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# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES: 7am Monday through Saturday at St. Michael the Archangel

WEEKDAY EVENING MASSES: 5pm Mon Tues Thurs Fri (English) & 6pm Wed (Spanish) at Immaculate Conception

Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / Confessions: Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat 4pm, Sun 7am, 9am, 4pm / SPANISH MASS: Sun 12 noon

Gift Shop Hours: Sun 7:30am - 11:00am

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

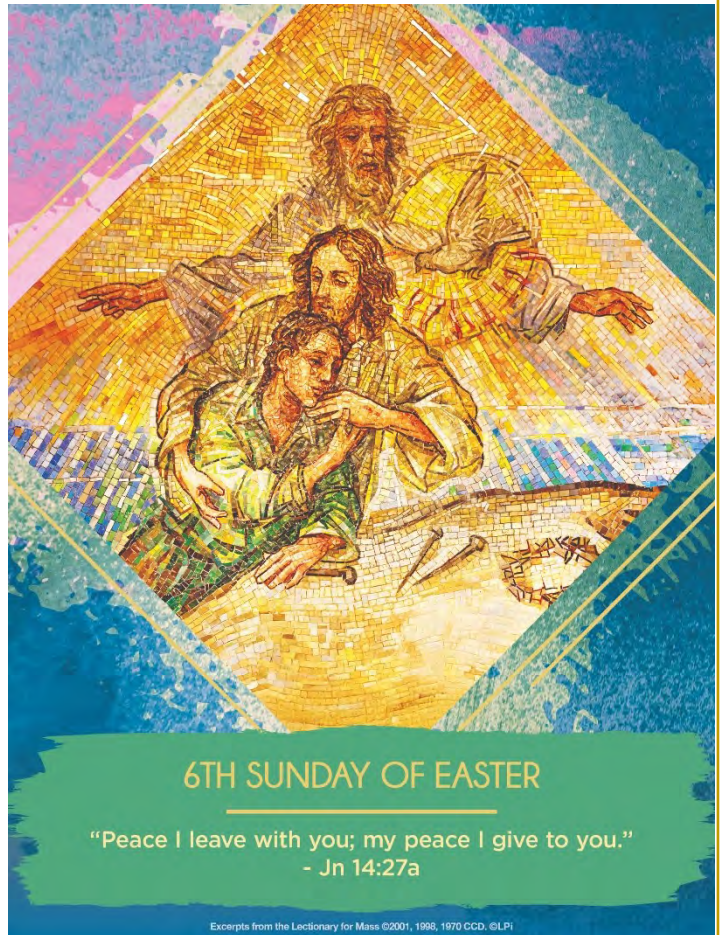
Reading I - **Acts 15:1-2,22-29** | Psalm - **62:2-3,5,6,8** | Reading II - **Revelation 21:10-14,22-23** | Gospel - **John 14:23-29**  
Primera Lectura - **Hechos 15:1-2,22-29** | Salmo - **61:2-3,5,6,8** | Segunda Lectura - **Apocalipsis 21:10-14,22-23** | Evangelio - **Juan 14:23-29**

### THE GIFT OF PEACE

"There arose no little dissension and debate."  
Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little "give and take" now and then. So where was it that "there arose no little dissension and debate"? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that "reconciled diversity," often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."  
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#### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."  
- Jn 14:27a

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### Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**

Primera Lectura: **Hechos de los Apóstoles 1:1-11**

Psalm/Salmo: **47(46):2-3,6-7,8-9**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians (Efesios) 1:17-23**

Gospel/Evangelio: **Luke (Lucas) 24:46-53**

**Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish** - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org). To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



