

**SHARING THE FAITH: WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTION
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 2010**

Readings for May 30, The Holy Trinity:

ROMANS 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

And JOHN 16:12-15

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Faith Questions:

1. What do you think it means that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit"?
2. Who is the Holy Spirit and what does she mean to your faith, if anything?
3. In John 16:12, Jesus says that he has many things to say to us, but we cannot bear them now. Has God ever had a message for you that you didn't want to hear or accept? What ended up happening in that situation? What might God be trying to tell you now that you might be resisting?
4. Have you ever had the experience that the writer of Romans, Paul, talks about in verses 3-4 above? When has your suffering produced endurance, character, and hope in you? Where was God in all that?
5. What do you think that we, as a people of God, are called to do with God's love that the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, has poured into our hearts?

Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, Come! Pour your love into us so that we may pour it out into the world. Guide us in all truth, and lead us through the hard times. Thank you for being present with us through our sufferings, and thank you for growing us into a hopeful people.

For whom else, and for what else, shall we pray? (Insert your own prayer here)
Amen.

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