Fire in Our Hearts

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!

How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God.

Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!

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Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
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Jane was born to an important family in Burgundy in 1562. Her mother died when she was a baby, so she was raised by her father.

But her husband was accidentally killed while hunting.

Jane was a cheerful person who made the people around her happy, even during her hard times. Jane was always happy to give food to the poor. If they came back she would give them more. After all, she said, God keeps giving to us every time we come back!

Jane married the Baron de Chantal. They were very happy and had four children.

God sent her a holy spiritual director, Saint Francis de Sales.

Jane and the children had to live with relatives.

You will not give orders in my house!

Here’s your lunch!

Jane and the sisters, the Visitation nuns, helped the poor and sick. Many people came to Jane for advice. She died when she was 69.

Follow the Leader Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and unscramble the letters from the boxes to fill in the spaces at the end!

Brothers and sisters:
Since we are surrounded by so _______ ____ a cloud of witnesses,
let us rid _______ ____ ____ of every burden and
sin that clings to us
and persevere in _______ ____ ____ the race that lies
before us
while _______ ____ _____ our eyes fixed on Jesus,
the leader and _______ _______ of faith.
For the sake of the joy that lay before _______.
he endured the cross, _______ _______ ____ its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the _______ _______ _______ of God.
Consider how he _______ _______ ____ such opposition
from sinners,
in order that you may not grow _______ ____ ____ and lose
heart.

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