



On the evening of that first day of the week when the doors were locked, where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." John 20:19-23

Family Perspective – We know parents are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. Could it be you are the Advocate mentioned in today's gospel: the Advocate who will teach and remind your children of all I told you? Christian parents are meant to be instruments of the Spirit to their children.

Note from Fr. Craig

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Church, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity. When Jesus Christ the Son of God completed the work with which the Father had entrusted him on earth, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost to sanctify, to make holy, the Church. The Holy Spirit is fully God as is Jesus Christ fully God and as is the Father fully God. We worship "one God" in three distinct persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit not only gives life but it leads the Church in all truth.

*In His love,
Fr. Craig*