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Hebrews 5:12-14 implies that there are two main stages in the Christian life, a childish, beginners stage, and a more mature, adult one. The inspired author writes: "You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature." In par. 72 of *Catechesis in our Time*, Pope John Paul II seemed to echo these words when he wrote: "Renewal in the Spirit will be authentic and will have great fruitfulness in the Church, not so much according as it gives rise to extraordinary charisms, (i.e. milk) but according as it leads the greatest possible number of the faithful, as they travel their daily paths, to make a humble, patient and persevering effort to know the mystery of Christ better and better, and to bear witness to it. (i.e. solid food)"

## **TWO BAPTISMS**

Jesus experienced two baptisms. There was his 'baptism in the Spirit' at the Jordan. It inaugurated his public ministry and empowered him to proclaim and demonstrate the unconditional love of God in an anointed way. This was obvious when Jesus ministered in his native Galilee. He performed numerous healings and miracles, attracted large crowds and seemed to be very successful. However, Jesus also talked about a second baptism, one which would immerse him in suffering. He said: "I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed!" (Lk 12:49).

# Charismatics and Christian Maturity

by Pat Collins, C.M.



It reached its climax in holy week when success gave way to failure, adulation gave way to hostility, and charismatic activity gave way to apparent powerlessness. For example, when he was hanging on the cross the scornors cried out in Mt 27:42: "He saved others; he cannot save himself he is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe

in him." But nothing miraculous happened. Instead the ever faithful Jesus felt abandoned by God and man, and in this state he died.

At this point a question arises. Which baptism did most to inaugurate the coming of the Kingdom? Obviously both did. But surely the suffering and death of Jesus did more than his healings and

See **Maturity** continued on page 3

# Experiencing Healing Prayer

Saturday, January 26, 2013 10:00am-4:30pm

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall

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\* Fr. Lou is available for Service bookings for approximately 3 weeks following this event, Contact: [frlou@frlou.com](mailto:frlou@frlou.com)



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miracles to bear testimony to God’s love. As St. Paul said: “God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God” (Rm. 5:8; 1 Cor 1:22-24.)

It seems to me that charismatic prayer groups are very good at helping people to accept the first baptism and its charismatic implications. They are not so good at helping people to accept the second baptism and its spiritual and practical implications. As Tom Smail, a leader in the Protestant Charismatic Renewal has observed: “A need centered renewal is hampered and hindered because many involved in it have not been converted from need to obedience, from satisfying themselves to being at God’s disposal.” Perhaps that’s why so many prayer groups seem to be losing their sense of vitality and direction.

## **TWO STAGES OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

I can recall an eminent spiritual director once: “charismatic prayer groups are good at getting their members established in new life in the Spirit, but they seem to be at a loss when it comes to helping people to grow and mature.” When I heard him make this observation, I felt that it was very perceptive.

In his Exercises, St. Ignatius describes two stages of Christian growth. In the first, e.g. the period after baptism in the Spirit, the main dynamic at work is that the person is motivated by a self-centered need to receive the mercy, love,

consolations and gifts of God. I may say in passing that there is nothing wrong with this kind of desire; it’s prompted by the Lord and is a necessary preparation for the second stage of spiritual development. A problem arises when charismatic individuals and groups get stuck at this stage and for one reason or another fail to move on to the second.

In the second stage, the main dynamic at work in the person is motivated by a God-centered desire to be united to Jesus, poor humble and dependant on God. The person no longer focuses on the gifts or consolations of God, but rather on the God of consolation and the gifts. Inwardly, the person shifts from asking, ‘what can God do for me?’ to ‘what can I do for God? More often than not the person at this stage wants to be “guided by the Spirit” (Gal. 5:16; 18). As George Montague has pointed out, the Christian life is not a list of do’s and don’ts. It is the gift of being moved by the Spirit of God, and the key to life is to allow the Spirit to lead. Paul clearly speaks of an inspired ethic and of inspired action. A crucial point: When confronted with any moral decision, great or small, the Christian’s first question should be “where does the Spirit lead me in this?”

