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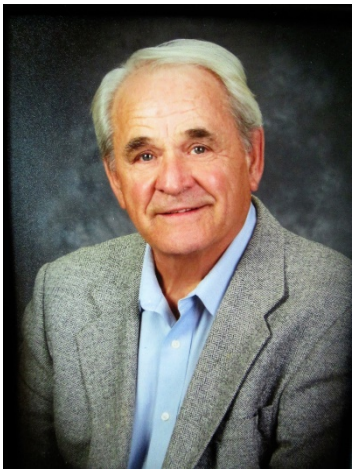
REFLECTION, INSPIRATION

YEAR A,B,C



SUNDAY GOSPEL THEME, REFLECTION AND INSPIRATION
THREE YEAR CYCLE [YEAR A, B, C]

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INTRODUCTION

I have compiled this book of theme, reflection and inspirational quotes on Sunday Gospel readings for the three year cycle [Year A, B, C] that are read at every Sunday liturgy.

Through research of various catholic resources in the web, an interpretation of the Gospel readings by Catholic priests and scholars was summarized. Weekly E- Mails of these reflections for the particular Sunday were sent out to my children, grandchildren as well as some friends.

I am happy to share this with you in this book. Hopefully may the content in this book assist you in being more receptive to the word of God and aid you in living his presence as well as sharing his presence with others.

This book is dedicated to those who love their neighbors as themselves



THREE YEAR CYCLE

For the benefit of those who may not be familiar with the liturgical year and what I mean by Year A, Year B, and Year C, I offer a brief explanation here. Sunday Mass readings are in a three year cycle which means when you hear a particular reading you will not hear that reading again for three years unless it is a special feast which has the same reading every year. For convenience we normally call this cycle Year A, Year B and Year C.

The order of the readings for Sunday mass extends over a three year cycle Year A, B, C. After completion a new three year cycle recurs with the same readings.

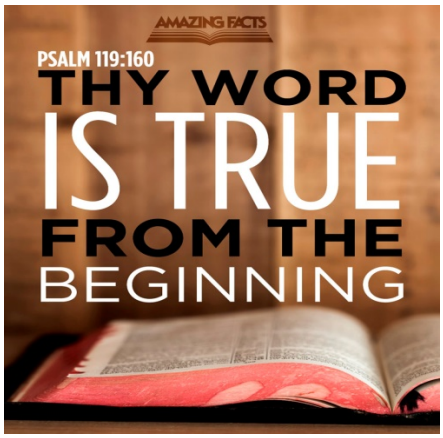


GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

EACH SUNDAY MASS HAS THREE READINGS taken from the bible

First reading--------from the Old Testament
Second reading----from an apostle [usually St Paul} or from the book of Revelation
Gospel reading------Gospel reading [Christ's teaching]
Year A ---- Gospel of Mathew
Year B------Gospel of Mark
Year C------Gospel of Luke
Gospel of John is read occasionally on the three year cycle

This arrangement of the first, second and Gospel readings set up by the Vatican council[1969} brings out unity of the old and new testament of the history of salvation in which Christ is the central figure commemorated in the Paschal Mystery[death on the cross}.



LITURGICAL SEASONS

The church year consists of six liturgical seasons



Six liturgical seasons

Advent
Christmas
Ordinary time after baptism of Christ
Lent –forty days long
Easter
Ordinary time after Pentecost-

Our liturgical year has seasons. The liturgical year commences with the Season of Advent when you see the priest wearing violent vestments. Then during the Christmas Season you see the priest wearing white vestments. Next, Ordinary Time (34 weeks) begins when the priest wears green vestments. Ordinary Time is interrupted by Lent when the priest wears violent vestments and followed by Easter when the priest wears white vestments. Ordinary Time (green vestments) resumes again following the Easter Season and continues until Advent when the new liturgical year begins again.

