

MONDAY EASTER 7

First Reading: Acts 19: 1-8: 1;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;

Gospel Reading: John 16: 29-33.

THEME: Christ Gives us Assurance of his Presence

Brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord, these readings underline abundance of the Holy Spirit that God gives. During his missionary journey, St. Paul baptized some people and the Holy Spirit made those people baptized to prophesy. Jesus Christ gives us the same reassuring words of his enduring love, faithfulness, and victory over all opposition. Jesus Christ knows and has experienced every trial we may face. In his letter to the Romans (8:35-39) St. Paul reflected that nothing separates us from the love and the victory of Christ.

Even though the disciples betrayed and abandoned their master, Jesus Christ returned supreme love and earnest prayer for them and all who will believe in him (Jn 17:15). The Holy Spirit gives us the strength and courage needed to overcome every adversity and to persevere with faith and hope. Jesus Christ spoke in parables, but his disciples came to believe and profess their belief in him as being truly from heaven. Jesus Christ provides the help He promised.

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