## **THE SOCIAL JUSTICE DIMENSION OF RENEWAL**

As far back as 1971, the Synod of Bishops stated quite correctly that justice is an essential dimension of the preaching of the gospel. However, many charismatic groups and individuals have neglected this dimension. Perhaps this is due to three main reasons. Firstly, many charismatics share a questionable view that the world is corrupt and that Christians should

not get involved in it, lest they become contaminated. Secondly, many charismatics are so preoccupied with community-building and personal renewal that they have neglected justice issues. Thirdly, when they think of evangelization, many charismatics see it exclusively in terms of preaching the Good News, e.g. by means of such Life in the Spirit Seminars and Alpha courses. If and when charismatics do get involved in the search for fair, humane treatment for the disadvantaged members of society, their most common understanding of social action is that of doing works of mercy on an individual basis. However, they often neglect to identify and change the unjust structures that produce human oppression in the first place. Charismatics could learn from the Vincent de Paul Society who commission research into the causes of injustice and who make regular submissions to the government and local authorities recommending remedial action. The charismatic movement has a lot to learn from the justice movement.

## **CONCLUSION**

The leaders of Charismatic groups need to encourage their members, by means of good teaching and example, to move beyond a fixation with their own needs to focus on the needs of God, i.e. the divine will, and of the neighbor. In so far as Charismatic groups fail to do this, they will continue to lose some of their best members. They will become disillusioned and go elsewhere in search of on-going spiritual growth. Diocesan and national service committees have a responsibility to work out the practical implications of these points for the renewal and to do something about them.

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# SCRC Spring Conference

## Saturday Speakers



**Fr. Mike Sears**  
*Learning to Rely on God*



**Sister Regina Marie Gorman, OCD**  
*Dying to Oneself and Rising in Christ*



**Fr. George Reynolds**  
*Building Spirit-Filled Relationships*



**Elizabeth Kim, PhD**  
*Healing of the Heart*



**Fr. John Hampsch, CMF**  
**Celebrant:**  
*Mass & Healing Service*  
Topic:  
*"Are You Spirit-Filled or Running on Empty?"*

## Sunday Speakers



**Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ**  
*Testing the Gifts of the Spirit*



**Kay Murdy**  
*Bearing Fruit in Community*



**Fr. Bill Adams, CSSR**  
*Hearing and Sharing God's Word*



**Dominic Berardino**  
*Growing in God-Centered Prayer*



**Fr. Charles Lueras, CRIC**  
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*Palm Sunday Mass Celebrant*

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# SCRC Teaching Center Calendar of Events!

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## *Praying With the Help of the Holy Spirit*

Learn more about the importance of the **Gift of Prayer Tongues** and experience its spiritual power during this special gathering.

**Sunday, January 20, 2013**

2:00pm-4:00pm

\$10 per person

Online  
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## **Angels of Triumph** Our Partners in Adventure

The Reality of Angels    Invisible Allies in Spiritual Battle  
Angels and God's Miracles    Prayer for Angelic Assistance

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

12:30pm-4:00pm

\$15 per person



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## **The Battle for the Mind**

**Saturday, February 16, 2013**

1:00pm-4:30pm

- Our Goal - the Mind of Christ
  - Prayer Renews the Mind
- Nourishment for a Healthy Mind
- Overcoming the Enemy's Tactics
- Fostering the Mind of Christ in Others

Love offering will be taken.



Fr. Bill  
Delaney, SJ

# January, 2013 Calendar



*A  
Happy and  
Holy  
New Year*

## SANTA BARBARA REGION

**Wednesday, January 9**

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Ed Jalbert at St. Mary's, 207 S. School St., Santa Maria.

**Thursday, January 24**

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Joseph High School Chapel, 4120 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria.

## SAN FERNANDO REGION

**Fri. - Sun., January 4 - 6**

**SCRC Retreat, "Live in Faith-Walk in Truth" at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 E. Alhambra Rd., Alhambra.**

**Wednesday, January 16**

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Mike Sears at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills.

**Thursday, January 17**

Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Mike Sears at St. Robert Bellarmine, 133 N. Fifth St. (at Orange Grove), Burbank.