May 25, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

A quip on a church marquee has stuck with me for years: *If you feel distant from God, guess who moved?* In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told his disciples that he would be with them "only a little while longer." Of course, we know the full story: Jesus did not abandon his followers. Today we hear of his parting gift to them and to us. Although Jesus would soon return to the Father, he was sending someone to minister to the disciples and to encourage them in their mission: "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." Often in our lives, when we feel distant from God, we may wonder if the Lord has departed from us. In these seasons, remember that Jesus – who has *never* broken a promise – did, indeed, send the Holy Spirit to be with us. Take heart in moments of trial and call upon the Spirit, the Advocate, whose name in Latin means "he who is called to one's side." He will come close, reminding you of the goodness of God and encouraging you on the path to heaven.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's second reading narrates St. John the Apostle's vision of the heavenly Jerusalem. John describes the radiant splendor of this place "like that of a precious stone." Though the vision is resplendent, John observes: "The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." God himself is the source of light which illumines heaven. But he is likewise present among us and his reign is meant to extend on earth as well. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can, therefore, prepare for heaven while also striving to bring God's glory to earth by living for him each day. So many times we have prayed the words of the Lord's Prayer: "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, *on earth as it is in heaven.*" Allow the glory of God to illumine your everyday life. Call upon God's grace and the Holy Spirit to witness to his truth, beauty, and goodness.

### REFLECT

Inviting the Holy Spirit to act as our Advocate, how do we reveal the glory of God in our daily activities? As you begin your work, study, or household tasks, offer him your undertakings (and your heart) and ask him to transform the mundane into the sacred.



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## Life of Stewardship

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a stewardship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome - to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this 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."

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself.

How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God "at home and at ease" within us? How can we communicate to God that He is "highly valued" by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings.

To keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make the study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives.

If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries will radiate with the warmth of God's love. And our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of a stewardship way of life.

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

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## Parish News

### Children's Rosary Club

Our Children's Rosary Club will meet at the grotto after the 9am Mass on Sunday, May 25 for our May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the world's greatest Mother! **Children** in the parish are invited to come together to pray the Rosary. Parents are invited to stay and pray along as the children lead the prayers. This is a great way to pray together as a family.

### Monthly Food Pantry & Diaper Ministry Drive

The monthly parish food & diaper drive will be held on **Monday, May 26 from 9-10am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot**. Thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry. You are helping to feed over one thousand people every month. Items most needed are Tuna and Canned Vegetables. Our Amazon Wish List QR code is not currently working but we actively working to correct it. Diaper sizes needed are size 5 & 6 and Pull-Ups 4T-5T Boys and Girls.

You are welcome to leave food & diaper donations in the baskets at the Church entrance when you come to Mass. Mahalo!

### Special Collection-Catholic Communications Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio and print media. Your support spreads the gospel message! Envelopes are available in the kiosks.

## Neocatechumenal Way Catechesis

**An Announcement of Joy!** There is no doubt that in the Church we have all the right words and actions to accompany our beautiful liturgical celebrations, but there is a danger that for many, they remain just words, and celebrations lacking any experience of joy while passively watching others act, speak or sing. The previous catechesis have laid the groundwork for a beautiful celebration of conversion where the Good Shepherd comes searching for the lost sheep. Now we can truly cry out "*O Lord, how wonderful is the mercy of your grace! How boundless the tenderness of your love! To ransom a slave, you sacrificed your Son.*" Please join the Neocatechumenal Way catechesis on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6pm in the Grace Parish Center.

## Grief Recovery Method Program

The Grief Recovery Method program provides a safe environment for you to look at your old beliefs about coping with loss, which losses continue to affect your life, and take effective actions that will lead you to complete unresolved emotions that may still be causing you pain. This is an "action-based" program, involves reading and writing assignments outlined in *The Grief Recovery Handbook, 20th Anniversary Expanded Edition*. This program is not a drop in group, and registered participants meet for 8 weekly sessions. There is **no cost for this program**, but it does require a firm commitment and attendance at all sessions for success in learning to recover from unresolved grief.

The 8-week program will be held on **Wednesdays, June 4th - July 23rd, 2025**, from **10am - 12noon** at St. Michael's. To register, contact **Suzanne Zaw**, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, at (808) 339-7980.

