

INTRODUCTION

We continue our journey in the resurrection of the Lord, and He is faithful to His promise, to be with us forever until the end of time (Cfr.Mt28:19). The invitation is to be open for this coming of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Jesus prepared us as his disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Why is it necessary to prepare for it? Because we need to learn that this work was not yet finished: that salvation was given, but it is the Spirit who will continue to work till the end, until all men know the gift of God in them. It is only then when the work is actually accomplished.

This is the time of the Holy Spirit, the time of the action of God, coming to dwell in us and to make us his place. The place where He lives and completes his work of sanctification, to bring us up to the perfection of Christ: " Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." (1Cor.6, 19-20).

His real presence in our lives will continue to act in us and lead us to the truth: "But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." (Jn.16:7). This Jesus promises and fulfills in our hearts.

MONDAY

Recognizing Him as the Spirit of Truth

Psalm 149

The Lord takes delight in his people. Sing to the LORD a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in their maker, let the children of Zion rejoice in their king. Let them praise his name in the festive dance, let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD loves his people, and he adorns the lowly with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy upon their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats. This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia.

John 15:26-15:4

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the

Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have told you this so that you may not fall away. They will expel you from the synagogues; in fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God. They will do this because they have not known either the Father or me. I have told you this so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you."

TUESDAY

Jesus tells us about Him

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple, and give thanks to your name. Because of your kindness and your truth, you have made great above all things your name and your promise.

When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O

LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

John 16:5-11

Jesus said to his disciples: "Now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts. But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes he will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; condemnation, because the ruler of this world has been condemned."

WEDNESDAY

Recognize His presence, He will guide you

John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will

declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”

THURSDAY

He will come to us as Jesus promised

John 16:16-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

“A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me.”

So some of his disciples said to one another, “What does this mean that he is saying to us, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father?’” So they said, “What is this ‘little while’ of which he speaks? We do not know what he means.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Are you discussing with one another what I said, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will

grieve, but your grief will become joy.”

FRIDAY

His presence will bring you my joy

John 16:20-23

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.

When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question me about anything. Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.”

SATURDAY

Whatever you ask, My Father will give you

John 16:25-28

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my

name he will give you. Until now you have not asked anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. “I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but I will tell you clearly about the Father. On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

SUNDAY

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading:


Ephesians 1:17-23, Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:46-53

Verbum Dei

GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER



***But when
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Holy Spirit

WEEK 1

May 6-12, 2013

Objective of the week:

Prepare our hearts for the dweller of our soul: the Holy Spirit