



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

“COME HOLY SPIRIT”

April 10 – May 22, 2021

LISS Topics

- Week 1: God's Love
- Week 2: God Saves Us
- Week 3: New Life
- Week 4: Receiving God's Gifts
- Week 5: Receive the Holy Spirit
- Week 6: Growth
- Week 7: Transformation



Come Holy Spirit



God's Love – A Brief Outline

- God loves us and wants to be in a personal relationship with us. God is love and offers us the fullness of life and holiness.
- During the Life in the Spirit Seminar we will look at the saving presence of Jesus Christ, as well as the life of God's Holy Spirit.
- God has begun this new life in us through the sacraments of Baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. During the seminar we hope to rediscover this gift.



Week 1: God's Love - Lolita Peralta



MY TOPIC IS GOD'S LOVE

- Do you feel God's love in this world today?
- When there is pandemic?
- Even when we could hardly breathe because of the masks we're wearing?
- We cannot even hug each other; there is social distancing, no more gatherings, no more celebration parties? Disorder is not the plan of God at all!

God's Love Bible References

- Jeremiah 29:11, I have plans for you, says the Lord. Plan to prosper you and not to harm you, plan to give you hope and a future. Everything that God created is good. The reality is Satan!
- John 10:10, Satan came to destroy and to kill. Jesus said, "I have come to give you life, life in abundance; to give you joy, joy in its fullness.
- Today we are gathered in the presence of God to experience Jesus and His transforming Holy Spirit. You will discover a deeper, personal, intimate relationship with Jesus. In this Seminar, God acts, God talks and God touches. We have to listen from the heart, mind and soul. God is Love and He offers us unconditional love.



Lolita's Sharing



Bible A Love Letter

- The Bible is a love letter to us from the Lord, from beginning to end. In the Book of Genesis He created us into His image and likeness. He breathe life-giving breath. He gave a part of Himself to us. We are His portion, that's why we are precious to Him. He prepared a paradise for us, where we have everything.
- We were separated from Him only because of disobedience, when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden apple from the Tree of Life. In spite of that, He continues to love us.
- St. Paul assures us that nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God. He gave His only begotten Son to die for us. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son so that everyone who believe in Him might not perish but have everlasting life. Until now, the Lord is still looking for every one of us. He left the ninety-nine looking for one sheep that was lost. John 1:14, And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we saw His glory, the glory of the Father's Only Son full of grace and truth.

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God's Love – On The Cross

- The best demonstration of His Love is the Cross. Hanging on the cross is a picture of Love. He extended His love when we are totally unworthy. He took the punishment that was rightfully ours. He accepts us even for what we have done and even for what we have neglected to do. He came to pay the price for our sins. The price is His Blood. Jesus died for us to be forgiven and to be brought back into a rightful relationship with the Father.
- Romans 5-8, He demonstrated His love towards us, that while we are still sinners He died for us. He loves us the way we are. He knows that we are weak, He knows that we are frail. He remembers that we are dust.
- Colossians 1:13, He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



An Invitation

- Today, He has an invitation, offering you a new beginning. He will reach out to you, but you have to reach out to Him. He fills us with His every life. All we have to do is to receive, to accept Him as your Personal Lord and Savior.
- Our human heart is filled with all kinds of dreams, desires, hopes and plans. Our effort to find happiness and our inner longings often fails to satisfy us. There is emptiness, depression and feeling lonely. Rich people living in a mansion still not happy, they want more, no contentment. They go around the world looking for happiness but it's temporary. They are searching for something they do not know. What do you think is missing?
- That God part in us. The Breath of Life He breathe upon us. The Holy Spirit we received when we were baptized, when we were still babies. It is put in a box covered with fear, pride, anxiety and sin.



The Breath of Life



During this Seminar, that box will uncover, especially on the fifth day when you will be re-baptize with the Holy Spirit. Once again He will breathe the Breath of Life upon you. He will fill you with His Love that will satisfy and restore you. You will experience that personal relationship with Him. Once again, you will have a New Life with Him.

He Is Your Light ...

In the midst of darkness, He is your Light. You will receive different kind of gifts during the Baptism. You will experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit, like Peace, Joy and Love.

Acts 2, “You will receive power as soon as the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You will be able to hear His audible voice.





SHARING

What St. Paul Says ...