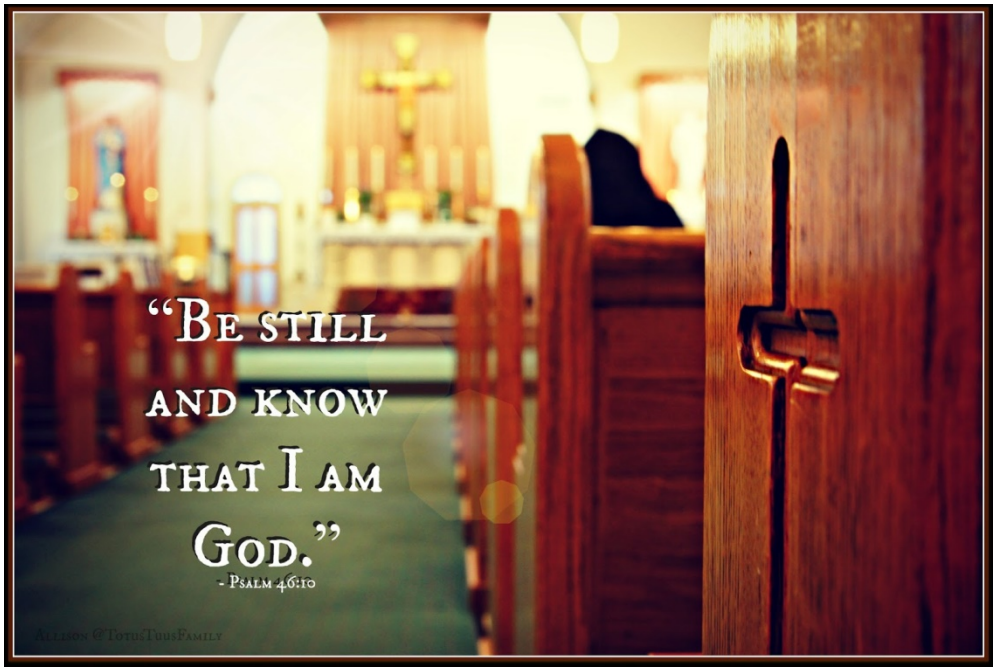


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For those who **occasionally attend Sunday Mass** and wish to find that particular Sunday Gospel theme and reflection

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One can purchase a Roman Catholic calendar or get a printout from the web

note----example of Roman Catholic calendar on next page

2— once identified go to the back of the book to the table of contents to get the page number of the desired Sunday Gospel theme

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If inspired do read all the Gospel themes and reflections to familiarize yourself with the word of the Lord and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

EXAMPLE OF ROMAN CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The Roman Calendar for A.D. 2017

January, 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God SOLEMNITY	2 Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bb & Dd Memorial	3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus Opt. Mem.	4 Elizabeth Ann Seton Memorial	5 John Neumann, B Memorial	6 Bl. Andre Bessette, Rel Opt. Mem.	7 Raymond of Penyafort, P Opt. Mem.
8 Epiphany of the Lord SOLEMNITY	9 Baptism of the Lord Feast	10 Tuesday of the First Week of Ordinary Time Weekday	11 Wednesday of the First Week of Ordinary Time Weekday	12 Thursday of the First Week of Ordinary Time Weekday	13 Hilary, B & D Opt. Mem.	14 Saturday of the First Week of Ordinary Time Weekday
15 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday	16 Monday of the Second Week of Ordinary Time Weekday	17 Anthony, Ab Memorial	18 Wednesday of the Second Week of Ordinary Time Weekday	19 Thursday of the Second Week of Ordinary Time Weekday	20 Fabian, Po & M; Sebastian, M Opt. Mem.	21 Agnes, V & M Memorial
22 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday	23 Monday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time Weekday	24 Francis de Sales, B & D Memorial	25 Conversion of St. Paul, Ap Feast	26 Timothy and Titus, Bb Memorial	27 Angela Merici, V Opt. Mem.	28 Thomas Aquinas, P & D Memorial
29 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time						

