

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

“Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. So, by their fruits, you will know them.” (Matthew 7;17-20) This passage in Matthew’s Gospel helps us to understand the Fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are the observable behaviors of people who have allowed the grace of the Holy Spirit to be effective in them. The tradition of the church lists 12 fruits:

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| 1. Charity | 5. Peace | 9. Kindness |
| 2. Generosity | 6. Faithfulness | 10. Self-control |
| 3. Joy | 7. Patience | 11. Goodness |
| 4. Gentleness | 8. Modesty | 12. Chastity |

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

In the book of Isaiah 11:2-3, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are described. In the passage the gifts are considered the ones that the Messiah would have possessed. Through Jesus we also receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

1. **Wisdom** – to recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping GOD central in our lives.
2. **Understanding** – is the ability to comprehend the meaning of GOD’s message.
3. **Knowledge** – the ability to think about and explore GOD’s revelation, and to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond our understanding.
4. **Counsel** – ability too see the best way to follow GOD’s plan when we have choices related to him
5. **Fortitude** – the courage to do what one knows is right
6. **Piety** - the ability to pray to GOD in true devotion
7. **Fear of the Lord** – the feeling of amazement before GOD, who is all present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

“Be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

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Catholic Formation 11th Grade



In order to progress to the next grade your child must master the information in this leaf-let, meet class expectations and attendance requirements

Commandments

1. You shall have no other gods besides ME.
2. You shall not take God's name in vain.
3. Remember to keep God's day holy.
4. Honor your Mother and Father.
 5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
 7. You shall not steal.
 8. You shall not lie.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife/husband
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

You should be following mass in the books in the pews and reciting the common prayers. You should also be at mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation and be ready to be accepted as an adult in your faith, ready for Confirmation.

The Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation confers special graces of the Holy Spirit upon the person being Confirmed, just as graces were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost. Like Baptism, therefore, it can only be performed once. Confirmation increases and deepens all of the graces granted at Baptism. There are five Effects of being confirmed:

1. It roots us more deeply in the divine affiliation (as sons and daughters of GOD) which makes cry, "Abba, Father!"
2. It unites us more closely to Christ.
3. It increases the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.
4. It renders our bond with the church more perfect.
5. It gives us special strength from the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly and to never be ashamed of the cross.

Students of the Confirmation Class are to demonstrate their understanding of the faith by applying it in their daily living, because of their faith by:

1. Being actively involved with the liturgy as participants in mass by reciting common prayers and following the mass.
2. Serve as: ushers, gift bearers, readers, altar servers, and if you sing or play a musical instrument, do so, at St. Anthony's for Sunday afternoon mass.
3. Organize and lead some form of devotion: the Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Stations of the Cross, The Litanies of the Saints, and Holy Hours with the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration).
4. When needed, assist in the lower grades as teachers of catechism or as helpers.
5. Visit nursing homes, hospitals, or work at a diner, such as St. Joseph's Diner in Lafayette.
6. Attend a mandatory weekend retreat before Confirmation.
7. Select a Patron Saint, write a report on the saint including the common prayers prayed to the saint and why one prays to the saint.

The Sacraments

The sacraments are a part of our journey to living with Christ. They are indicators of what is significant and important to Christians and are both Signs and Instruments of GOD's grace alive in us.

1. **Baptism** - Removes the original sins of Adam And Eve – chosen for us by parents who are accepting the responsibility of raising us in the faith.
2. **Reconciliation** - choosing to have our sins forgiven and allowing a state of grace and the to exist in our souls.
3. **The Holy Eucharist** - receiving Jesus both physically and spiritually
4. **Confirmation** – the Act of accepting your faith and stepping forth armed with GOD by your choice
5. **Holy Orders** – Heeding GOD's call to become a Priest or a Nun.
6. **Holy Matrimony** – to marry in the church and accept children as gifts from GOD to be taught the faith.
7. **Anointing of the Sick** – the sacrament invoked at the time of our sickness or at a time when there is imminent threat of death – a rite of physical, mental, or spiritual healing.