



**Father Sam's Corner**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Gospel: John 14:15-21**

**I will not leave you Orphans**

In simple words, an orphan can be someone who is born by a man and a woman, yet lives without a biological or foster parent. Orphans often live in the street or in the orphanage. By the birth of our baptism we are spiritual children of God, and God is our Father. When the Lord said "I will not leave you orphans," he was definitely referring to spiritual orphan. According to the words of God in today's Gospel, one might not have biological or foster parents yet he is not an orphan spiritually: for God is his caring father. As well, one could have biological parents and still be an orphan spiritually. Consequently, the Lord said he will not leave his disciples orphans as long as they are in him and he is in them (John 14:20). The indication is that for the disciples to remain in the Lord they must love him and keep his commandments.

One may ask why loving the Lord and keeping his commandments are so important in our relationship with him? Perhaps in the context of today's message love of God is very important because to obey his commands is synonymous to loving him. Thus, he said: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me." In other words to love the Lord, or to keep his commandments is very important in the mission of the disciples in the sense that if they fail to love or keep his commands they negate his works. Hence, as Christ loves His Father by doing His will and works, as well doing the work/will of Christ is a sign we love him and we keep his commandments. Also, if we negate his works/commands we make his teaching, life and death meaningless. Consequently, if we do so we may lose the reward of him being truly in us and we in him.

In the light of the above message, as ministers of the Church we show that we love Christ and live in him by the fruit of our generous service. And as the leaders of our communities and nations, we prove we love God and that God is in us by the fruits of the peace and justice we render to the people. More so, as Christians we show that we are in Christ and he is in us by the fruit of our likeness to him in enduring our suffering and doing the will of God in all conditions of our life. And according to today's Gospel, the reward of following his will, loving him, or being in him is that he will be in us, protect us always, and will not leave us as orphans.

**Domestic Church**

The sixth Easter Sunday's Readings are: First Rd Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Second Rd 1 Peter 3:15-18; Gospel John 14:15-21. Continue to receive Christ spiritually by praying the Act of Spiritual Communion below. May God continue to bless and keep you all safe and healthy. Amen.

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus I believe that you are in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS**

*Please contact our office to request for a weekday or weekend Mass to be celebrated for your intention. You can as well mail your intention with the stipend (\$10) to our church or hand them to Father Sam after Mass.*

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**5/17/2020 Sun**

**Parishioners**





