



May 20, 2018 - Pentecost Sunday - Mass during the Day Lectionary: 63

Gospel JN 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

JN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Spiritual Reflection:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and are the measuring sticks by which we can measure our spiritual growth?

Spiritual Questions:

1. How are you growing in Wisdom and Understanding?
2. How are you growing in Counsel, and Fortitude?
3. How are you growing in Piety and Knowledge?
4. How are you growing in Fear of the Lord and Awe?
5. How are you advancing in faith over all?