Come Holy Spirit, Giver of Gifts

Confirmation Candidates October 26 2008



Our Lady Star of the Sea 1401 Fidelity Road Houston, Texas 77029

Celebrant	. Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, D.D.
Co-Celebrant	. Reverend Lowell Case, S.S.J. Deacon Charles Allen, Sr.
Processional Song	"Come Holy Ghost" (page 69)
Penitential Rite	. Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, D.D.
"Lord have Mercy"	
"Gloria"	
First Reading	Christopher Denzel Barnes

A reading from the book of Exodus

Thus says the Lord. "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt."

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans."

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him."

"If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body."

"What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ryan Norton

I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. "I love you, Lord my strength"

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my strong-hold! Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, and safe from my enemies.

R. "I love you, Lord my strength"

The Lord lives and blessed by rock! Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.
R. "I love you, Lord my strength"

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for sake. And you became imitators of us and the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Fr. Lowell Case, or Deacon Charles Allen, Sr. Matthew 22: 34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.

The second is like it: You shall love your neighbors as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

The Gospel of the Lord

Presentation of the Candidates:

Rachel Catherine White London Peter Muse Ashton Joseph Taylor	Christopher Denzel Barnes Jordan Michael Wright Victoria Marie Kizzee	Ryan John Norton Tre' Peter Frazier Ashton Joseph Pecore
Homily	Bisl	hop Joe S. Vasquez, D.D
Prayer of the Faithful		Jordan Wright

For all of us confirmed by the gifts of the Spirit, that we may give witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love.

R. "Lord, lead us forth"

For our parents and godparents, who led us in faith, that by word and example we may always be encouraged to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

R. "Lord, lead us forth"

For our teachers, that the Holy Spirit may assist them as they strive to inspire, encourage and challenge their students. R. "Lord, lead us forth"

Prayer of the Faithful (continued)

For our Holy Father Pope Benedict the (XVI) Sixteenth, priests, and deacons, that they may lead us ever more faithfully in the worship of God and service to one another.

R. "Lord, lead us forth"

We pray for the soul of Mary Marjorie White for whom this Mass is offered.

R. "Lord, lead us forth"

For all the ill and hospitalized in the parish

R. "Lord, lead us forth"

You may add your own intentions

R. "Lord, lead us forth"

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Imposition of Hands

Anointing with Chrism	Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, D.D.
	Reverend Lowell Case, S.S.J.

"Spirit of the Living God" (page 126)

General Intercession Bishop Joe S. Vasquez, D.D.

Let us come to the father in prayer, inspired by the Holy Spirit who has sealed our brothers and sisters forever and empowered them with His Divine gifts.

R. "Lord, lead us forth"

God our Father, you sent the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and through them and their successors you gave the Spirit to your people. May the faith and love that spread everywhere when the Gospel was first preached continue to grow through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Procession

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

"Great Amen"

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Communion Song

Meditation

Recessional "I have decided to follow Jesus" (page 118)



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