

Divine Retreat Centre, Rwanda presents:



October 2021

Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. Raphael, 1st October 2021:

We need to surrender our lives to the Lord including our worries and sorrows. When we worship the Lord, the Lord intervenes in our lives and we receive blessings.

" You shall worship the Lord your God, and I will bless your bread and your water; and I will take sickness away from among you. No one shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days."

Exodus 23:25-26

Also, we should give Jesus all honor and priority in our lives. We need to ask pardon from the Lord for not giving Jesus the first place he deserves in our lives.

Nebuchadnezzar said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king's command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

Daniel 3:28-29

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. Arun Manjila, 2nd October 2021:

We need to understand the meaning of the Passover and it's significance.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalms 118:1

The Lord should be Praised and Worshipped always.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name"

Psalms 103:1

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. (Dr.) John Parankimalil, 3rd October 2021:

The Secret of Contentment

"Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4: 11-13

1) Put the matter in God's hands and yield to his holy will.

- 2) Learn the art of doing your best, with what you have and where you are.
- 3) Like what you get.
 " that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have." Philippians 4:11
- 4) Live your life with a purpose.

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38

- 5) Try to do something out of the ordinary. "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12
- 6) Live your life to give. "In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35
- 7) Smile even if you don't feel like it.
- 8) Be Thankful. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- 9) Sing Praises to the Lord.
- 10) Trust the Lord completely. *"Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have."* Philippians 4:11

2 Corinthians :11:24-29

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Mrs. Ann Mareka, 4th October 2021:

" I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." Exodus 23:20

God has assigned each person with a Guardian Angel to watch over him/her. Give your Guardian Angel a chance to lead you to the place, your destiny, God has prepared you for.

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." Psalms 91:11

The Feast of The Guardian Archangels St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael is celebrated on the 27th of September.

Prayer To The Guardian Angel

Angel of God, My guardian dear To Whom His love commits me here.

Ever this day, Be at my side To light and guard, To rule and guide.

Amen

Do not give up on yourself because the Lord doesn't not give up on any of his children.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Isaiah:41:10

Jeremiah:29:11

Psalm:34:7

Isaiah:43:18-19

Revelation:5:11-12

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. Joseph, 5th October 2021:

Feast of St. Faustina Kowalska 5th October.

God has mercy and compassion for everyone. Allow the Lord to come into our lives. " Jesus Son of David have mercy on me"

"All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees." Psalms 25:10

Develop an intimate relationship with God. Lord allows problems in our lives so that we turn back to him. Never doubt the love and mercy of the Lord.

"Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so." Jonah 1:10

"The Lord asks "What do you want me to do for you?'Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way."

Mark 10:52

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https://youtu.be/TJvS1XeEOp4

Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Captain Simon Singh, 6th October 2021:

The secret of receiving is in giving. To receive we must empty ourselves.

Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman

4 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.[a])

10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

17 "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you-I am he

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,"

Galatians 5:22

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching : No English Preaching Session, 7th October 2021:

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Phyllis Ruz, 8th October 2021:

The law of the Lord is perfect. Have intimacy with God. Have hope and pray with full faith.

"More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

Psalms 19:10-11

DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA: 114-115

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+Oh, how pleasing are the hymns flowing from a suffering soul! All heaven delights in such a soul, especially when it is tested by God. It mournfully sings out its longing for Him. Great is its beauty, because it comes from God. The soul walks through the jungle of life, wounded by God's love. With one foot only it touches the ground.

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+ When a soul has come out of these tribulations, it is deeply humble. Its purity of soul is great. It knows better without need of reflecting, as it were, what it ought to do at a given moment and what to forbear. It feels the lightest touch of grace and is very faithful to God. It recognizes God from afar and continuously rejoices in Him. It discovers God very quickly in other souls and in its environment in general. The soul has been purified by God himself. God, as Pure Spirit, introduces the soul to a life which is purely spiritual. God himself has first prepared and purified the soul; that is, He has made it capable of close communion with himself. The soul, in a state of loving repose, communes spiritually with the Lord. It speaks to God without the need of expressing itself through the senses. God fills it with His light.

The enlightened mind sees clearly and distinguishes the various degrees of the spiritual life. It recognizes [that state] when its union with God was imperfect: where the senses were involved, and the spirit was linked with the senses in a manner-exalted and special, to be sure but not yet perfect. There is a higher and more perfect union with God; namely, intellectual union. Here, the soul is safer from illusions; its spirituality is purer and more profound. In a life where the senses are involved, there is more danger of illusion. Both for the soul and for its confessor, prudence must play a greater part. There are moments when God introduces the soul to a purely spiritual state. The senses dim and are seemingly dead. The soul is most closely united to God; it is immersed in the Deity; its knowledge is complete and perfect, not sporadic as before, but total and absolute. It rejoices in this. But I want to say more about those moments of trial; at those times the confessor must have patience with such a soul. But the soul must have even greater patience with itself.

The Lord gives us a chance to correct ourselves. We should have the fear of the Lord.

"You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God."

