



Saint William
CATHOLIC CHURCH

AWAKEN YOUR GIFTS! SPRING 2023 SESSION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 7 PM IN PARISH EVANGELIZATION CENTER RM 101

“Every Christian is called to participate actively and co-responsibly in the Church's mission of salvation in the world.”

-Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium, 1995

Serving in the way of the Lord is sometimes challenging. Saint William Parish makes understanding your role as lay apostle easier and helps you to identify personal gifts in order to serve well and be spiritually active in your family, church, and the world.

Designed to facilitate thought and discussion through communal faith sharing, participants will evaluate their personal charisms (gifts) and align it with a ministry of the Church.

In the context of a group session we will discuss:

- Why God gifted you, with charisms.
- How Christ calls you as a lay apostle to participate in His ministry.
- Who differentiates charisms and what the Holy Spirit does in communities around you.

Registration

To confirm your attendance and materials, please email Tommy Sustaita or call with the following information:

- Your first and last name.
- A good email (Gmail preferred for classwork)
- How many years you have been a parishioner.

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Workshop #	Title	Time
101	Awaken Your Gifts: Inquiry An introduction to workshop goals will be established as participants define terms such as charism, gift, talent, and traits. This inquiry focuses on clarifying learning modules and offers participants to set expectations for the duration of a 12 week session. Please bring a smart phone, tablet, or laptop as Google Classroom will be part of our session.	
	Thursday, January 12	7:00 pm—8:00 pm/ RM 101
102	Emerging Laity The Second Vatican Council has a profound impact on the reality of lay spirituality. Since the laity are intimately involved in the affairs of the world, this context must be taken into account if any attempts are to be made to form a lay apostle. Charisms and spiritual gifts will be discerned. We will recognize the potential of the Second Vatican Council in today's society and learn how to be co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord with identified charisms.	
	Thursday, January 19	7:00 pm—8:30 pm/ RM 101
103	The Mission of the Laity Now that we discussed our role as Lay Apostles, now what? Participants will connect the two great missions of Lay Apostles (Communicating & Applying the faith into society) to determine personal responses which aids the Church mission (Matthew 28:18-20).	
	Thursday, January 26	TBA
104	Called by Christ This session will align participants to Lay Apostleship with the original summons that Christ called to the disciples during antiquity. Our response is through humility and obedience to serve as Christ served many. In doing so, our work helps others meet Christ.	
	Thursday, February 2	7:00 pm—8:00 pm/ RM 101
105	Serving the Church and its Ministry It is important to know the ministry of the Church and where it began. We are all called in various ways to share in the Church's mission of announcing the reign of God and transforming the world in the light of Christ. As a result, this active participation is specific to those entrusted to the ministry of the Church and those who support it: Lay Apostle and Priest.	
	Thursday, February 9	7:00 pm—8:30 pm/ RM 101
106	Spiritual Gifts We will examine what spiritual gifts are and determine their importance in our lives and society. Our dialog concentrates on the openness of receiving spiritual gifts and the desire to respond using Saint Pope John Paul II, <i>CHRISTI-FIDELES LAICI, 1988</i>	
	Thursday, February 16	7:00 pm—8:30 pm/ RM 101
107	The Theology of Gifts As Christians, we are the Body of Christ in today's world. It is thus both our call and our fulfillment to permit God to act in us and through us. This is a partnership with God and others. Consider evaluating your gift, which God grants everyone, as an opportunity to partner with others in our community while in communion with God's plan of building the Kingdom.	
	Thursday, February 23	7:00 pm—8:30 pm/ RM 101

108 Prayer Session

We will explore the relationship with the living God, which we call prayer. It is placed within the context of one's spirituality and the action we offer to a life lived in response to God's call. In communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we will affix our learnings by writing out prayer and practicing *Lectio Divina*

Thursday, March 2

Chapel

109 Spiritual Charisms

This session will acquaint participants with the central meaning of charism, who receives these charisms, and how they differ from natural talents, traits, and learned behaviors.

Thursday, March 9

7:00 pm—8:30 pm/ RM 101

110 Taking The Catholic Gifts Inventory

Finally! Determining your spiritual gifts will be the primary focus of this session. We will utilize the Gifts Inventory designed for today's Catholic. Tommy Sustaita will facilitate session by administering the gift inventory. Participants of the inventory must have completed 90% of the prior sessions in order to be eligible for the gift inventory.

Thursday, March 23

7:00 pm—8:30 pm/ RM 101

111 Evaluating Results of The Catholic Gifts Inventory

Evaluating our spiritual gifts will be our goal for this session. The purpose is to identify the uniqueness which God created in us. We will utilize the Spiritual Gifts Inventory through an online session and participants must have completed a gift inventory prior to this session.

Vblog March 27

on line (Google Required)

112 Get Out Of The Way!

Now that we know fully our role of lay apostleship, the office of the Church, and our charism the Church makes way for you! Perhaps the subtlest obstacle to recognizing and using spiritual gifts is our own tendency *and* members of the Church to get in the way. Attention to how your charism is being used through specific work will be a primary conversation. But not without the Holy Spirit! Experimentation with your charism (s) is our final talk. We will do so by reuniting with others who have completed the course and will share their experiences to aid your spiritual endeavors.

Thursday, March 30

7:00 pm / RM 101