Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Gospel text (*Jn* 16:23b-28): Jesus said to his disciples: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you ... For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me ... ”

The divine filiation

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Today, vigil of our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, the Gospel leaves us with some very fond farewell words. Jesus let us share his most precious mystery; God Father is his origin and, at the same time, his destination. “He, who” the Jews name God is who sent Jesus to us; He is, therefore, the Father to those who believe.

But Jesus' Divine filiation also reminds us of another important thing for our lives: those baptized into Christ are sons of God through the Holy Spirit. And this hides a most beautiful mystery for us: this adoptive fatherhood by God towards us is different of human adoption insofar it has a true foundation in each one of us, as it implies a new birth. Consequently, he who has been accepted in the great Divine Family is no longer a stranger to it.

—Grant us, almighty God, the gift of a blessed joy and the rejoicing of a burning thanksgiving, for the Ascension into the heavens of Christ, your Son, also is our glory.