

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Easter – Year C

- At CCD we play Simon Says – Who wins when you play Simon Says?
  - The one who does whatever ‘Simon’ says (my tricks)
  - JESUS says ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word and my Father will love him and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him’ (no tricks) THIS IS IT
- Jesus is saying this at the Last Supper
  - After washing feet he says goodbye
  - Promises to see them again soon – NAPKIN
- JESUS promises to send the Holy Spirit BUT
  - The HS will only come IF (& this is not a threat but a promise)
  - A promise that if we keep His commandments the HS will be given us
- We can see it happen in ACTS – the Church has a crisis – circumcision
  - MAJOR DIVISION – where’s the HS now?
  - Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem (1<sup>st</sup> Council)
  - Decision of the Church – the HS, whom my Father will send will teach U everything
  - “**if** you love me, you will follow my commandments, ...**receive Holy Spirit**”
- The **IF** in JC’s statement is a condition
- It implies we are to struggle with all the forces preventing us from keeping cmdmnts.
  - & What are the cmdmnts? Essentially they are commandments of love
    - To serve one another
    - To live in communion with one another
    - To love our enemies
    - To wash each others’ feet
    - To be compassionate
    - Not to judge, but forgive
    - To love the beatitudes
    - To love one another as JC loves
  - THIS IS **THE WAY** – **HIS WAY** and it is a struggle
- We are called to leave behind selfish attitudes of the world
  - Stop putting all our energy into chasing wealth, power and honor BECAUSE
  - *We can’t be moved by the HS for the things of God if we are only seeking things of the world*

In this passage sometimes YOU is plural, sometimes YOU is singular

Holy Spirit is given to YOU (plural) – The Church *BUT*

Holy Spirit will make His home with YOU (singular) **IF**

YOU (singular) keep God word

Mother’s Day weekend

Mother at Old Orchard beach - Faith in action, seeing her faith I know she’s filled with HS.

Seeing her faith I know she is God’s beloved, & thru her example, now – so am I.

Who is watching you – how are you showing that the HS is dwelling in you?