

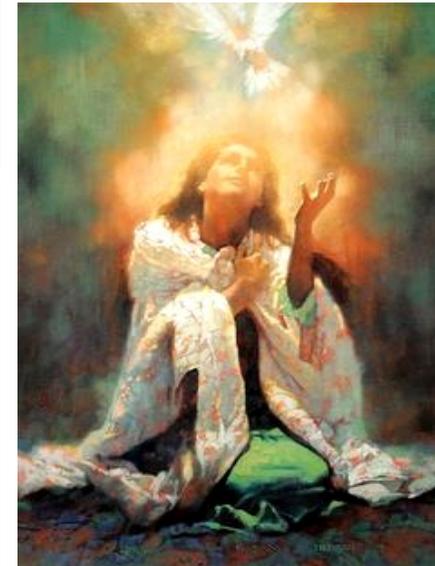
# OVERPOWERING SPIRIT

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**Start your meeting with the Sign of the Cross and prayer.**

**Someone read: Ephesians 3: 14-21**

*For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would give you, according to the riches of His glory, power to be strengthened by His Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine, according to the power that works in us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*



## Listen to the CD or read the Script.

The Music this month is 'Sacred Silence' by Jenny Pixler from the Album 'Live it'

### Share from these reflection starters:

- ◆ Mary responded in love, letting the Holy Spirit influence her daily life. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit guiding you?
- ◆ We read that "frightened apostles and disciples were transformed into dynamic, heroic and passionate witnesses". What could be holding you back from abandoning yourself to the Spirit like that?
- ◆ How does the image of the persons of the Trinity "circling, embracing and yielding to each other in joy and intimacy" speak to you? What is our role as Marists in drawing others into this dance of love?
- ◆ What help do I need from God, or what changes might help me be more 'in step' with the Holy Spirit?

## July Marist Dates

**Sun 3th:** St Thomas, Apostle

**Sun 23rd:** 1816 Fourvière Pledge signed

**Thu 26th:** Sts Joachim & Anne



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions July: For Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

**Pray for your needs and intentions and conclude with this prayer together.**

**Lord, it can be hard to pray for the Holy Spirit. Sometimes I doubt it can be for me. But I do want to be more open to your Spirit. Help me respond to your overshadowing influence every day.**

**Help me dare to dream that you love me more than I can ever imagine. Help me be filled with the love of Jesus and grow in the breadth, length, depth and height of Christ's love which surpasses all knowledge.**

**Lord I long to know the fullness of God, help me overcome any resistance.**

**Mary, pray that I respond more fully to God and learn to live under the Holy Spirit's influence each day as a Marist for God's glory.**

**Amen**