

In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus the Messiah, praise His Father, the Lord of Heaven and Earth, and rejoice in the Holy Spirit. Jesus further states that although the Father has hidden the mysteries of the Kingdom from the wise and the learned, He has revealed them to the childlike.

I have thought quite a bit about the word "childlike". When we say, "You are childlike" to young adults and older adults, it is not a very complimentary word. Along the way, many of us have been told to "grow up" or "act our age". Today, I realize I have spent most of my life trying to grow up! Going through the ChristLife series and the preparation for the presentation of that process to our parish, I realized how much I had to change the structure of my life and once again learn to be more childlike, to have the faith of a child. I have come to appreciate the importance of trusting the Holy Spirit as one would trust a parent. I have learned to step out of my comfort zone because I truly believe the Holy Spirit will lead me where He wants me to go and to say what He wants me to say. That is a huge step for me every day. It was an even harder lesson to learn that I cannot accomplish anything on my own without the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Throughout this Advent Season, I invite you to seek out that relationship with God's gift to us, The Holy Spirit — the difference maker!