



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 4, 2015

Growing in Love through the Spirit

In the Last Supper discourse, Jesus speaks of his love for his disciples and the love of his heavenly Father. He promises the disciples consolation through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in love and knowledge of God, and opens our ears to hear and understand the Word of God. The Holy Spirit is the active transforming agent at work in the Church and in the world. Are we listening attentively to God's Word and the voice of the Spirit? Today's Readings: Acts 14:5–18; Psalm 115:1–2, 3–4, 15–16 (1ab); John 14:21–26.

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

The Gift of Peace

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” As we see in today's Gospel, the parting gift of Jesus to his disciples is peace. It is not a peace that we can find in the world; it is a peace that conquers all fears and anxieties. All we need to do is turn ourselves over to God to partake of this peace. When have you felt God's peace? In what ways are you living in the peace of Christ and how do you share that peace with others? Today's Readings: Acts 14:19–28; Psalm 145:10–11, 12–13ab, 21 (12); John 14:27–31a.

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

A Choice to Be Faithful

Notice in today's Gospel that Jesus says, “Abide in me as I abide in you.” There is no question but that Jesus will remain in us; the only question is whether we will decide to remain within Jesus. It is always our choice. God is faithful to us. Our love needs to be just as constant. Only through such love will we bring forth good fruit. How do you nurture the Word of God within you? Today's Readings: Acts 15:1–6; Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4ab, 4cd–5 (1); John 15:1–8.

Thursday, May 7, 2015

Your Joy May Be Complete

It is interesting to read Jesus' reason for why the disciples should keep the commandments. “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.” Christ wants all good things for the disciples, and so he explains that they only need to follow the commandments. Christ has followed the commands of his Father. Do we think that we are better than that or do we humbly follow the commandments? Today's Readings: Acts 15:7–21; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 10 (3); John 15:9–11.

Friday, May 8, 2015

Loving as God Loves

“This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.” The command in today's Gospel is not simple. We are to love each other with the love of the Christ who laid down his life for us. We are called to image God in the world. That means loving as God does, not as we see our fellow human beings model love. How does God's love differ from that which humankind usually shows? How challenging is today's Gospel for you? Today's Readings: Acts 15:22–31; Psalm 57:8–9, 10 and 12 (10a); John 15:12–17.

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Privilege and Responsibility

In today's Gospel, we see the difference knowledge of God makes. Christ tells his disciples that those who will persecute them will do so because “they do not know him who sent me.” As Christians, we are privileged that Christ has welcomed us and allowed us to know God. But with that privilege comes responsibility. We need to keep the commandments and spread the Word, allowing others to know Christ. Do you find it hard to keep God's laws when the world is beckoning with its set of rules? Today's Readings: Acts 16:1–10; Psalm 100:1b–2, 3, 5 (2a); John 15:18–21.