SUNDAY GOSPEL

THEME

REFLECTION

INSPIRATION

YEAR A

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT ----A1

GOSPEL THEME- PREPARING FOR WHAT MATTERS

Mt 24:37-44



PREPARE YOURSELF

FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR A

GOSPEL THEME—PREPARING FOR WHAT MATTERS

Mt 24:37-44

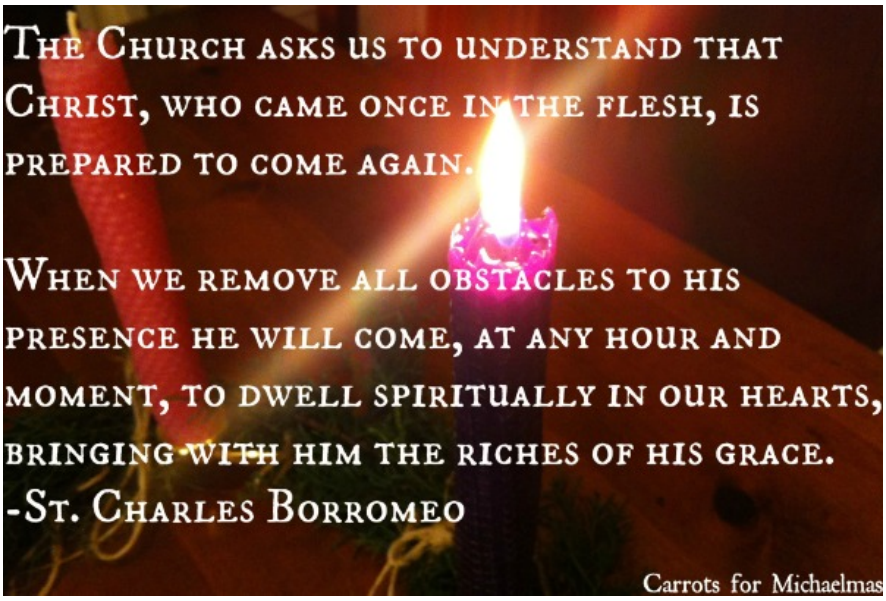
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ADVENT--PREPARING FOR WHAT MATTERS

Advent is the beginning of the church calendar year for most churches in the western tradition. The season lasts for a four week period and ends at Christmas Eve (Dec 24th)

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus on the Advent season is the celebration of Christ's birth in a Manger in Bethlehem [His first advent or coming] and anticipation of the Second Advent or coming which is the end of this world at Judgement day. Today's Gospel reading challenges us of preparing ourselves for the second coming and warns us of complacency.

In our busy world today we are caught up in all the events of our days and often we do not pay attention to our souls, our inner spirits, and our inner selves. This is called spiritual blindness. God is actively present to us all the time. It is our awareness that needs a tune up. Advent is a season of heightened awareness of God's presence in our lives every day and us living according to his teaching and will.



A1


I need God in every single moment of my life.


Quotes Made w/ Love
JESUS
Is Coming
BACK!
If you're glad about it, say Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT----A2

GOSPEL THEME—REFORM YOUR LIFE—REPENT

Mt 11:2-11



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR A

Second Sunday of Advent Yr A ---A2
GOSPEL THEME—REFORM YOUR LIFE—REPENT
Mt 11:2-11

Advent is about preparing for the celebration of God's presence as one of us---A pre-Christmas preparation---A time to set our priorities straight.

Advent is a time, prior to Christmas, to focus on one thing that really matters; Celebrating Christ's presence in our lives. It is a time to receive God in our hearts and souls deep down within and not simply good wishes and nice thoughts of Christmas. It is a spiritual preparation.

