

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DOMINGO V DE PASCUA

"I am the way, the truth and the life."

"Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida."

Praying the Word

AA 6,1-7 Ps 33 1Pt 2,4-9 Jn 14,1-12

We shall be reading in these two Sundays before Ascension from the "Farewell Discourses" (Jn 14-16). They are like the testament of Jesus to his disciples, filled with intensity, in which he tells them how he will continue to be present among them and about the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I will go and prepare a place for you. Then I will come back and take you with me so that where I am you also may be. Love cannot tolerate separation; the Lord who loves us wants us to be with him. But what is 'the dwelling place' he wants to prepare us? In our Christian religious imagination we think of a heavenly mansion. 'Home', 'dwelling place' coincide with phrases we read in these discourses and in the post-Easter narratives: "*Stay with us, Lord;*" "*Remain in me as I remain in you;*" "*Remain in my love.*" The true home of the believer is God himself. Jesus would later say: "*This is eternal life, to know you Father and your Son Jesus Christ;*" knowledge is communion. The dwelling place that the Lord prepared for us is to abide in the circle of life and love of the Blessed Trinity. For this reason, too, the mission of the Church is to bring home God's children: *We announce this to you that you may partake in our Communion, and our Communion is with the Father and the Son in the Spirit (cf. 1Jn 1,1).*

Leeremos en estos dos Domingos antes de la Ascensión de "los Discursos de Despedida". Son el testamento de Jesús a los suyos, lleno de intensidad, en el cual les asegura que estaría siempre con ellos y le enviará su don del Espíritu. *Iré y prepararé una morada por vosotros. Entonces volveré para llevaros conmigo para que donde yo esté, también estéis. El amor no tolera la separación; el Señor que nos quiere desea que estemos con él. Pero ¿qué es esa morada que nos prepara? En nuestro imaginario religioso cristiano pensamos de un lugar ultra-terreno, en el cielo. 'Casa', 'morada' evoca frases que leemos en este discurso y en las apariciones del Resucitado: "Quédate con nosotros, Señor;" "Permaneced en mí y yo en vosotros;" "Permaneced en mi amor."* La casa del creyente es Dios mismo. Más tarde diría: *La vida eterna es esta: conocer a ti Padre y a tu Enviado Jesucristo; conocer es entrar en comunión. La morada que Jesús nos prepara es introducimos en el círculo de vida y amor de la Santa Trinidad. Por eso mismo, la misión de la Iglesia se puede sintetizar en llevar a casa a los hijos de Dios, "Lo que conocemos lo anunciamos para que estéis en comunión con nosotros y nuestra comunión es con el Padre y el Hijo en el Espíritu"* (cf. 1Jn 1,1).

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK May 9 - 15, 2020

SUNDAY

People of the Parish Jordan Miramontes
Val Jarvis
†Rudy Eugenio †Robert Jarvis
†John Garbin
†Elizabeth Quidileg †Alex Quinones
†Charles Walters
†Mary Ann Clark
†Robert Billingsley
†Maria del Refugio Vega

MONDAY: SAINT JOHN I

Mary Uncangco Ricky & Jordan Miramontes
† Rudy Eugenio
† Luz G. Rivera

TUESDAY: SAINT NEREUS & ACHILLEUS SAINT PANCRAS

† Rudy Eugenio
† Nenita Prieto

WEDNESDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

† Rudy Eugenio

THURSDAY: SAINT MATTHIAS

† Rudy Eugenio

FRIDAY: SAINT ISIDORE

† Rudy Eugenio †Corazon G. Alon-Alon
† Jenny May Champaco

Please, pray for the sick, especially for:

Andy Pagan, Carmen Cantu, William Jett, Joe Tully, Donna Pope, Vitale & Virginia Leasialogi, Helen Eugenio, Conchita Reyes, Henriqueta Faria, Alejandro Garcia, Gianluca Benedetto, Russ & Greg Thomsen, Felisa Llorin, Mickey Rivera, Anthony York, Rosa M. Santos, Gina Anadon Alaniz, Anna Ibe, Danelia Romig, Bob Stephens, Nick Cruz, Rudy Rondez, Keith Gerhardt, Hwa Cha Delgado, Annie Sofranek, Aaron Weller, Denzel Tran, Rosie Rosales, Efren Techaira, Bill Ryan, Mary Mural, Lei Fernandez, Jun dela Cruz, Rosa Daynolo, Elizabeth Garbin, Tom Yancey, Fr. Paul Valdez, Virginia Alamarez, Nathan Rodriguez, Ron Reyes, Jackie Claunan, Mary Jo Swartz, Sora Chong, Toni Barcinas, Herminia Deutz, Catarino Sosa, Agustin Espinosa, Benny Perez, Roxana M.A. Lopez, Armando Aquino, Alvaro Barragan, German Villa, Estefania Cabrera Sosa, Val Jarvis, Joe DiMaggio, Ken Jillson, Cindy DeVela, Consuelo Burlungan, Elvira Borjorquez, Jesus Laderos, Ethel Milburn, Patricia Stone, Peter Dentice, Fernando & Mora Arreola.

STEWARDSHIP
* As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, *
* as good stewards of God's varied grace. Como han *
* recibido dones, que sean fieles administradores de la *
* gracia de Dios (1Pt 4,10). *
* April Electronic Giving - \$1,421.41 *
* We thank all our Parishioners and Friends *
* who, even if we are not gathering, faithfully *
* continue to send their weekly contribution. *

May I invite you to reflect on a lesson on
'discernment of spirits'
given by our Jesuit Pope, Francis, on his Sunday
Angelus on May 3, 2020:
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2020/documents/papa-francesco_regina-coeli_20200503.html

Also I suggest this well-made documentary
INSIDE THE VATICAN by PBS,
premiered on April 29, 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B95FqOwK6io>

Les invito a reflexionar con una lección sobre
"el discernimiento de los espíritus"
dado por nuestro Papa Jesuita, Francisco, en el
Angelus del 3 de Mayo, 2020

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/angelus/2020/documents/papa-francesco_regina-coeli_20200503.html

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

Please, continue to pray for our young people, especially those who are suppose to be receiving the Easter Sacraments in the coming days, but the dates of their reception is indefinitely postponed, that they continue to persevere in their faith formation and in their friendship with God. In these uncertain times it is good to exercise the virtues of patience and perseverance.

Por favor, continúen rezando por nuestros jóvenes, sobretodo por los que tendrían que recibir los sacramentos pascuales en los próximos días pero pospuestos pr las circunstancias, para que perseveren en su formación en la fe y en su amistad con Dios. Las fechas de la celebración del Sacramento serán comunicadas cuando nos es posible. Estos tiempos inciertos son una oportunidad para ejercernos en las virtudes de la paciencia y perseverancia.

From the first apology addressed to the Emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr (†ca.165), on The celebration of the eucharist

(Cap. 66-67: PB 6, 427-431)

No one may share the eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is my body.* In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.