

## **SUNDAY EASTER 6, YEAR A**

First Reading: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17;

Second Reading: 1 Pt 3: 15-18;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;

Gospel Reading: Jn 14: 15-21.

**Theme:** Living in the Era of the Holy Spirit

Today, we begin the week of introduction of the third Person of the Godhead, the Spirit of Truth. Christ in reassuring words used the word “another” to qualify the Advocate. An advocate is an intercessor, comparable to a defense attorney. Advocate can also mean Spoke person, Mediator, Helper, Comforter, Consoler, Friend, Teacher, and Witness to Christ. The gift of Another Advocate means that the Presence and power of the Holy Spirit assure us that Jesus is more intimately present here and now than when He walked on this earth. Jesus assured “He remains in you and will be in you.” He changed Philip (second reading) into a strong witness who inspired others and gave joy.

Thanks to the Holy Spirit that our access to Christ is not like an 800-toll number which can put you on hold forever. On the contrary, we are directly connected with Christ. St. Paul says when we are not able to pray properly, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth helps to present our petitions to God. For the fact that the Holy Spirit prompts us to observe the Commandments and pray in the right way to God, we have to pray to Him all the time saying: Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love, send forth your Spirit and we shall be recreated and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

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