

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Y A. 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. I will ask the father to send Advocate.**

If you Love me, you will keep my commandments, the word Love from Merriam Webster Dictionary, means unselfish loyal and benevolent, concern for the good of another. Such as the fatherly concern of God for humankind, a brotherly concern for others, a person's adoration of God. From the Greek word Agape- it means the highest form of Love, charity and the love of God for man and of man for God.

It's possible that we are using the word love, not necessarily in a context. If you love me then keep my laws. The greatest of all the laws is the love of God and neighbor, it's unfortunate we do not love those we see as we should. We show less concern for our brothers and sisters. We have nothing to do with the trouble and plight of our neighbors, yet we say we love God.

In the mid second century when the early Christians were making progress in spreading the gospel, one of the factors that helped them is the unity of purpose, they love themselves so much that the pagans said, "see how they love themselves." They were charitable not only to themselves but also to unbelievers, that was how they gain more convert into Christianity. It was because of their love that the city of Samaria welcomed Philip and paid attention to what he was telling them, in our first reading.

God created us out of love, but we make our world a place of hatred. No wonder we care not about others but ourselves. God wants us to extend love to others to keep his commitment and he will ask the Father in heaven to give us an advocate to be with us always. Imagine an advocate with us always. We will be directed and guided toward doing what is right and good. In our world where many are confused, we need that advocate for direction, in our family where love is no longer seen or felt, we need the advocate to restore that original love that was first established between father and mother. Today we celebrate Mother's Day: we thank God for the give of our mothers through whom we came to existence. We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, a model of all mothers to continue to intercede for all mothers, and may God reward their effort now and always.

On this Mother's Day, 2023. We are privilege to have one child being incorporated into the church, we pray for the grace of God upon him and his parents that they may do their best to educate him according to the Catholic faith. May angels of God protect him from all evil. Amen.

Jesus promised not to leave us orphans, but we must observe his commandments, it's only we can proof we love him. And when we love him, Jesus will reveal himself to us.

I congratulate Porter Joseph who was welcomed into the church for the first time and his parents, I also congratulate all the mothers on this day, and pray God to help you be a true mother for us.

Peace,

Fr. Jingbe Simon