6th Sunday of Easter:
Sunday, May 14, 2023

Lead Story Headline:
Keep My Commandments

“All the nations will praise you and know that you are God.”
Psalm 96
Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples, “If you truly love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray to the Father to send the Spirit of Truth to be with you forever. I will not leave you alone. I will come back to you. Yes, I am going back to the Father now, but you will see me because I am alive. And because I live, you will live, too. Anyone who loves me keeps my commandments. My Father loves everyone who loves me. And if you love me, I will show myself to you.

This is the Good News of the Lord.


Check It Out...

Now that you have learned about all of the sacraments except for one, head to loyalty press and print out this matching game on the sacraments! Read the instructions and see how well you can match the name of the sacrament to the picture of the sacrament! https://www.loyolapress.com/~?media/Images/Loyola%20Press/ocf-articles/ Sacraments-Matching-Game-3279.ashx?la=en

What Do You Think?

1. What is Jesus asking of us in this story? How do you think you can do what he asks of you?

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2. What are some of the ways that the commandments teach us to love God?

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Food For Thought...

In a couple of weeks, on Pentecost Sunday, we will talk a lot about the Holy Spirit being sent to the disciples and allowing them to preach the word of Jesus. Have you ever thought about what the Holy Spirit actually is and what it does? The Holy Spirit does a lot that we may not even know about. It is at work in all the teachings of Christ, it brings us into communion with Christ through the sacraments, it intervenes in our prayers, and it works through people who work in ministry in the church. The spirit is also in us and helps us to grow in holiness. As you go through the next few weeks of Easter, think about the role of the Holy Spirit in your life and what that looks like.

Calling All Saints...
Saint Isidore was a farmer in Spain with his wife Maria. They did what all farmers do. They planted seed, grew orchards and vineyards, gathered crops and stored what they had as best as they could. They also had animals that they took care of. What was special about them was that they were so hospitable that they never turned anyone who was poor away. They also took as much time as they could to thank God for everything that he gave them. They thanked God for the Sun, the rain, the crops, the food they had, and their animals. They never forgot to thank God for what they had, even for the simple parts of life that often go unnoticed. Saint Isidore and Saint Maria are the patron saints of farmers and farming communities. How do you think you can be more like them? How do you think you can thank God for all that you have? We celebrate these special saints on May 15 every year. Remember these saints and think about how you can be like them and thank God for all that he has given you.

Pray this prayer to Saint Isidore and Saint Maria on their feast day! “Saint Isidore and Saint Maria, please pray that God in his infinite love and wisdom will bless farmers’ labours so that they may reap the rewards of work well done here on Earth and in Heaven. Amen.”

Now come up with your own prayer that you can say every day to thank God for everything that you have! Even think of the small things that you take for granted sometimes!