Homily by Deacon Luis P. Villanueva for 8AM Mass on Monday, May 10, 2021 at St. Joseph Church, Devine, Texas-Fr. Antonio Hernandez, Pastor- Gospel: John 15:26-16:4a In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, amen.

At the Last Supper, Jesus preparing his disciples for what to expect as he would soon leave back to heaven, spoke about the persecution they would encounter and about the Holy Spirit, the Advocate he would send from the Father to be with them and us.

In his place and in his absence, Jesus promised he would sent the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God the Father and Jesus to remain with them and us to Guide us through the challenges and adversities we must face in this life.

To give us the very life of God who then transforms the hearts and minds of those who accept God his Word into faithful witnesses of Christ and all his work.

To give witness to and testify to Christ, his message and purpose of coming into the world and who Will expects us to bear witness to Christ as well which Will lead many to Christ for conversion and transformation as new witnesses of Christ. ( produce fruit that Will remain)

To give us the courage, perseverance and strength in our being witnesses to Christ in the face of opposition and persecution from evil forces. God bless you.

En la Última Cena, Jesús, preparaba a sus discípulos para lo que les esperaba, ya que pronto regresaría al cielo, habló sobre la persecución que encontrarían y sobre el Espíritu Santo, el Abogado que enviaría del Padre para estar con ellos y con nosotros.

En su lugar y en su ausencia, Jesús prometió que enviaría al Espíritu Santo, el

Espíritu de Dios Padre y de Jesús para permanecer con ellos y con nosotros para:

Guíarnos a través de los desafíos y adversidades que ciertamente vamos a enfrentar en esta vida.

Darnos la vida misma de Dios, quien luego transforma los corazones y las mentes de aquellos que aceptan a Dios su Palabra en fieles testigos de Cristo y de toda su obra.

Dar testimonio y testificar de Cristo, su mensaje y propósito de venir al mundo y quién espera que demos testimonio de Cristo también, lo que llevará a muchos a Cristo para la conversión y transformación como nuevos testigos de Cristo. (producir fruto que quedará)

Darnos el valor, la perseverancia y la fuerza para ser testigos de Cristo frente a la oposición y persecución de las fuerzas del mal. Dios los bendiga.