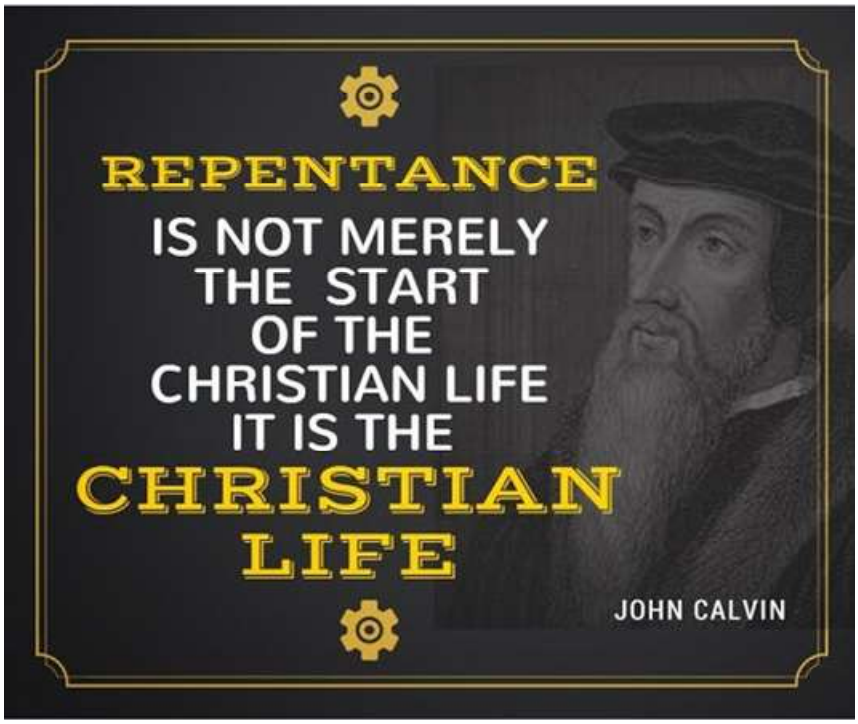
Today's liturgy speaks of repentance; a personal change of heart; a transformation or conversion. Repentance means change and change is something we dislike and takes ones convincing to do. Advent calls us to change our routines.

Some things to consider;

- Take time to really show family and friends we love them and not assume they know it.
- Establish a routine of prayer for regular communication and appreciation of the Lord, our Savior, who offers us our existence in this world and eternity in heaven.
- Take time to evaluate our sin and failure in our lives and where we can improve.
- It is a time to love ourselves and those around us as God would have us.

"Prepare the way of the Lord and make his paths straight"

A2


REPENTANCE
IS NOT MERELY
THE START
OF THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE
IT IS THE
CHRISTIAN
LIFE
JOHN CALVIN


IF YOU WANT TO
CHANGE
YOU HAVE TO BE
WILLING
TO BE
UNCOMFORTABLE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT------A3

GOSPEL THEME –FAITH AND TRUTH

Mt 11:2-11



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE LORD

THIRD SUNDAY OD ADVENT; YEAR A

Third Sunday of advent Yr A ----A3
GOSPEL THEME-FAITH AND TRUTH
Mt 11:2-11

FAITH AND TRUTH

This Sunday we are called to rejoice in the Lord for He is near. Jesus's coming is to happen and that we are to be prepared. Today's readings tell us to wait for the Lord patiently and prepare our hearts to receive Him.

We are asked to be a prophet for the Lord. A prophet is a person with God's wisdom in one's mind, God's truth in one's lips and God's courage in one's heart.

Too often people treat their faith like a garbage bag. A certain percentage of Catholic faith does not accept this or that teaching. They often respond to gut-level feelings or sayings that sound good. Christ's teaching (the bible) is deeper than what strikes one's fancy. Faith is not a grab bag. The teaching in the bible and the catechism of the Catholic faith, one can find at times difficult. If one struggles with a hard teaching it sometimes becomes powerful and life changing. "Be patient" The hardest teaching can bring the most precious fruit.

We want more than comforting feel good faith---We want the truth. Faith has the methodology for coming to the truth through the bible whose writings are inspired by the Holy Spirit and through the teaching of the universal Catholic church which was established by Jesus.

"Follow the teachings of the Lord and his truth"

"Follow the Lords way"

A3



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT----A4

LITURGICAL THEME----BEHOLD

IS 7:10-14; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-26



"BEHOLD"

Christmas is time of

Peace, Reconciliation, Love.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR A

Fourth Sunday of Advent yr A ---A4
LITURGICAL THEME----BEHOLD
IS 7:10-14; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-26

"Behold" the church tells us on the fourth Sunday of advent. "Trust in God", we are told. His wonders are beyond our imagination. Trust in Him and behold His wonders and live in His happiness.

Christmas is an annual celebration signifying a Virgin Mary giving birth a child, a son, and His name shall be Immanuel which means God with us.

We live in a sinful world and are highly conscious of the sins in our lives. For this reason an important part of our preparation for the feast of Christmas should be the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession).Christ came into our world to bring healing and salvation and we experience both of these in a concrete way in this Sacramental encounter.

