

MONDAY EASTER 5

First Reading: Acts 14: 5-18;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115: 1-2, 3-4, 15-16;

Gospel Reading: Jn 14: 21-26.

THEME: The Paraclete Defends Us

Brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord, in his farewell message at the Last Supper, Jesus reminded his disciples that everything he taught them comes ultimately from the heavenly Father. He is the mediator, He revealed that he is the Truth and the Word of God. The Risen Christ affirmed that after his return to the heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, takes over the role of God in our midst.

-The term 'Paraclete' can mean a defense lawyer in a court of law who stands beside the defendant and offers supports. The Paraclete also gives comfort. Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit plays the crucial role of our Comforter in the physical absence of Jesus.

-The role of the Holy Spirit is to remind us of all that Jesus taught. The Holy Spirit is the inner voice of God who leads those who listen to the fullness of the Truth. He helps the world understand the full meaning of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit helps us understand fully the meaning of Jesus's life, his actions, and signs. For St. Luke, the author of the first reading, the actions of the Apostles were the results of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is my greatest friend for the Aha moments. All of us ought to have constant devotion to the Holy Spirit who is in our midst to defend us.

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