

# FAITH @ Home

*Celebrating and supporting faith, hope and love in the heart of the family!*

25TH MAY 2025: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## Sunday Mass Readings

**First Reading:**

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 66(67): 2-3, 5-6, 8

**Second Reading:**

Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23

**Gospel:**

John 14:23-29

**"DO NOT LET  
YOUR HEARTS  
BE TROUBLED  
OR AFRAID..."**



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## Hear



Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one?  
No worries, you can find this week's readings online [HERE](#).



## Pray



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus speaking to His apostles about sending the Holy Spirit, the Advocate to them.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- What kind of relationship do you have with the Holy Spirit? How do you relate to the third person of the Trinity? Do you find it easy to pray to the Holy Spirit?
- Think about the names we use for the Holy Spirit: what do they mean to you in your life? *Advocate, Consoler, Fire, Wind of God, Intercessor, Spirit of God.*
- Consider taking on a simple prayer practice this week: pray "Come Holy Spirit" before making decisions, meeting people, starting a new day... and be open to His promptings.

## Family Prayer



*Come Holy Spirit! Come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved spouse!*

## Talk



In today's Gospel we see Jesus explaining to his apostles that He will have to go away, but He will send the Holy Spirit to teach and guide them.

- What do we do at home to get ready to welcome a guest? What happens in our house?
- Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles. We received that same Holy Spirit at baptism, and again at Confirmation. *How can we welcome the Holy Spirit every day in our lives? How would you make sure a regular guest is welcome in your home?*
- Spending time in their presence, talking to them, listening to them: these are all great ways to make someone welcome. This is what we need to do to make the Holy Spirit welcome too!

## Family Challenge!



Consider creating a sacred space in your home with an image of the Holy Spirit and the words Come Holy Spirit. Light a candle each day and pray together as a family to prepare for the great feast of Pentecost (just 2 weeks away!)

# GOD'S ABIDING PRESENCE

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.


*from Loyola Sunday Connection*

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### CARLO'S CORNER


*Live for Today!*


We always seem to want to get ahead of ourselves. "I'll be happy when...", on and on, never actually reaching that state of happiness we keep promising ourselves. It's hard for us to stop and appreciate the moment we're in, the gifts we're receiving right now, the person we can become through the situations we find ourselves in. Jesus knows that we can't handle everything in one moment. That's why He sent the Holy Spirit to the Apostles too. He knew there was only so much they could grasp while He was still with them, but the Holy Spirit would be their constant Teacher and Guide, their Advocate and He would reveal whatever they needed to know at the most appropriate time for them.

Jesus asks us to trust Him in the same way: to trust that His plan for us includes His perfect timing also. He wants us to learn and grow in the present moment and then we'll be ready for the next challenge, the next set of graces, the next piece of the puzzle. He doesn't want us to be anxious or afraid. He knows how much we can handle at any given moment. He wants us to be at peace. He wants us to love Him. Trusting in Jesus means trusting in His timing. It also means opening our hearts and our ears to the voice of the Holy Spirit.



 [Living in the Present Moment](#)  
(Fr Mike Schmitz)




 [Trust in You \(Lauren Daigle\)](#)





*To the Heights Youth Resource also available*





## SURRENDER NOVENA

The Surrender Novena comes from Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo (1882-1970), a Servant of God and candidate for beatification. Jesus revealed to Fr. Dolindo the words that make up this novena. Fr. Dolindo, suffered for much of his life, even living in paralysis for the last ten years before his death. He was also, at one time, the spiritual director and a friend of Padre Pio. Click here for more on the Surrender Novena and how to pray it.



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*Come  
Holy Spirit!*