Light on Liturgy 2024-25 Weekend Liturgy Lesson #38



5/25 Gospel Reading: *John 14:23-29*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words;

yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you,

'I am going away and I will come back to you.'

If you loved me,

you would rejoice that I am going to the Father;

for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens,

so that when it happens you may believe."

Gospel Reflection:

In this Gospel reading Jesus is telling the apostles to stay firm in the faith, to remember all He had said and done, when times get rough. He was telling them that He was leaving but that they would soon understand when all He predicted came true. But most of all He was telling them to love the Father and that not to be troubled.

How hard that is to remember Jesus loves us when things aren't going well! That's precisely when we need to think of Him the most! This love He has for us will carry us through our tough times.

This week, and for the whole summer break, remember to stick to the things you have learned about God.

- You know He wants to have a relationship with you so remember to talk to Him in prayer each day.
- You know what He wants you to do and not do right from wrong. Remember to ask for forgiveness when you mess up and ask for help doing what is right.
- And lastly, remember to be kind to other people. God has placed these people in your life for a reason. Respect His plan for you and you will find joy!