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This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We serve God in love when we preach repentance for the forgiveness of sin.

PROMISE:

"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit will come upon you..." (Acts 1:8a)

WORD:

Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 1:17-23/ Lk 24:46-53

ORDERS:

- Preach in His Name to all the nations. (Jn 14:23)
- Be witnesses to His name. (Jn Lk 24:43)

DIRECTIONS:

- Evangelize in the name of Jesus and proclaim the gift of salvation through good witnessing.
- Continue to faithfully do the works of Jesus by showing love and mercy to others.

Our Hope Of Glory

REFLECTION:

Our theme for the week tells us – We serve God in love when we preach repentance for forgiveness of sin. Jesus' earthly mission exemplified such action and was fulfilled by His ascension to the Father. As believers of the Risen Christ, we celebrate the Ascension of The Lord with joy because the whole event points heaven to us as our final destination. Our faith journey leads us to joining Jesus in the glory of the Father. Baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are assured of the presence of Jesus in us and we can attest that our baptismal experience allows us to have a personal relationship and communion with God. We testify to the power of the Holy Spirit as it gives us the courage and strength, wisdom and understanding to participate in His salvific will to witness to the whole world God's love for all men as His children, as we are all called to do.



In the First reading, Jesus asked his disciples to wait for the promise of the Fa-

ther "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth," (Acts 1:8).

The disciples were witnesses to the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and they were commissioned by the Lord "to preach repentance and forgiveness of sin in his name," (Lk 24:46). To this day, it is also our mission to spread the Good News of our sal-

vation, not with fear or anxiety but with trust and confidence, as the Holy Spirit moves us. By united prayer and perseverance, we await the power of God and open our hearts to the promptings of the Spirit to rebuild broken relationships, with empathy and compassion. We are called to be like Christ to others and respond lovingly to His bidding to "feed my lamb... tend my sheep... feed my sheep," (cf. Jn 21:15-17).

Jesus did not just leave us, but through and with His ascension "He has brought our humanity with him into Heaven, inter-

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Tending the Flock

A Foretaste Of Divine Life

The Lord draws the gaze of the Apostles our gaze toward Heaven to show how to travel the road of good during earthly life. Nevertheless, he remains within the framework of human history, he is near to each of us and guides our Christian journey: he is the companion of those persecuted for the faith, he is in the heart of those who are marginalized, he is present in those whom the right to life is denied. We can hear, see and touch our Lord Jesus in the Church, especially through the word and the sacraments. In this regard, I call on children and young people who during this Easter Season are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, to remain faithful to the Word of God and to the doctrine learnt, and also to assiduously approach Confession and the Eucharist, conscious of having been chosen and constituted to witness to the Truth. I renew my particular invitation to my Brothers in the Episcopate, that "in their life and actions they distinguish themselves by a powerful evangelical witness" (Letter proclaiming the Year for Priests) and know also how to use the means of communication wisely to make known the life of the Church and help the men of today to discover the Face of Christ (cf. Message for the 44th World Day of Social Communications, 24 January 2010).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the Lord opening the way to Heaven, gives us a foretaste of divine life already on this earth...

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Message , May 16, 2010

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Linda Mabutas	5/27	Renato Madarang	5/30
Lolit Manuel	5/27	Rolly Pascua	5/31
Jay Edralin	5/29	Art Monta	6/1
Cita Villaluz	5/29	Connie Cipriaso	6/2

Toto Lemon 6/2

Anniversary

Eric & Dritz Mance	5/28
Gene & Leleng Del Carmen	5/29
Rizal & Linda Mijares	5/29
Mike & Jing Nieveras	5/29
Hector & Anna Zayas	5/2

A Christian Prayer for Peace in Our Time

O God, author and giver of peace,
in whose image and likeness each of us has been created
with a human dignity worthy of respect on earth
and destined for eternal glory,

Listen to the cry that rises from every corner of this fragile earth,
from our human family torn by violent conflict:

Give peace in our time, O good and gracious God,
that peace which, as your son Jesus Christ told us
and as we have experienced in these days,
is a peace which the world cannot give.

To world leaders, grant the wisdom
to see beyond the boundaries of race, religion, and nation
to that common humanity that makes us all your children
and brothers and sisters to one another.

To those who have taken up arms in anger or revenge
or even in the cause of justice,
grant the grace of conversion to the path of peaceful dialogue
and constructive collaboration.

To the innocent who live in the shadow of war and terror,
especially the frightened children,
be a shelter and strength, their haven and hope.

And to those who have already lost their lives
as victims of human cruelty and chemical warfare,
open wide your arms and enfold them all
in the embrace of your compassion, healing, and everlasting life.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Mary, Mother of all and Queen of peace, pray for us.

Our Father...
3 Hail Marys...
Glory be...

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
For Prayer Service - Bert & Cora Velez 732-688-1541

Let us shout to the Lord with cries of gladness, for the Most High let us clap our hands.

Non-Exclusionary



Righteousness is one of the building blocks of God's Kingdom. In our daily efforts to do the Lord's will, justice needs to be built up with patience, sacrifice, and determination... The righteousness of the Kingdom must be understood as the fulfillment of God's harmonious plan, whereby in Christ, who died and rose from the dead, all creation returns to its original goodness, and humanity becomes once more "very good". But for this wondrous harmony to reign, we must accept Christ's salvation, his Gospel of love, so that the many forms of inequality and discrimination in the present world may be eliminated. No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries.

~ Pope Francis

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ceding for us to the Father"
(Anawim), true to His word in John 12:32 when He said, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself." This is what He is doing now for those who choose to believe and follow Him. Indeed, "Christ in us is our hope of glory," (Col 1:27). Like the disciples of Jesus, let us celebrate the feast of the Lord's Ascension with great hope and joy in our hearts. Jesus Christ is ever present within us, among us,

today and always, and that we will be with Him in the fullness of life. as our promise for the week assures us: "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..." (Acts 1:8a).

Prayer:

Father God, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to save us from condemnation. By His passion, death and resurrection, we are redeemed from our transgressions, giving us

new life. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for laying down Your life that we may live life anew, through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Thank You Holy Spirit for being our Advocate in fulfillment of the promise of Jesus. Lord Jesus, in Your ascension to the Father, we rejoice for the hope You instilled in our hearts for we know that You are ever present within us and we will be with You in eternity. Amen.

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