

## ***Revival 6: Reconciling Grace Embracing Peace***

*Leader:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

*Leader:* Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

All: **And kindle in them the fire of your love.**

*Leader:* Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created

All. **And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

All: **O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

Insights from the Catechism

Fr. Frank's explanation of a couple of the words below are in brackets

1127 Celebrated worthily in faith, the sacraments confer the grace that they signify. They are *efficacious* [salvific] because in them Christ himself is at work: it is he who baptizes, he who acts in his sacraments in order to communicate the grace that each sacrament signifies. The Father always hears the prayers of his Son's Church which, in the epiclesis of each sacrament, expresses her faith in the power of the Spirit. [*Epiclesis means the blessing when the priest outstretches his hands*] As fire transforms into itself everything it touches, so the Holy Spirit transforms into the divine life whatever is subjected to his power.

1374 ...In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially* contained." "This presence is called 'real' – by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."

1168 "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship." Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation. Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.

## *The Confiteor*

*I confess to almighty God,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done,  
and in what I have failed to do;  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.*