

# FAITH CHAT

with James & John

## Who Is The Author And Guardian Of Truth?

Know This...

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. He is the breath of God and the love that exists between the Father and the Son. He glorifies the Son who glorifies the Father. At the first Pentecost, He turned the Apostles into courageous voices willing to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit dwells within the Church and makes it holy.



**John:** The Holy Spirit is the author and guardian of truth. He safeguards Apostolic Tradition, inspired the human authors of Sacred Scripture, and guides the Magisterium of the Church.

**James:** The Holy Spirit encourages us to minister to those in need, puts us in communion with God through the sacred liturgy, intercedes for us in prayer, and manifests His holiness in the saints.

**John:** Just as the Holy Spirit emboldened the Apostles, He can embolden us to live and proclaim the Gospel.



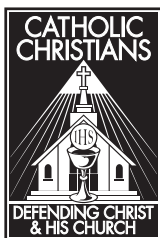
**James:** At Mass, we profess, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified."

**John:** The Holy Spirit is the vehicle through which we receive God's truth. We cannot grab Him; He will grab us if we open our hearts, minds, and souls to Him.

**James:** The Catholic Church lives and breathes because the Holy Spirit is its strength and knowledge.

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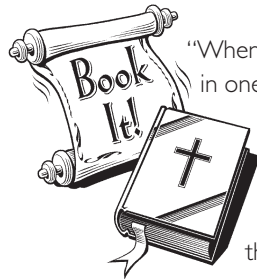
Jesus said to His disciples, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always ... The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that my Father will send in my name, He will teach you every thing and remind you of all that I told you." <sup>Jn 14:16, 26</sup> Jesus reassures us, "When they deliver you up, do not be anxious about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks through you." <sup>Mt 10:19-20</sup>

"We declare that the Holy Spirit proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son, not as from two beginnings, but from one beginning, not from two breathings but from one breathing. The most holy Roman Church, the mother and teacher of all the faithful, has up to this time professed, preached, and taught this; this she firmly holds, preaches, declares, and teaches; the unchangeable and true opinion of the orthodox Fathers and Doctors." <sup>Council of Lyons II, 1274 A.D., DS 850</sup>



## PAPA SAYS

"If anyone does not say that the Holy Spirit is truly and properly of the Father; just as the Son, of the divine substance and true God — he is a heretic. If anyone does not say that the Holy Spirit can do all things, know all, and is everywhere, just as the Son and the Father — he is a heretic. If anyone says that the Holy Spirit is a creature, or that He was made by the Son — he is a heretic. If anyone does not say that the Holy Spirit, just as the Son and the Father, is to be adored by every creature — he is a heretic." <sup>St. Damasus I, Pope, The Tomb of Damasus, 16-18, 22</sup>



"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." <sup>Acts 2:1-4</sup> The Holy Spirit can transform us as He did the Apostles. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? ... So glorify God in your body." <sup>1 Cor 6:19-20</sup>

God, the Holy Spirit, you are the love that proceeds from the Father and the Son. I adore you. I worship you. I sing your praises. I pray that you might make my body holy enough to become and remain your temple. May all nations come to praise and glorify you now and forever. Amen.

