



Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish

Gospel Reflection Small Group

Outline for week ending May 26, 2019

6th Sunday of Easter

Lectionary: 57

Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Lord God, we open our hearts, minds and souls to worship to you. Thank you that today we dwell in your kingdom and live in your presence. Thank you that as we gather together we join with all Catholic Christians across the world to glorify your holy name. Come be with us, inspire us and lead us in our time together. We ask all this in the beautiful name of Jesus. Amen.

This Day in the Church:

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest, Florence Italy (1515-1595); Saint Mary Ann de Paredes, Quito, Ecuador (1618-1645); Our Lady of Caravaggio, title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary who appeared in an apparition on May 26, 1432 in the countryside outside Caravaggio, Lombardy, Italy.

Gospel Reading Background:

The Last Supper: The Advocate

Gospel Reading:

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.
Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;
yet the word you hear is not mine
but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you.

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me tell you,
'I am going away and I will come back to you.'
If you loved me,
you would rejoice that I am going to the Father;
for the Father is greater than I.
And now I have told you this before it happens,
so that when it happens you may believe."

TEXT

Reflections:

1. What phrase or phrases mean the most to you? Why?
2. Who do you identify most with? Why?
3. How does this passage relate to the world today?

Study Guide:

When Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" He is giving the gift of salvation, connoting the bounty of messianic blessing.

Fulfillment

None

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

260 The ultimate end of the whole divine economy is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity. But even now we are called to be a dwelling for the Most Holy Trinity: "If a man loves me", says the Lord, "he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him":

O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in you, unmovable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave you, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into your mystery! Grant my soul peace. Make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action.

Group Intercessions:

[Ask each participant if they have any specific prayer intentions that they would like the group to pray for. It may be a good idea to start a group prayer intention book and the leader can read from it each week and add new requests as needed.]

Closing Prayer:

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Lord, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thank you that we can live in your light and walk in your truth. May the things that you have revealed and thoughts that we have shared dwell in our hearts and stir us to action. We ask all this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.