

6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Easter. 5/12/2021

## **The Holy Spirit will guide you to all truth**

We are getting closer to the feast of the Ascension. The disciples have been seeing and sharing with Jesus in his resurrected body, rejoicing in his presence, and that is about to change. In the Gospel we hear Jesus speaking to them about this time when they will no longer see him, at least not in the same form. In his words we sense his interest, his care for the disciples. “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now”. But he won’t abandon them, because the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth is coming and he “will guide you to all truth”.

What is this truth that the disciples were not yet ready to receive?

Over time, the Holy Spirit has guided the Church to deepen our understanding of the things of God. We can think about the great theologians, like St Augustine or St Thomas Aquinas, who let their intellect be guided by the Holy Spirit to clarify and organize the contents of our faith. The Holy Spirit also comes to give light to little souls. St Therese of Lisieux, the children shepherds of Fatima, St Faustina. He gives them a wisdom that others cannot explain. And they appear just at the right time. The light that they receive and the message they communicate are a response to the challenges of the times. They don't give us a new doctrine but a continuation of the single revelation of Christ, a way to live his teaching in a particular time and place. As time goes by, new challenges

will come, but we have confidence that the Holy Spirit will give us the truth that we need in that moment.

The Holy Spirit not only guides us to the truth in the larger scale of history, but also in the daily challenges of our lives.

He can help us see the deeper truth in situations we don't understand, how they are an opportunity for us to grow in love and in faith. How we can remain faithful to Christ, witnessing of the love of God to the people closest to us.

In this Mass, let us open of hearts and our minds to the light of the Holy Spirit that guides us gently, lovingly to the truth that we need to live in the presence of God today.