

6th Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2008
(Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Peter 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21)

Theme: Do not lose hope, God has a plan for you.

Today we enter the sixth week of Easter. In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we are presented with how the first persecution of the early Church in Jerusalem led to the rapid spread of the Gospel

Sometimes in life, God may permit a lesser evil for a greater good in the future. After the ascension of Christ to heaven, the apostles still found it difficult to leave Jerusalem. But with the persecution that arose after the death of Stephen (the first martyr) fear gripped the apostles and they scattered. But as God has wished it, as they were running, they were spreading the message of the gospel, and this is how the gospel spread to all the corners of the earth today.

In our lives and families sometimes God allows us to experience a little suffering for a greater good in the future. And when this type of thing happens in your life or family, do not feel that God is not happy with you.

In our second reading St. Peter encourages us to bear witness to our faith. As a baptized and confirmed Catholic, we have been called and commissioned to stand up and defend our faith whenever our faith is challenged. We need to do this by spoken words and by our actions.

In all these do not feel you are alone, for Christ is with you. In the gospel today, he made it clear that he is not going to leave us like orphans. He promised to send us the Holy Spirit to be our advocate. Thus, in bearing witness to our faith in God, Christ assures us of His love and that of the Father.