRED HODGE
KEITH JAMES
ROSE MARIE JOSEPH
EDITH LEBLÂNC
BERECIA LEWIS
GRACIELA MILLIN
HUGO MOULON
JOSEPH MORRELL
ARACELY NICHOLSON
LEIDA PIZARRO
SONIA PIZARRO
WALTON RAVARIERE
PHYLLIS RODNEY
CYRUS SAMPSON
RAFAELA SANES
PETRONA STANISLAUS
CECILIA HILL-THOMAS
LESTEL TURBE
JOHN H. VENZEN
ULRICA VIALET
RUTH WALCOTT

ROY SCHNEIDER HOSPITAL

The hospital does not notify us when Catholics are in the hospital. Please call the parish office to inform us of a Catholic in the hospital who needs to have a priest visit. Thank you!

OFF-ISLAND

BISHOP HERBERT A. BEVARD
FR. SIMON PETER OPIRA
FR. JOHN SOLOMON
JANET BENSON
RENEL BREDY
JOYCE CORREA
CELESTINE DAVIS
PRISCA DAVIS
ALBERTA FOY
LAVERNE FRANCIS
DELTA GEORGE
MAURITZER Y. GUMBS
JOSEPH HODGE
WINIFRED HODGE
RITA KING
STEPHANY LOUZAN
GWYNNETH MOOLEAAR
JOSEPHINE NOCH
FELIX O'NEAL
RAMÓN ORTIZ
MIRIAM GARCIA RIJO
ROSE ROBERTS
VENIA SAKHRANI
CARLOS SÁNCHEZ
CÉSAR JULIO TIRADO
LIAN VÁZQUEZ

CATECHESIS THE HOLY SPIRIT

BY FR. MODESTE DIGWOU

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is one of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. He is God with the Father and the Son and, with the Father and the Son, he receives the same adoration and the same glory, as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed reminds us since antiquity. Consubstantial with the Father and the Son, he is inseparable from them, both in the intimate life of the Trinity and in his gift of love for the world. But in adoring the life-giving, consubstantial, and indivisible Holy Trinity, the Church's faith also professes the distinction of the Persons. When the Father sends his Word, he also sends his Breath: a joint mission in which the Son and the Holy Spirit are distinct but inseparable. Without doubt, it is Christ who manifests himself, the visible Image of the invisible God, but it is the Holy Spirit who reveals him.
(*Catechism of the Catholic Church 687-689)*

2. What are the symbols of the Holy Spirit in Holy Scripture?

The water of baptism signifies the action of the Holy Spirit in the soul. Fire because, in the form of tongues "like fire", the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples on the morning of Pentecost and filled them with Him. Spiritual tradition preserves this symbolism of fire as one of the most expressive of the Holy Spirit's action. The dove because when Christ comes out of the water of his baptism, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends and lands on him. This is the image most often used in art to represent the third person of the Holy Trinity.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 694-701)

3. Why is it said that the Holy Spirit has a special connection with the Blessed Virgin?

The Holy Spirit prepared Mary by his grace. It was fitting that she should be "full of grace", the Mother of Him in whom "all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily". In Mary, the Holy Spirit fulfills the Father's benevolent plan. The Virgin conceives and gives birth to the Son of God by the action of the Holy Spirit. Her virginity becomes a unique fecundity through the power of the Spirit and of faith. Finally, through Mary, the Holy Spirit begins to bring people who are "objects of God's loving-kindness" into communion with Christ.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 721-726)