

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Easter – Year B

- I had a conversation with a teenage girl this week.
  - She was out with her boyfriend & he tells her they're going to a party.
  - Where? He tells her
  - She knows that place & the parties they have – DRINKING, DRUGS, SEX
  - “NO – I don't want to go there”      “I don't want to do that stuff”
  - “If you're going to go there you can take me home NOW”
    - Peer Pressure ‘What's the matter – afraid your Father will find out?’  
You afraid your Father will hurt you?
  - “NO, I'm afraid I'll hurt my Father”

Where did the boy get his values?    Where did the girl get hers?

Both born the same year    Both grew up in the same town    Both went to the same school

BUT THEY WOUND UP IN DIFFERENT PLACES

Love meant something different to them

- Jesus says, “if you love me, you will keep my commandments, ...”  
We show our love by keeping His commandments? By Obedience?  
When my wife would travel PULEEZE do the dishes  
WHY? I hated dishes – but I did them – because I love her.

- After Jesus says, “if you love me, you will keep my commandments –  
He says “This is MY commandment”

- Love one another – and this is something new! **What makes it new?**
- Love one another” How? “As I have loved you” – **pretty tall order**
  - How can we love as JC loves? That unconditional sacrificial love -
- We have an example in the First Reading
- Peter goes down to Cornelius' house to share God's love
- At this time the Church was primarily Jewish
  - Peter was taking a risk – but JC said 'this is my cmdmnt, love one another'
  - HS comes to Cornelius - Gentile AND a Centurion (love even him?) YUP
  - As Peter speaks, the HS comes – it silences every doubt, every fear
  - God's love was in their midst –
  - God's love is in OUR midst –

We have all been given the gifts of God's love – what will we do with it?

Jesus says “love one another, as I have loved you”

If you're not sure how to love that completely, that unconditionally

Ask your mother.

It's no coincidence we are told to love sacrificially, on Mother's Day