**SUNDAY, January 20**

**"Praying With the Help of the Holy Spirit", (Gift of Prayer Tongues), 2:00-4:00pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. \$10 per person. See pg 5.**

**Saturday, January 26**

**"Experiencing Healing Prayer", 10:00am-4:30pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF, Fr. Lou Cerulli, Fr. Paul Griesgraber & Dominic Berardino at St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall, 18115 Sherman Way, Reseda. \$20. See pg 2.**

**Saturday, January 26**

San Fernando Valley Magnificat Prayer Meal, 10:00am with guest speaker: Franca Dornan at The Odyssey, 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills. Reservations: \$26, before 1/14, \$30 after 1/14. [www.magnificatsfv.com](http://www.magnificatsfv.com)

## SAN GABRIEL REGION

**Tuesday, January 15**

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Pat Crowley, at Our Lady of the Assumption, 435 Berkeley Ave., Claremont.

**Thursday, January 24**

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at St. Luke the Evangelist, 5605 Cloverly Ave., Temple City. (Praise & Worship, 7:00pm)

**Friday, January 25**

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Mike Barry at St. Elizabeth Church, 1879 N. Lake Ave., Altadena. (Praise & Worship, 7:00pm)

## SAN PEDRO REGION

**Monday, January 21**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ed Benioff at St. Linus Church, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

**Friday, January 25**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at Mary Star of the Sea Church, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

**Monday, January 28**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

## HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

**Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5**

Life in the Spirit Seminar, St. Mary's Sacred Heart Room, 1600 E. Ave. R-4, Palmdale. 7:00-9:00pm.

Jan. 22 - Charismatic

Healing Mass with Fr. Mike Barry.

Feb. 12 - Spiritual Growth & Transformation. For info contact: B.J.: (661) 285-1022 or Celia (661) 618-3990.



# February, 2013 Calendar



*Happy  
St. Valentine's  
Day!*

## SANTA BARBARA REGION

**Wednesday, February 6**

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Rolando Clarinet at St. Mary's, 207 S. School St., Santa Maria.

**Thursday, February 21**

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm at St. Joseph High School Chapel, 4120 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria.

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Monastery of the Risen Christ-School for Spiritual Directors at the Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center. Contact Monastery of the Risen Christ, (805) 546-8286 or (805) 544-7808 or Dr. Marie at [Joyologist@gwi.net](mailto:Joyologist@gwi.net)

## SAN FERNANDO REGION

**Saturday, February 2**

**"The Life Beyond the Veil of Death", 12:00pm-4:30pm with Dominic Berardino at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 1600 East Avenue R-4, Palmdale. \$15. (short breaks only, no lunch break)**

**Thursday, February 7**

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. John Hampsch, CMF at Our Lady of Grace, 5001 White Oak Ave., Encino.

**Saturday, February 9**

**"Angels of Triumph", 12:30pm-4:00pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. \$15 per person. See pg 5.**

**Saturday, February 16**

**"The Battle for the Mind" 1:00-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the**

**SCRC Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank. Love offering. See pg 5.**

**Wednesday, February 20**

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Budi Wardhana at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills.

## SAN GABRIEL REGION

**Friday, February 1**

Mass and Healing Service, 8:00pm with Bill Delaney, SJ at Holy Family, 1501 Fremont Ave., So. Pasadena.

## SAN PEDRO REGION

**Monday, February 18**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at St. Linus Church, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk.

**Friday, February 22**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm at Mary Star of the Sea, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

**Monday, February 25**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Ed Benioff at St. Cornelius Church, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach.

## ORANGE DIOCESE

**Friday, February 8**

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC at St. John the Baptist, 1015 Baker St., Costa Mesa.

# The Life Beyond the Veil of Death

**St. Mary's Parish Hall  
1600 East Ave. R-4  
Palmdale, CA  
12:00pm-4:30pm**

## Sat. February 2

- What Happens When We Die?
- Are Heaven and Hell Real Places?
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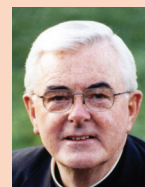
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