

The First Commandment is often taken in its simplest form:

*You shall not make for yourself a graven image.*

And oftentimes, we reduce it to that, without thinking about the first parts:

*You shall worship the Lord your God and Him alone shall you serve.*

And:

*You shall have no other gods before me.*

In today's Gospel, again from Jesus' Farewell speech in St. John's Gospel, He tells us:

*the Spirit of truth,  
... will guide you to all truth.*

When taken alongside Jesus' statement that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; then makes it

*the Spirit of [Christ,]  
who will guide you to [Jesus].*

It is important to see it in this light. Oftentimes, people come forward or put themselves in the limelight claiming to be informed by the spirit of God, or the spirit of this, or the spirit of that. And if you look at what they're saying, whatever spirit they're speaking about ... well, it leads you to them!

We can be sure that we are following the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, when we are being led to Christ. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever ... and anything else - well, we should pay it no heed.

Tomorrow starts the traditional novena to the Holy Spirit leading up to Pentecost. I encourage you to pray something over these next 9 days. If you can find the prayer in a prayer book, use that. If you can't ... maybe something as simple as "Holy Spirit, lead me to Jesus in all things."

May this Eucharist fill us with the graces to hear and know the Spirit of God in our lives. Amen.