

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD: JOHN 14:15-21

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'



REFLECT

In this Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that if they love him, they will keep his commandments. He promises that God will send them a Helper, the Holy Spirit, who will stay with them forever. Jesus also says that he will not leave them alone, even when they cannot see him anymore. This helps us remember that Jesus is always close to us.

When we hear this reading, we think about what it means for us to be witnesses. Being witnesses means showing others that Jesus is with us through the way we live. We can be witnesses when we choose kindness, honesty, forgiveness, and love – the things Jesus taught us.

Sometimes doing the right thing can feel difficult, especially if others around us are not making good choices. But this Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit is with us, giving us courage and helping us choose what is right. When we include someone who is lonely, help a friend, or speak kindly, we are being witnesses to Jesus' love.

This reading helps us remember that we are never on our own. Jesus lives in us, and we can show his love to others every day through our actions. By living this way, we become witnesses who bring light, hope, and goodness into the world.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, Thank you for staying close to us and sending us the Holy Spirit. Help us to show your love in all we do. Help us to be brave, kind, and caring, so that we can be witnesses of your light in the world. Amen.

MISSION

We can be witnesses to Jesus when we show his love through the way we live each day. We do this by choosing kindness, honesty, and forgiveness, just as Jesus taught. When we include someone who is left out, help someone who is struggling, or speak gently instead of hurting others with our words, we are showing people what Jesus' love looks like. We can also be witnesses by praying, listening to the Holy Spirit, and trying our best to follow Jesus' commandments. When others see goodness, peace, and joy in us, they can see Jesus working through our actions.