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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.

John 14:23



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SIXTH SUNDAY

OF

Easter

We will come and make our Dwelling with Him

In his Gospel John often emphasizes the vivid imagery that Jesus used in his sermons. Two images stand out in particular, light and water. There are multiple references to these two throughout the Gospel. But there is another image that perhaps we tend to overlook and it is significant and worth reviewing. That is the image of dwelling, used either as a noun or a verb. The phrase above comes from today's reading.

Earlier in this same Gospel the image of dwelling is also used. This passage is often used during funerals and it reads "in my Father's house there are many dwellings...I am going to prepare a place for you". Jesus outlines very clearly and vividly what the experience of heaven is. It is a dwelling where you can be with Him.

Dwelling in this context is not a building or a room, it is a state of being, a way of existence. It is a sense of belonging. You are finally in a state or place where you truly fit in, a place that you were created for from the beginning of time. You belong.

Think of your own home, solid and sturdy, made of brick, stone, or wood. You sit comfortably in your living room and think "this is home, this is mine, this is where I belong". Compare that with say a camping trip. You live temporarily in a tent, a flimsy structure made of fabric and rope. And again you think "this is nice but temporary, this is not my real permanent home". Well, that is the experience of life here on earth. St. Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians says, "we live in an earthly dwelling, a tent, but we have a heavenly dwelling made by God eternal in heaven". That is part of the experience of heaven, to be in a dwelling, a state of being where we truly feel we belong.

Now extend that concept to today's Gospel. Here is the catch, a little secret. You don't have to wait until death to experience heaven, to experience that dwelling. It is offered to you, here, now. Jesus' words are very clear, open your hearts to me, love me and keep my words and "we will come and make our *Dwelling* with you". And this is NOW not later.

St. Augustin says something to the same effect "our hearts are restless until they rest in You". We feel that something is just not right, we feel off kilter until God comes. Thru this indwelling of the Holy Trinity we experience this sense of becoming the person we were always meant to be, filled with peace, joy, and love.

This is the true experience of the joy of Easter. Easter is not just the rejoicing of these 50 days. It is an indwelling that is available now and forever. And this dwelling is not a place or even an experience, it is a Person. It is our Lord Jesus in union with the Father.

We return to the funeral passage. The joy of heaven is really dual, it is the sense of dwelling, of belonging, but more than that it is the joy of eternally being with Him, of His indwelling.

Open your hearts to Jesus and allow Him to come to you. Let His light dispel any darkness in your life. Let Him give you water to quench your thirst. And let Him dwell in you and allow you to finally rest and just become.

~ *Rico Chapa*

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A word to the wise is sufficient.

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LEGION DE MARIA

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At long last the church's Beautiful 90 foot bell tower is being painted. Please be mindful that the front of the church will now be closed for a short time. We will have the smaller side gate open for church access. Thank you for your patience!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21st

8:00am Special Int./Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.
5:30pm Arthur Paz/R.I.P.

Sunday, May 22nd

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners
8:00am Michel Patron/R.I.P.
10:00am Delma Huggins/R.I.P.
12:00pm In Thanksgiving to San Ramon
6:00pm Erik Parra/R.I.P.

Monday, May 23rd

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00am In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

Tuesday, May 24th

Michael Hanson/R.I.P.
8:00am Susana Rodriguez/R.I.P.

Wednesday, May 25th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph
8:00am Dennis & Veronica Wheatley/
Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, May 26th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00am Jerry Letzing/R.I.P.

Friday, May 27th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph
8:00am William Patrick Reiner/R.I.P.

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In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

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