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Welcome Father Peter Egielewa

7th Sunday of Easter



Ascension has passed and our hearts and beings are turned more completely to the Holy Spirit. These days are empty with the absence of Christ and the waiting for the Holy Spirit. We can only imagine those early followers of Christ who did not yet know what would be happening. They knew that they had to wait for the Spirit.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, simply repeats that these early followers did not know what to do other than wait. You and I must learn how to wait also. Far too often we jump into situations without asking for the Holy Spirit and not even thinking of what God might add to the situation. Come, Holy Spirit.

The second reading, from the First Letter of Peter, reminds us that we must do all for Christ and that such actions, for Christ, often include suffering. This letter also reminds us that there are actions that are incompatible with our Christian living. We must never fool ourselves into thinking that Christ allows any and all actions. Rather, Christ has a fairly clear teaching and we want to follow it, no matter how much it may cost us.

The Gospel tell us once again: Live for Christ, seek His Spirit. This is the prayer of Jesus Christ to His Father but it also teaches us about following Christ and seeking to do His will. It is not always easy to understand Christ and His presence on our earth and how He is present or how we sense His absence. Each of us knows his or her own struggles to be faithful to the Lord, to listen to Christ, to allow the Spirit to possess us completely. May this Gospel give us the courage to continue in the struggle to be faithful to Christ and to walk in His ways.

Source: http://christdesert.org/About_Us/Abbot_s_and_Prior_s_Pages/Abbot_s_Homily/index.html

NEWS ...

Priest Transportation Team - We are in need of volunteers to join the priest transportation team. This is a group of members who take turns in transporting our priests (who come from Frankfurt by train) between the Heidelberg train station and church, before and after mass. The pick-up time is usually about 20-30 minutes before mass. If you think you can help with this, please send us an e-mail (address below).

Altar Servers Needed - Please arrive at 12:30 and “on the job training” will be provided. Please consider joining us. Many of our Altar Servers are moving away this summer so we need you!!

Choir Members needed too! Join us at 12:15 before Mass to practice. All are welcome to sing with us!

If you would like to be added to our email list please send your contact information to:
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