

charity reminds us of all that Christ said and helps us enter ever more fully into the meaning of his words. We all have this experience: one moment, in any situation, there is an idea and then another connects with a passage from Scripture. . . . It is the Spirit who leads us to take this path: the path of the living memory of the Church. And he asks us for a response: the more generous our response, the more Jesus' words become life within us, becoming attitudes, choices, actions, testimony. In essence the Spirit reminds us of the commandment of love and calls us to live it.

A Christian without memory is not a true Christian but only halfway there: a man or woman, a prisoner of the moment, who doesn't know how to treasure his or her history, doesn't know how to read it and live it as salvation history. With the help of the Holy Spirit, however, we are able to interpret interior inspirations and life events in light of Jesus' words. And thus, within us grows the knowledge of memory, knowledge of the heart, which is a gift of the Spirit. May the Holy Spirit rekindle the Christian memory within all of us! And there, that day with the apostles, was Our Lady of Memory, who from the beginning meditated on all those things in her heart. Mary, our Mother, was there. May she help us on this path of memory". - **Bernard Kellett**

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**Entrance antiphon: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

**Responsorial Psalm: 95: R/ Proclaim the wonder of the Lord among all the peoples.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 2: 1-11**

**Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

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**Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C, 2025 Weekly Reflection: Gifts of the Holy Spirit (2)**

Because "grace builds upon nature" the seven gifts work synergistically with the seven virtues and also with the twelve fruits of the Spirit and the eight beatitudes. The emergence of the gifts is fostered by the practice of the virtues, which in turn are perfected by the exercise of the gifts. The proper exercise of the gifts, in turn, produce the fruits of the Spirit in the life of the Christian: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (**Galatians. 5:22–23**). The goal of this cooperation among virtues, gifts, and fruits is the attainment of the eight-fold state of beatitude described by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew. 5:3–10**). The only place in the entire Bible where these seven special qualities are listed together is **Isaiah 11:1–3**, in a famous Messianic prophecy: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord."



The following is an excerpt from [Walking with Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church](#) by Pope Francis. "When [Archbishop Óscar Romero](#) spoke out for the poor of El Salvador, he knew he was putting his own life in danger, and he was strengthened by the courage that is a gift of the Holy Spirit. When Mrs. Augusta Gervay and Father Emilian Novak ran a workshop that produced baptismal certificates used to save the lives of Jews during the Holocaust, they were endangering their own lives and were strengthened by the courage that is a gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reminds us; he reminds us of all that Jesus said. He is the living memory of the Church, and when he reminds us, he helps us understand the words of the Lord. \_This remembrance in the Spirit and by virtue of the Spirit . . . is an essential aspect of Christ's presence within us and within his Church. The Spirit of truth and