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The rule of the brothers and sisters is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We should be troubled about nothing except this all encompassing rule.

All that matters is that one be created anew.

Galatians 6: 14-15

In This Issue

This is our first CHARITY Magazine of 2026 and we are happy to be sharing it during Holy Week. We pray you have had a very blessed and fruitful Lent and are ready to journey through the Triduum walking alongside Jesus on His path to Calvary and to embrace the transformative power of His love and sacrifice!

In this issue we will share our Founder and Spiritual Father, Abba John Michael Talbot's Holy Week Reflection, his new book "The Gifts of the Spirit" and our upcoming retreats at Little Portion Hermitage and Monastery for 2026!



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Founder's Holy Week Reflection



Peace and Good in Christ!

This Holy Week and Easter, I extend my heartfelt blessings and prayers to all our dear friends, partners, and community members. This sacred season invites us to pause, reflect, and return to what matters most.

We are living in a time that feels deeply unsettled. Our world and our nation seem increasingly divided, marked by polarization, confusion, and at times, a loss of charity. While some of this reflects the natural course of history, there is also something uniquely intense about the present moment.

Even within the Church, we are not immune to struggle. Yet history reminds us that such trials are not new. The Church has endured countless challenges across the centuries and remains sustained by Jesus Christ and the promise entrusted to Peter.

It is precisely in moments like these that we are called to lift our gaze beyond the instability around us and fix it on the Kingdom of God—unchanging, faithful, and secure. When discouragement sets in, I return to a simple but powerful truth: All things are possible with God.

Holy Week and Easter stand at the very center of our faith.

They lead us into the mystery of Christ's Passion, where tension, suffering, and apparent defeat reach their peak.

And yet, it is from this very place that victory bursts forth in the Resurrection.

What seemed like loss becomes triumph. What appeared to be darkness becomes light. In Jesus, we are shown that true peace and lasting victory are not found in the shifting realities of this world, but in the eternal love of God. This is the peace the world cannot give.

I pray that each of us encounters this peace in a deep and personal way during these holy days.

Founder's Holy Week Reflection

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JMT at the Jordan River

I have visited the Holy Land many times. Walking where Jesus walked, seeing the landscapes of Galilee, and standing in the places of His Passion in Jerusalem made the Gospel come alive in a powerful and tangible way.

The Incarnation is not an abstract idea—it is a reality rooted in time and place. Jesus lived among us. He taught, healed, suffered, died, and rose again in a world not unlike our own. The land itself bears witness to this truth.

In Galilee, there is a simplicity and quiet beauty that makes it easy to imagine Jesus among ordinary people—teaching by the water, calling fishermen, and revealing the Kingdom of God in everyday life. It is peaceful, almost like a breath of fresh air.

In contrast, Jerusalem carries the weight of intensity—the center of religious authority and political tension. There, one can almost feel the urgency of Holy Week: the crowds, the misunderstandings, the suffering. One can picture Jesus praying in Gethsemane, instituting the Eucharist in the Upper Room, standing before Herod and Pilate, walking the Way of the Cross, and offering His life on Calvary before rising from the tomb.

All of this is real. And through the liturgy of Holy Week and the celebration of the Eucharist, it becomes present to us—not merely as memory, but as encounter.

Each Eucharist draws us into the living presence of Christ. What took place over two thousand years ago is not distant—it is made present here and now. Holy Week, in a special way, allows us to enter more deeply into that mystery.

The world is in great need of Jesus Christ. Perhaps now more than ever.

My prayer for you this Holy Week and Easter is that you experience a renewed, personal encounter with Him. And from that encounter, may you carry His light, His peace, and His love into a world that longs for what only He can give.

In Jesus,
Abba John Michael Talbot
Founder / General Minister / Spiritual Father
The Brothers and Sisters of Charity
at Little Portion Hermitage



