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SATURDAY, SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER
St Philip Neri

Acts 18: 23-28
Psalm 46: 2-3, 8-9, 10
Jn 16: 23b-28

The Acts of the Apostles, like other places in Scripture, sometimes gives us what seem to be merely “cold” facts and historical or geographical details. How do the travels of St Paul, or of Apollos and his speaking skills described in today’s Reading, relate to our reflection on God’s word and our prayer with Jesus and His Father? Well, every Christian has a mission, and the gifts and talents for that mission which the Spirit gives us. Not all of us are gifted speakers of the Word, or experts in Bible studies, like Apollos apparently was: or like today’s saint Philip Neri who’s been called the “saint of joy” because of his sense of humour. Philip loved music and drama, and used singing and acting and dancing to communicate
ng of joy and gratefulness that catches peoples’ hearts and tells of His good news.

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