

The Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Readings: 1) Acts 14:21-27 2) Revelation 21:1-5a 3) John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: To love the Lord means living in accordance with his commands.

Obedience to Jesus' teachings is the measure of our love for the Lord. The reward for our faithfulness is the love of God dwelling within us. When we are not sure what obeying Jesus' commands means in the context of our lives today, the Holy Spirit is there to guide and instruct us on the right path.

In today's first reading, the crowds see the Apostles' proclamation of the Good News as affirmation of their pagan belief rather than a call to faith in the living God. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that those who love him obey his commandments, promising his and the Father's abiding presence to those who do. He also promises the gift of the Holy Spirit.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With confidence and trust,
let us bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

For the Church,
may the Holy Spirit continue to guide and instruct us
in giving witness to the Gospel today.
We Pray to the Lord.

For educators, counselors and other leaders,
may the Lord strengthen them in their vocation of teaching and guiding others.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick in mind, body and spirit.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all members of this faith community,
may the Spirit guide us as we represent Christ in our actions and our words.
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.