



## **6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER** **YEAR C – May 26, 2019**

All week long in the gospels for the weekday Masses, Jesus has been reminding us again why he came into our world. He came to bring us the kind of peace that the world cannot give. You can't go to a store and buy it. You can't steal it. You can't borrow it from someone who has it. You can only get it from Jesus.

Someone once said, "If you have it, no explanation is necessary. If you don't have it, no explanation will suffice."

It's something that everybody wants, and it is available to everyone - young and old, rich and poor - but the question must be asked, "How do you get it from Jesus?" He tells us in the Gospel today.

He says in effect, "If you want the kind of peace the world cannot give you must keep my commandment." Notice he does not say, "You must keep the 10 Commandments." He clearly says, "You must keep my Commandment"

His commandment is quite simple. Jesus says, "Love one another as I have loved you". That command doesn't do away with the ten commandments but it goes far beyond what the 10 commandments require. It includes loving the least of our brothers and sisters. It includes loving people we don't like.

To love one another as Jesus loves includes:

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| + <i>Feeding the hungry</i>          | + <i>Admonishing the sinner</i>                  |
| + <i>Giving drink to the thirsty</i> | + <i>Instructing the ignorant</i>                |
| + <i>Clothing the naked</i>          | + <i>Counseling the doubtful</i>                 |
| + <i>Sheltering the homeless</i>     | + <i>Comforting the sorrowful</i>                |
| + <i>Visiting the sick</i>           | + <i>Bearing wrongs patiently</i>                |
| + <i>Visiting the imprisoned</i>     | + <i>Forgiving injuries</i>                      |
| + <i>And Burying the dead</i>        | + <i>And Praying for the living and the dead</i> |

It's interesting to note that it is possible to keep all ten commandments and still not love as Jesus did. Remember St. Paul's warning about becoming sounding brass and tinkling symbols. That wasn't just for the Corinthians. That was for Catholic Pharisees in our time too. It must also be noted that you cannot love as Jesus did and at the same time ignore or break the ten commandments...

For a few moments in silence, reflect on today's readings and ask yourself, what is Jesus asking of you?



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