

6th Sunday – Easter – Year B

- There was this woman who went into a fabric store
 - She asked for white fabric – but she wanted it to be noisy, loud
 - They finally found some and the clerk asked why
 - I'm getting married, and my fiancé is blind
 - I want him to know when I get there at the altar and where I am
- We do a lot for love
- Jesus says, "if you love me, you will follow my commandments, ..."
- How many commandments are there? 10.
- Jesus tells us something new – What's the new commandment in Gospel?
 - Love one another – that's not 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 requires the Holy Spirit
 - When the Holy Spirit comes – He comes with power. (**our 1st Reading**)
 - Holy Spirit comes – (even when its against Church policy)
 - The Church of ACTS was Jewish – and Jews didn't mingle with Gentiles
 - HS comes to Cornelius – not only a Gentile BUT ALSO a Centurion
 - And when it come – it silences every objection
 - God's love was in their midst – and there's nothing as contagious as love
 - God's love is in OUR midst – and its still just as contagious
- This week we have a great examples of God's love – 1st communion children
- Next week our young adults will receive Confirmation
- Children, young adults - with incredible potential – Doctors, Musicians, Artists, Nurses, Plumbers, Priests – **they are God's gifts to us**
- For the Children – its the first time we give them the body of Jesus
 - Body of Christ – AMEN. Now what?
- For the young adults – a bishop prays that the HS falls on them – as Adult Christians
 - Ever since they were baptized, they have grown towards this.
 - Jesus is in them – it should make a difference.
 - The Holy Spirit falls upon them – it should make a difference
 - Just like it made a difference for Cornelius – for Peter & the Church

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

Jesus gives us a NEW commandment – to love AS HE LOVED US

A sacrificial love – a love where we give of ourselves

"They will know we are Christians by their love" Love one another!

Republicans/Democrats – Love one another

Jew or Palestinian – Love one another

That person that did that thing that you can never forgive – Love them

Love one another as Jesus loves us – and let our children see us do it!