

Sunday May 10th 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A.

(ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17; 1PET. 3:15-18; JN. 14:15-21)

THEME: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR ADVOCATE

He is the Advocate: By the etymological meaning, the word translated 'advocate' in its Greek original term is 'parakletos.' As a noun, it means "One called to be beside another, to accompany, to console, protect and defend that other person." From this background we understand what Jesus means when he says he will not leave us orphans. We are not helpless and defenseless; we are not alone nor forsaken. "Parakletos" appears in the New Testament only in Johannine writings. In 1 John 2:1, Jesus Christ is called parakletos, since after his exaltation to the Father he intercedes on behalf of sinners. In the gospel of John 14:16, the Holy Spirit is introduced as "another paraclete" with the promise that he will be with the disciples, indicating his function as a helper. In this context, the Holy Spirit is shown as coming to replace the physical absence of Jesus with a new presence in the spirit.

Another connotation of the noun, parakletos, is that of a legal adviser or advocate in the law court. This idea informs the translation of parakletos as advocate. The Holy Spirit is our advocate. It was a custom in the ancient Near East's legal system for parties to come to court with one or two friends who are both powerful and influential. These were not hired attorneys, but persons who, prompted by love, were disposed to stand by their friends. They stood by them in court, to give advice and speak on their behalf when necessary.

Saint Peter describes the enemy with two adjectives: adversary and devil. He writes, "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is roaring like a lion...." (1 Peter 5:8). The word translated as adversary is "antidikos" which means opponent in a lawsuit. The Greek word for Devil is "diabolos", which means false accuser or slanderer. Given the legal tilt in the enemy's attacks against us, the need for one who pleads our cause before the judge. Satan is "the accuser of our brethren, who accuses them day and night before our God" (Rev. 12:10). As Jesus defends us before the judgment throne of God, the Holy Spirit defends us before the earthly tribunal. Hence: "When they hand you over, do

not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say.... It will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your father speaking through you" (Mt. 10:19-20). He defends us in the face of such aggression.

Surprising Facts about the Vatican

The statue depicts St. Peter wearing a sling

The sling demonstrates the humanity of St. Peter. It is a reminder of human weakness and is an important lesson on the weight of the keys of Christ's authority. It is too heavy to bear without God's help. The pope, and all who are shepherds in the Church, must rely not on themselves but on the power of the Holy Spirit.

By Fr. Jeffery Kirby, S.T.L.

"But [Jesus] said to me. 'My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

2 Corinthians 12:9

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

9:00 am Mass Eva Orona by Lorretta Orona

11:00 am Mass +Poor Souls in Purgatory by Eva Orona

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 9am Morgan, Mason & Becky Orona (graduations) by Eva Orona

Tuesday 9:00am +Frank Orona by Lorretta Orona

Wednesday 9:00am + Karl Chiwiwi by Lorretta Orona

Thursday 9:00am Intentions of Lora Harrison by Lorretta Orona

Friday 5:00 pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Wall

PRAYER TREE - LET US PRAY FOR:

Elijah Baca, Elizabeth Ketring, Joe Barraza, David Baca, Fallon Walker, Judy Bragg, Maria Archuleta, Joe Warne, Larry Tyrrell, Tom Malone, Eva Orona, David & Geri Silva, Margie Gowey, Jeannette Davis, Angela Gonzales, Joe and Margie Tapia, Bernice & Roxanne Chavez, Lilly Hill, Sophie Pena, Juan Quevedo, Lydia Gonzalez, Sophie Montoya.

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