- St. Paul says, It's no longer you that liveth in you but Christ lives in you. St. Augustine said, "our hearts are restless until we rest on Thee."
- So my Brothers and Sisters, you are here today with heavy loads, fearful.. there are times when we are so preoccupied with earthly things, busy, no time for God. Sometimes the Love of God cannot even get in because we are full of so many faulty baggage.
- Let us surrender everything to Him. Allow Him to come in. He is knocking. Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus said, "Come to me all of you who are tired from carrying heavy load and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you and learn from me because I am gentle and humble in Spirit and I will give you rest. For the yoke I put on you is light.



SHARING

COMMITTING TO GOD'S PROCESS

- Throughout the next seven weeks commit your- self to seeking the Lord and whatever He is doing through this seminar to bring you even closer to himself. Ask Him to give you...
 - A Clear mind
 - Eyes that are open to see what He is doing
 - A heart that is ready to receive.
- Give yourself time to be with the Lord who loves you each day. Take 5-15 minutes throughout the next week just to be with Him. Turn off all of your devices or put them in another room so you can focus on him alone. Read through the Daily Words of Life and suggested scripture. Pray the commitment prayer and invoke the Holy Spirit.

COMMITMENT PRAYER

Jesus, I know now that I am Yours and You are mine forever.

Thank You for sending Your spirit to me that I might have the power to live this new life with You. Stir up Your Spirit in me. Release Your Spirit in me. Baptize me with the fullness of Your Spirit that I may experience Your presence and power in my life. That I may find new meaning in your Scriptures. That I may find new meaning in the sacraments. That I may find delight and comfort in prayer. That I may be able to love as you love and forgive as You forgive. That I may discover and use the gifts you give me for the life of the Church. That I may experience the peace and the joy that you have promised us. Fill me with Your Spirit, Jesus. I wish to receive all that You have to give me. Amen



Questions To Consider

1. Do people you know search for happiness and peace, or for God?
2. What does it mean to have an intimate and personal relationship with God?
3. How do you feel when you approach God?
4. How does the reality of God being love change your view of God, love, and yourself?
5. All “love” is not the same. Consider for a few minutes the meaning that today’s culture attaches to “love”. Compare this to the Love of God.

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Pray ...

- Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your people and enkindle in us the fire of your love, Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth.
- O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit does instruct the hearts of the faithful grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His Consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Daily Words – Day 1

God is not distant or unreachable. Neither is He looking to punish you for every offense. He is a father who loves you. Hear him speaking these words over you from Jeremiah 31:3 RSV
“ I have loved you with an everlasting love and so I still maintain my faithful love for you.”



Daily Words – Day 2

You can know God and how much He loves you. He wants an intimate, personal relationship with each of us as His son or daughter and seeks to remove any barriers or distance between you. Meditate on His promise made through Jerimiah: “I will be their God” and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Daily Words – Day 3

We are His beloved. John tells us in 1John4:19 that “We love because He first loved us. “ He loves you and as we receive His love we then can then return it to Him and to those around us. You are loveable because Jesus first love you and gave his life for you. (John 3:16)

Ask him this day “Lord what lies am I believing that keep me from receiving all the love you have for me? Would you show me your truth?” Write down anything you sense or see or hear him say to you.

Daily Words – Day 4

Because He loves us, God sent his only son to save us. He sent Jesus so that we might have life, a better life now, a life that will last with him eternally.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
(John 3:16, RSV)



Daily Words – Day 5

God loves you. He is speaking to you now, reaching out to you. He is saying to you:

- Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!...
- Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?
- Listen, then to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
- Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant.

(Isaiah 55:1-3, JB)





Daily Words – Day 6

Day 6 - If you wish to know God, if you wish to have the life he offers, you can. Just turn to him and reach out to him. He invites you:

I know the plans I have in mind for you—it is the Lord who speaks—plans for peace, not disaster, reserving a future full of hope for you. Then when you call to me, and come to plead with me, I will listen to you. When you seek me, you shall find me.

(Jer 29-11-13, JB)

Daily Words – Day 7

Day 7 - Sometimes God seems so far away. Sometimes it seems like we can never reach him. But he is not far away. He is very close to you, and right now he is trying to show himself to you in a fuller way than ever before. He promises:

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

(Psalm 145:18, RSV)



Commitment Prayer

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Amen





End Week 1