## Men of Faith

We invite you to join us on Wednesdays from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM on the St. Michael's South Lanai as we reflect upon the prior Sunday's read-ings and discuss how they can positively impact our lives. **Special Invitation:** The last Wednesday of each month is extra special as we have a potluck dinner in the Grace Parish Center beginning at 5:30 PM.

## Women's Retreat on June 7 - CANCELLED

Please note that the Women's Retreat scheduled for June 7 has been cancelled. We will publish the new date as soon as it is established.

## Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Ghost Feast Bazaar

Please support Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Honoka'a with their annual fundraiser. Holy Mass begins at 8:30am followed by the Feast Bazaar featuring their famous Charola auction, food booths, crafts, games, entertainment, BBQ, baked goods, merch & more from 9:30 until 3:30pm.

## Faith Formation

### Children's Bulletin

We encourage you to download the Children's Bulletin each week from [www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com). The Kids' Bulletin is created by a mom in Canada who is happy to share



# Stewardship of Treasure

May 12th -18th, 2025

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 3,855.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 10,122.00
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 40,989.20

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$6,014,483.39** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

*Mahalo* for your continued generosity.

**Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH MAY 2025

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$11,525.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$2,446.33**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in 'Ohana in Christ to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

## Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit **[saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org)** and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

them with anyone who can use them to help learn or teach about the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith. It is a great resource for kids who would like to have some fun while learning about the readings from the Sunday Mass each week. Bulletins are available in English and Spanish.

## Encounter . . . Summer Bible Camp

We are excited to present our first ever Bible Camp for youth entering grades 6-12. Register now as space is limited! Join us for Bible Camp from 8am to 4pm on July 14 through July 18 in the Grace Parish Center. Registration forms are in the kiosks. There is no cost to attend.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and

offers us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

## Treasures from Our Tradition

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is Holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

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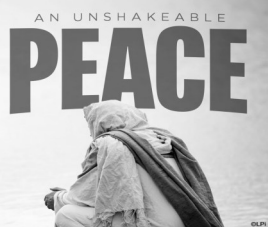
## Everyday Stewardship - Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than Holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem - especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?



## YOU ARE INVITED

(schedule may change without advance notice)

### MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm  
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Neocatechumenal Way 6:00pm
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

### TUESDAY

- Coffee with the Priests 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Hula Ministry Practice 5:30-6:30pm
- Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm
- Neocatechumenal Way 6:00pm

### THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm  
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group 6:00-7:00pm

### FRIDAY

- Neocatechumenal Way 6:00pm

### SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

### SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 1:00-2:00pm  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father 3:00pm  
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

## Baptism

Baptism Classes are held monthly as needed. Parents and Godparents must attend class. To register, please email [baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org](mailto:baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org)

## Marriage

Please notify the office and allow six months before the date of marriage for preparation.

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea - but it sounds like a conference we could all use. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

## Practicing Catholic - Beneath the Surface: My Peace I Give To You

When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls. "A massive, high wall," to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety. Walls meant peace.

"My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. "Not as the world gives do I give it to you."

So what's the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ exists. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace - something like it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can't actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest - but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don't, my thoughts get pretty loud.

And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds me and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God's strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world. - Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, LPI

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

4pm - Ronald Branco & Kaohu Morimoto, May they Rest in Peace

### SUNDAY, MAY 25TH SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 7am - Gerald Juffer, Fr. Daniel Clark, Dennis Juffer, Valerie Wrieden, Fr. Albino Ponchione, Surin Kailuanam, Roy Peloquin, Jennine Morgan, Velda Juffer, May they Rest in Peace
- 9am - Robert Leopoldino, Rest in Peace
- 4pm - Fran Sullivan, Rest in Peace

### MONDAY, MAY 26TH

- 7am - Ann Marie Kleeman, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Rudy A. Garcia, Birthday Remembrance & Death Anniversary

### TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

- 7am - Richard Joseph Merenda, Anniversary of Death, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Debbie Gallo, In Thanksgiving for Healing

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH

- 7am - Sean, Lorraine & David Wilkinson, May they Rest in Peace

### THURSDAY, MAY 29TH

- 7am - Mary Peralta, 1st Anniversary of Death, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

### FRIDAY, MAY 30TH

- 7am - Brenda Robinson, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Patti Peterson, Rest in Peace

### SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

- 7am - Sarah DeRensis, 2nd Anniversary of Death

## Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **808-326-7771**.

