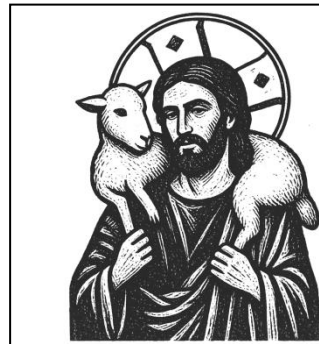




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Monday – Saturday:

9:15am - Good Shepherd

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11:00am - Good Shepherd

5:00pm - Good Shepherd

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

At Good Shepherd Church on the first Friday of the month after morning Mass & Wednesday at 6:00pm.

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Wednesday at 6:30pm preceded by Adoration/Confession at 6:00pm

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Wed-Fri: 8:45am - 9:05am

Wed: 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Saturday: 9:45am - 10:15pm

5:15pm - 5:50pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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Bookings essential.

WEDDING PREPARATION

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Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead, he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

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