

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus in this passage from the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel prepares the Apostles for His return to the Father. He wants them to be assured that they will not be left like orphans. The divine plan is that the Holy Spirit will come to remain with them always. He refers to Him as the "Spirit of Truth" which he says the world cannot accept. The world neither sees nor recognizes this Spirit of Truth.

The promise of Jesus is that He will be with them, and a day will come when He returns for them to see Him again. Loving the Lord allows us to remain in Him and He in us. Since this encounter between Jesus and the disciples, The Holy Spirit has been and is present in our world and among us. Recognizing Him requires loving the Lord with everything we have and are. Putting aside our old sinful ways and becoming a new creation makes it possible to recognize the Spirit of God in and around us. How then can we ever feel truly lonely knowing that the Spirit of God dwells within us ever faithful to the promise to remain?

Prayer and devotion to our Lord and His Church keeps us connected to Him. Our beautiful church is open daily from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. People will park their car and come in to visit the Lord in His house and pour out from their heart everything that is on their mind. Their fears, doubts, troubles, and even grief. Uncertainty about the future is something we all share now. The Lord Jesus waits for you, hidden in the tabernacle under the appearance of that little host. It is the Lord Himself, crucified and Risen who lives there and wants to be united to you especially now.

Many have expressed concerns about the inability to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. He knows the desire of your heart. Come into His presence and spend some time listening. Make a Spiritual Communion opening yourself to His grace. Say the Rosary if possible, every day with your family or on your own. Ask Mary to watch over those you love and pray especially for those in most need of the Lord's mercy.

Peace,

Fr. Robert