**Mass cards are available.**

**"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."**

—Matthew 25:35

## The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.



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Mahalo for your support!

## Take Jesus Literally

### *This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 · Letter of the apostles to the gentiles
- Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 · The new Jerusalem
- John 14:23-29 · Last discourse; faithfulness to God's word

There are two main parts in the Gospel passage today. In the first, Jesus continues emphasizing what we heard last week—that if we love him, we will act like him. It is a challenging reminder that we need to back up our words with our behavior and actions. It is not enough to “talk the talk;” we also need to “walk the walk.”

The second part is meant to be consoling to the apostles who know they are about to lose their leader after the Last Supper. Jesus understands the apostles are afraid and will feel lost once he is gone. Thankfully, the passage offers consolation for us when we feel afraid, lost, or unsure of what to do or say. The promise of the Holy Spirit is followed by “Peace I leave with you;

my peace

I give

to you”

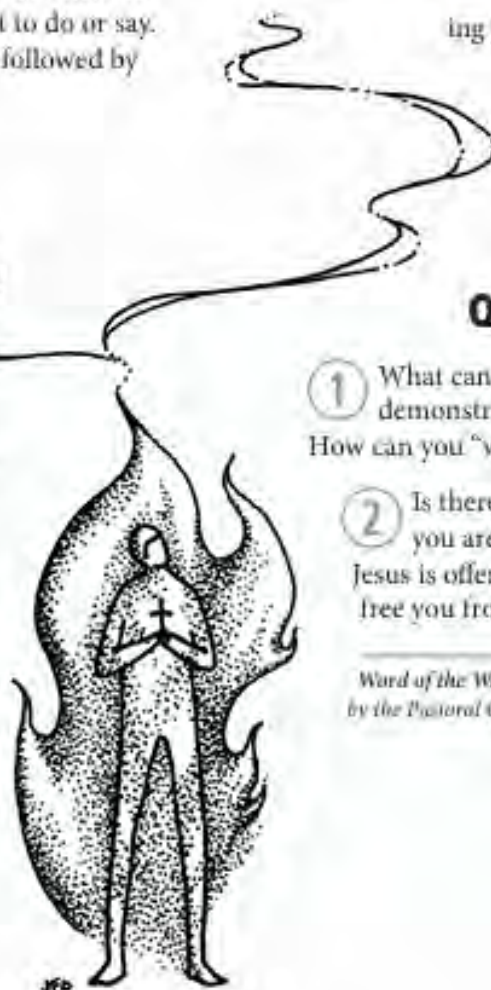
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is then

followed by

“Do not let your hearts  
be troubled or afraid.”

Jesus isn't promising that everything will be easy and smooth for the apostles after he leaves them. He doesn't promise them that they won't struggle just because they have the presence of the Holy Spirit within them. What he promises is that they can face their struggles with the assurance of God's ongo-



THE GREAT THING ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THAT IT'S SO CONVENIENTLY LOCATED!



“The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

### **Sheepish Question:**

What reminders am I hearing from the Holy Spirit this day?

ing presence of peace and love at their core. There is much debate among Christians about which parts of the Bible should be read literally. What if we take these lines literally? What if we trust that Jesus meant what he said here?

## Questions of the Week

- 1 What can you do in this upcoming week to demonstrate your love for God by your actions? How can you “walk the walk”?
- 2 Is there a situation in your life now in which you are being invited to trust more fully that Jesus is offering you peace and that he wants to free you from fear?

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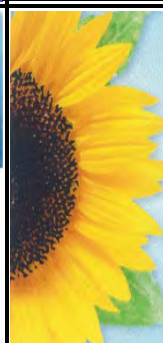
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