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Dear Parishioners:

How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit? After all, it is the mysterious voice of God within us. As to what the voice of the Holy Spirit sounds like, I don't know. However, on the level of faith in God, the Holy Spirit resonates within us when we are centered in Jesus. That's where we get a "feel" for the voice of the Holy Spirit. It defies words but it is all-consuming, requiring our full attention. A divided heart does not do well with the Holy Spirit.

Oneness with God is "where it's at" in "hearing" God's voice. But it is a "hearing" with faith-filled silence where we are diligent in living whole-heartedly in the present moment, not marred by the past or future. Having a voracious appetite for living fully in the NOW is mysteriously connected with God's revelation in the Holy Spirit. To get a "feel" for living more fully present to the NOW is to get a "feel" for God's love-filled wisdom that enlivens us by setting us free from being stuck in the past or future.

We need to rely on the Holy Spirit in our every moment because it is God incarnate in our humanity. Giving this mysterious "voice" our full attention requires a purity of heart that cannot be compromised. But the "feel" of wisdom in the Holy Spirit that unfolds for us is worth the letting go of the past and the future.

In the NOW of the Holy Spirit,

Fr. Terry