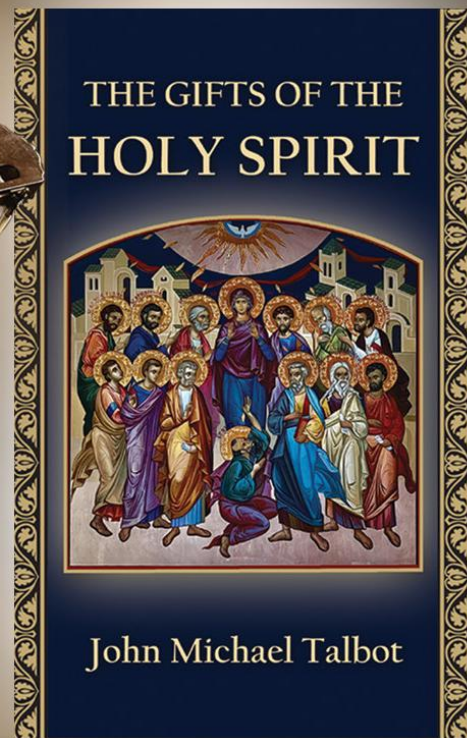
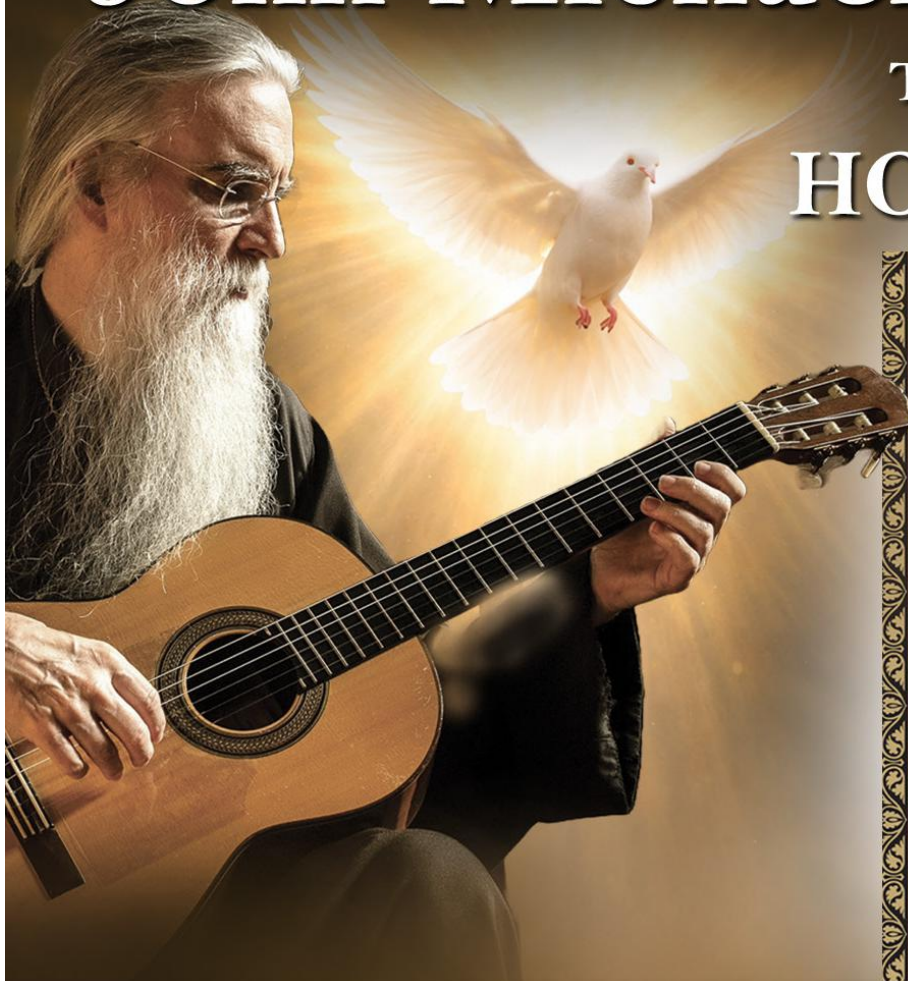
JMT teaching in the Holy Land

*The Lord is truly risen,
Alleluia!*

New Spiritual Resource from

John Michael Talbot

The Gifts of the
HOLY SPIRIT



The Church needs the power of the Holy Spirit in every place and every age. We should persevere in praying for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit in the West again.

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The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING:

John Michael has masterfully given a personal and theological work on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He encourages the reader to understand more deeply what the gifts are and to seek them with an open heart with boldness and acceptance. Through scripture and with the words and lives of saints, we see the gifts more profoundly defined and actively lived throughout the history of Christianity. John Michael's lived experience of the gifts of the Holy Spirit over the past fifty years adds dimension to the explanation of the gifts and caution to discerning their use and authenticity.

— **Jane Guenther, M.Div.**

Director of Archdiocese of St. Louis Catholic Renewal Center

"This is the best explainer I've read for Catholics outside the Charismatic Renewal, as I am. John Michael grounds his teaching in Catholic Tradition, especially the writings of the Fathers, and he anticipates readers' possible qualms and scruples. Those who have been in the Renewal for years or decades will gain a richer understanding of how their spirituality fits in the great mosaic that is the Church. All readers will find the discussion fascinating."

— **Mike Aquilina**, author, *The Fathers of the Church*

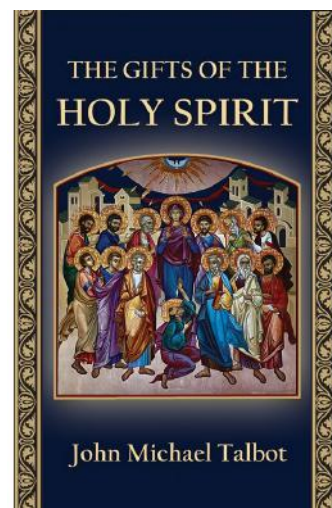
John Michael Talbot writes from both his own long experience as a renewal leader and from the ancient wisdom of the desert fathers and monastics. Yet he brings a fresh perspective, showing how the gifts of the Spirit are as alive and life-giving today as they were in the early Church. A sound guide for welcoming the spiritual gifts and using them well.

— **Dr. Mary Healy**, professor of Scripture, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

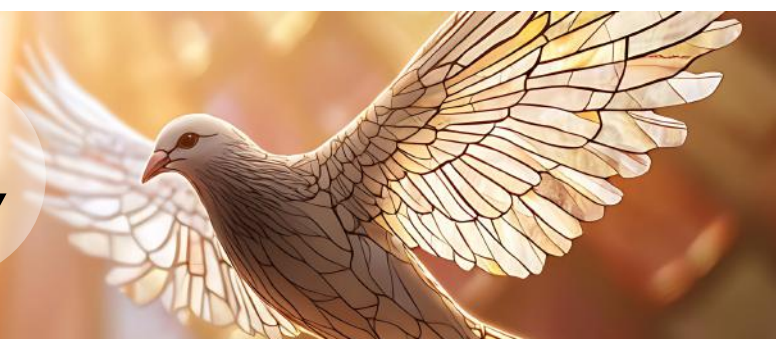
The Gifts of the Holy Spirit blends biblical reflection, patristic wisdom, and personal testimony into a warm, accessible invitation to grow in understanding and cultivating the gifts of the Spirit. Drawing from Scripture and the lived witness of the Church, it encourages readers to recognize, receive, and generously exercise these gifts in daily life and ministry.

— **Alicia Hartle**

Executive Director, National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the U.S. dba Pentecost Today USA



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