



## **Fourteenth Sunday in the Ordinary Time**

In one of the most beautiful passages in Holy Scripture, we hear Jesus today communing with God the Father. He praises the Father for everything given Him. He reveals that He and the Father are one. Everything we know of God the Father has been revealed by the Son. He then exposes something of God's nature. Namely His willingness to accompany His people along life's journey. This journey sometimes difficult with heavy burdens. In God's divine plan, He wishes to not only walk with us but to shoulder the burdens too heavy for us to bear.

As the Son reveals the Father to us, we find a gentle, merciful, loving Father who cares for His children and desires they feel His presence throughout their lives. To realize we are not alone can help get us through the worst possible moments we face. Most people in difficult situations would find a sense of isolation to be most troubling. The revelation of Jesus can refresh and restore the most tired of souls.

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds the community that we belong to Christ and His Spirit dwells within us. When we finally accept who we belong to, a new person can emerge from even the hardest of hearts. This Good News taught in the early years of the Church rings true even now for us.

Therefore, as the Prophet Zechariah urged; "Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your King shall come to you;" So be glad people of Sayreville, the Lord comes to be with you!

Peace,

**Fr. Robert**