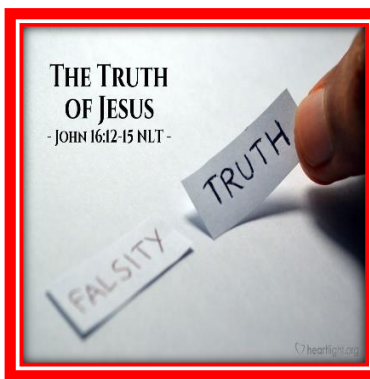


**May 20, 2020 – Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter**



**"Being assured of the promise of the Lord that He is with us and that the answers to the examinations of life will be revealed to us, in and through the power of the Holy Spirit!"  
(Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 and Jn 16:12-15)**

The gospels these mornings have a certain focus on the coming of the Paraclete and this morning's gospel is no exception. It is an appropriate focus as we approach the feast of Pentecost, which is Sunday week. In this morning's gospel reading Jesus declares that the Holy Spirit will lead the disciples to the complete truth.

A law-school professor was telling his class what to expect of the final examination. "The question paper will be nearly 14 pages long" he explained, "and it will take at least four hours to answer all the questions!" Hearing that, the entire class groaned with murmuring. As the class grumbled, the Professor added, with a tone of consolation: "Don't be worried. In this tough exercise of the examination, all of you will be in the same boat!" At this, one student, with a naughty grin spoke up: "Yeah, Sir... We all will be in the same boat. Just that, the name of the boat would be Titanic!!" This little humorous incident, without being too critical or analytical, when looked from a global spiritual perspective, points out a grand and complex reality: There are many examinations in life, which tends to drown our life! To some questions of life, answers will be found. But to many, there will be a mysterious silence. Humanity does not have an answer to all questions in life. Just as in this time of the pandemic, we face the very tough question of grappling with this sickness. Yet, life encourages us to walk ahead, with trust and hope.

As Christians, this trust and hope find greater meaning and strength, because we have the assurance and promise of the Lord that He is with us, and **the Answers to the Examinations of Life will be revealed to us in and through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

The Gospel of the Day is this assurance of Jesus that even though many things are not understood in life, the Holy Spirit will reveal to us, in time and as needed, the mysteries of life and of our faith.

The Lord had been with the disciples for quite some time and had instructed them on many teachings. Even at the final discourse, in the context of the Last Supper, Jesus teaches His chosen ones many things. Yet, He still has many more things to tell and teach. But like a loving parent, who knows the grasping power of the child. Like an understanding teacher, who realizes the comprehending capability of the student. Jesus knows, that the disciples would not be able to understand still further His teachings. And so, He says, "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now" (Jn 16:12)

But He does not leave the Disciples in this state of hanging in mid-air. He assures them of the Might Power that will follow His going away from the disciples. He promises them that the Holy Spirit will descend on them and they would realize, gradually, the power and depth of His teachings! "But when He comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you to all truth" (Jn 16: 13)

Our lives too remain a blank question-paper, with questions hurled at us, and answers found wanting! Situations and circumstances put forward many uneasy, awkward, and even unanswerable questions to us. We look for answers. We seek for solutions. Sometimes we get. But many times, we fail to obtain. It may lead us to desperation. It may even lead us to anxiety. But the Lord assures us that He has the answer to every question in the world and that He has the solution to every problem of our life. Of course, not all will be told to us, or revealed to us, at once. They will be conveyed to us, at the appropriate time, in the appropriate situation. From our part, what is simply needed is an openness to His Spirit, trust in His Divine Providence, and a constant seeking to know His Will. His glory fills the heavens and the earth. His knowledge permeates in every event of life.

The greater our trust in the Living God the nearer will we be, to the answers of life! Yes, Life will constantly place before us "tough exams". We may sometimes complain and grumble. In frustration, we may sometimes even feel that "lives may turn out to be like the Titanic!" But let's not lose hope. May we rather, seek to grow in faith and trust in the Lord.

### **Let us pray:**

Lord Jesus, Let "The Spirit of Truth" satisfy my own longings for ultimate truth, for the truth that sets me free. I pray 'Come Holy Spirit, enlighten the eyes of my mind and heart'. Lord let me face the "life examination – tough exam" with the power the Holy Spirit without complaint and grumble.

**Jesus, I Trust In You**