

The Trinity—Immanent and Salvific

Immanent Trinity—God in himself

- **Substance** (nature/essence)
 - One God with only one divine substance or nature.
- **Person** (distinction)
 - Three distinct Persons in one God, a community in unity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
- **Relation**
 - Distinct in origin, but in eternal relationship with one another.
 - Father—without beginning.
 - Son—“Eternally begotten of the Father.” Father and Son were always existing and always in the closest of relationships. Jesus is the perfect expression of the Father.
 - Holy Spirit—“Proceeds from the Father and the Son.” The Holy Spirit is the love that issues from both Father and Son, together and eternally.

Mine to Memorize

Salvific Trinity—God acting

- **In creation.**
- **In the Word becoming flesh in Jesus, and in his saving acts on our behalf.**
- **In the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to inspire us, sustain us, and make us holy.**

Mary's Echoing Yes

Discover how Mary continued to say yes. Read each listed Scripture passage and put the number of the best description below in each blank.

- _____ John 19:25
- _____ Luke 2:41-52
- _____ Matthew 13:55
- _____ John 2:1-5
- _____ Luke 2:22-35
- _____ Acts 1:14

1. Hearing Simeon announce her seven sorrows.
2. Allowing Jesus to grow and be on his own.
3. Inviting Jesus to ministry at Cana, even if he seems to challenge her on the timing.
4. Following Jesus' itinerant band of folks throughout Galilee, Nazareth, the Jordan, and then to Jerusalem.
5. Watching her son being beaten, carrying a cross, standing at his feet as he is crucified, burying his broken body.
6. Waiting in the upper room with the frightened disciples, whom she originally witnessed deserting Jesus and her at their darkest hour.



Once you've made the matches above, below please write your responses to the feature "Learning about Mary in the Gospels" from page 127 of your text.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

WHY the Holy Spirit?

WHY the Holy Spirit? The Spirit connects Jesus to the Father and extends Jesus’ presence among us.

Without the Holy Spirit . . . Jesus would be but a figure of history, and his Gospel would be no Good News. His message would be just another philosophy, not the living Word—the Good News—alive among us.

WHY the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit makes us Christians and directs the Church to serve as compassionate servants like Jesus.

Without the Holy Spirit . . . the Church community would be little more than a social club, never the Body of Christ.

WHY the Holy Spirit? The Spirit is God immanent, God with and within us.

Without the Holy Spirit . . . God would be “apart from,” not “a part of”; “out there,” not “in here.”

WHY the Holy Spirit? Only the Holy Spirit can make the “yoke” and “burden” Jesus offers us “easy” and “light.”

Without the Holy Spirit . . . living the Christian life would be a burden, not a joy. Jesus’ teachings would seem too confining and his cross too heavy to bear.

WHY the Holy Spirit? Christ is present in our sacramental worship only through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Without the Holy Spirit . . . our worship would smack of superstition or magic.

WHY the Holy Spirit? It is the Holy Spirit who intercedes to God for us (Romans 8:26).

Without the Holy Spirit . . . our prayer would simply amount to talking to ourselves.



WHY the Holy Spirit makes a difference in my life . . .

Litany of the Holy Spirit

- ◆ Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
Father all powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world, save us.
- ◆ Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless Life of both, sanctify us.
Holy Trinity, hear us.
Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, enter our hearts.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, who is equal to the Father and the Son, enter our hearts.

- ◆ **To each of the following intercessions, respond: *Have mercy on us.***
Promise of God the Father, . . .
Ray of heavenly light, . . .
- ◆ Author of all good, . . .
Source of heavenly water, . . .
Consuming fire, . . .
- ◆ Ardent charity, . . .
Spiritual unction, . . .
Spirit of love and truth, . . .
- ◆ Spirit of wisdom and understanding, . . .
Spirit of counsel and fortitude, . . .
Spirit of knowledge and piety, . . .
- ◆ Spirit of the fear of the Lord, . . .
Spirit of grace and prayer, . . .
Spirit of peace and meekness, . . .
- ◆ Spirit of modesty and innocence, . . .
Holy Spirit, the Comforter, . . .
Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, . . .
- ◆ Holy Spirit, who governs the Church, . . .
Gift of God the Most High, . . .
Spirit Who fills the universe, . . .
- ◆ Spirit of the adoption of the children of God, . . .

- ◆ Holy Spirit, come and renew the face of the earth.
Holy Spirit, shed your light into our souls.
Holy Spirit, engrave your law in our hearts.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, inflame us with the flame of your love.
Holy Spirit, open to us the treasures of your graces.
Holy Spirit, teach us to pray well.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, enlighten us with your heavenly inspirations.
Holy Spirit, lead us in the way of salvation.
Holy Spirit, grant us the only necessary knowledge.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, inspire in us the practice of good.
Holy Spirit, grant us the merits of all virtues.
Holy Spirit, make us persevere in justice.
- ◆ Holy Spirit, be our everlasting reward.

- ◆ Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, send us your Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, pour into our souls the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us the Spirit of wisdom and piety.
- ◆ Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

◆ ***Let us pray***

- ◆ Grant, O merciful Father, that your divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame, and purify us, that he may penetrate us with his heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives with you in the unity of the same Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.