1 Peter 1:23

Important Holy Scriptures:

Psalms 9:6

2 Peter 3:9

Isaiah:30:18

2 Peter:3:8

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Phyllis Ruzvidzo, 8th October 2021:

Important Holy Scriptures:

Diary of St. Faustina : 114-115

Psalm 119:89

2Peter 3:8-9

Isaiah:30:18

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Mrs. Ann Mareka, 9th October 2021:

Trust in the Lord

Believe in the Lord.

Invoke the intercession of Our Mother Mary and Our Guardian Angels.

Do not give up on your spouse. Forgive your spouse.

Invite Jesus into your marriage.

Give your crosses to the Lord.

Children are a reward from God. Understand them. Nurture and love them like God loves them.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Isaiah 45:2-3 Isaiah:40:28-31 Luke 1:37 Isaiah 43:18-19 Lamentations 3:17-18 Psalm 127:1-5 Zephaniah 3:17 Watch the entire Preaching on the YouTube Channel :Vincentian Priest, 9th October 2021: https://youtu.be/6XBKUw7p_7E

Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Fr. Shinto VC, 10th October 2021:

Reflect on the virtues of Our Mother Mary.

Make use of the chance to sacrifice like Mother Mary.

Be ready to sacrifice as per the will of God.

Be a blessing to your family.

Make the right choices, discretion like Mother Mary.

Examine your conscience.

Read the Word of God.

Repent, Restore your life by turning back to the Lord.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 30:15-17

Revelation 1:3-7

1Thessalonians 4:7

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Mrs. Ann Mareka, 11th October 2021:

Do not be discouraged.

Rebuke sickness.

Believe in the Lord.

Pray, Repent your sins.

Holy Spirit show us how we do wrong.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Sirach 38:8-15

Mark 5:36

Psalm 103:2-3

Acts 17:28

Ecclesiastes 1:2

Proverbs 6:6

Ecclesiastes 1:1-7

1Corinthians 1: 26-30

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Phyllis Ruzvidzo, 12th October 2021:

Have a relationship with Christ.

Say :

There is nothing that will overcome me.

I am going to get what the Lord wants to give me.

Fear you have no hold on me.

Look up to the Lord, talk to the Lord.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Psalm:23:1-4 Psalm 22:12-13 Isaiah:2-3 Song of Solomon 8:6-7 Jeremiah 20:9 Psalm 16:11 Genesis 2:7 John 10:9-11 1 Corinthians 5:54-58 Revelation 7:15-17

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Captain Simon Singh, 13th October 2021:

Hate and forsake sin. Confess your sins.

Give Thanksgiving.

Sickness destroys the peace of the family.

Live within your means.

Trust in the Lord. Chant the name of the Lord Jesus.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Genesis 3:8

Isaiah:48:22

Mathew 6:33

John 10:18

Ruth 1:8-9

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. Charles, 14th October 2021:

Praise God constantly

Holy Holy Holy O Lord.

God is merciful.

Proclaim God's mercy together with the angels, wash us clean.

We are called by God's love.

Mercy revives everything.

Important Holy Scriptures:

1 Philippians 1:7

Ephesians 1:7

1John 1:7

Ephesians 2:4-5

James 3:17-18

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. Raphael VC,15th October 2021:

Pour out your heart and sorrows to the Lord.

Forgive others unconditionally.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Romans 12:20-21

Luke 23:34

Ephesians 4:26

Mathew 5:43

Mathew 5:10-12

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. Augustine Vellaplakkal VC, 16th October 2021:

The Church gives importance to the Family.

Family Prayer is needed.

Say the Holy Rosary as a Family.

God has given to us a family as a gift, a blessing. It is the will and plan of God.

Our Families need anointing of the Holy Spirit. Pray together with Mother Mary.

Recite Hail Mary, Holy Rosary.

Important Holy Scriptures:

Genesis 2:18-20 Jeremiah 29:11-14 Genesis 11:4 Acts2:4 Luke 1:28 Galatians 5:22-23 Ephesians 6:7-8 Luke 17:10 Mathew 25:40 Isaiah 65:23-24

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Rev. Fr. John Parankimalil SDB, 17th October 2021:

We are loved by God.

LOVE: Loved by God, Owned by him, Valued by God, Equipped by God, Destined for heaven by God.

God's love is free and for all.

God's love is everlasting.

God's love is unconditional.

God's love is unfailing.

God's love is poured out in our lives through the Holy Spirit.

We should comprehend God's love and respond to it.

Important Holy Scriptures:

John 15:9-17

John 3:16

Jeremiah 31:3

Romans 5:8

Romans 8:38-39

1Corinthians 13:8

1John3:1

1John 4:9-10

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Sword of the Spirit Preaching by Mrs. Ann Mareka, 18th October 2021:

Jesus is my all in all.

Believe and have faith in God.

Embrace the Lord .

St. Luke, the Evangelist.The Holy Spirit distributes it's gifts as it wills.Renew your faith and passion to serve the Lord.Ask for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to be an Evangelist.By your actions and deeds you will experience the love of God.When you accept Jesus, the Lord will empower you.

Important Scriptures:

Jeremiah 1:4-5 Acts 17:28

Luke 17:10

Isaiah 52:7

Ephesians 6:5-8

John 15:16-17

Acts2:3-4

Luke10:8-9

1 Peter 4:10-11

Acts 2:17

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

Jeremiah 20:9

2 Corinthians: 5:20

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