Make this Christmas a holy feast. Make this Christmas one in which you experience the gifts of healing and salvation that Christ can give. Make this Christmas a time of peace, reconciliation and love.



A4


I'M A CHRISTIAN
- I AM NOT PERFECT -
- I MAKE MISTAKES -
- I MESS UP -
BUT GOD'S GRACE IS BIGGER
THAN MY SINS
GOINGAFTERONE.COM


TIME DOESN'T HEAL ALL WOUNDS.
God does.
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT----A5

THEME- FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col3; 12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Keep Family Strong with Spiritual Nourishment

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY; YEAR A

SUNDAY REFLECTION Yr A ----A5

THEME- FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Col3; 12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23

FEAST OT THE HOLY FAMILY

After Jesus' birth, the foster father Joseph was advised in a dream by an angel that an attack on their child was imminent from King Herod. "Flee to Egypt" a strange land and a strange language. They lived in slums of Cairo for approximately four years in protection of baby Jesus' life. The Holy Family knew what it was to deal with poverty and an empty stomach for the safety of baby Jesus.

How do we identify with the Holy Family?

We have the Holy Family as a model. The father fights against anything in the world that would destroy his family. The mother creates a home that nurtures the family. The child is the love around which the family revolves. Besides nurturing the children of the family with physical food parents need to nurture their children with spiritual food by teaching them good morals and developing a formation of living a life of love with the presence of God in their daily lives. Being active in church attendance and teaching the children Christian [Catholic] catechesis is a responsibility of parents in their children's faith formation.

The love of a family is life's greatest blessing

A5


THE LOVE OF A
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blessing.

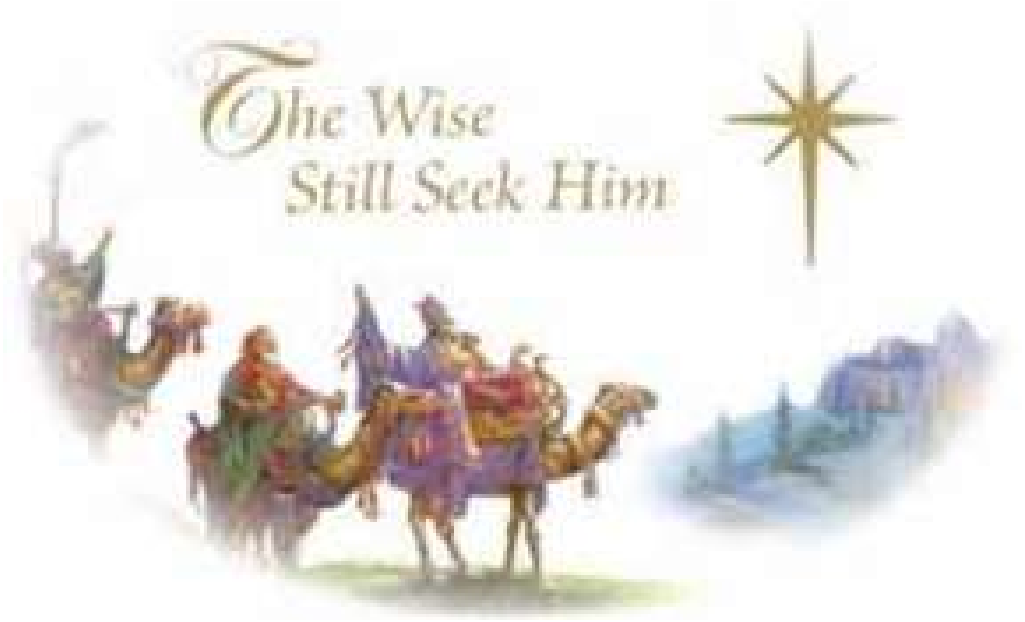

THE love OF A
FAMILY MAKES LIFE
beautiful

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT----A6

THEME—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, YR A J

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3; Mt 2:1-12



EPIPHANY OF GOD

May we experience the Epiphany or Showing of God everyday!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; YEAR A

THEME—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, ---A6
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3; Mt 2:1-12

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

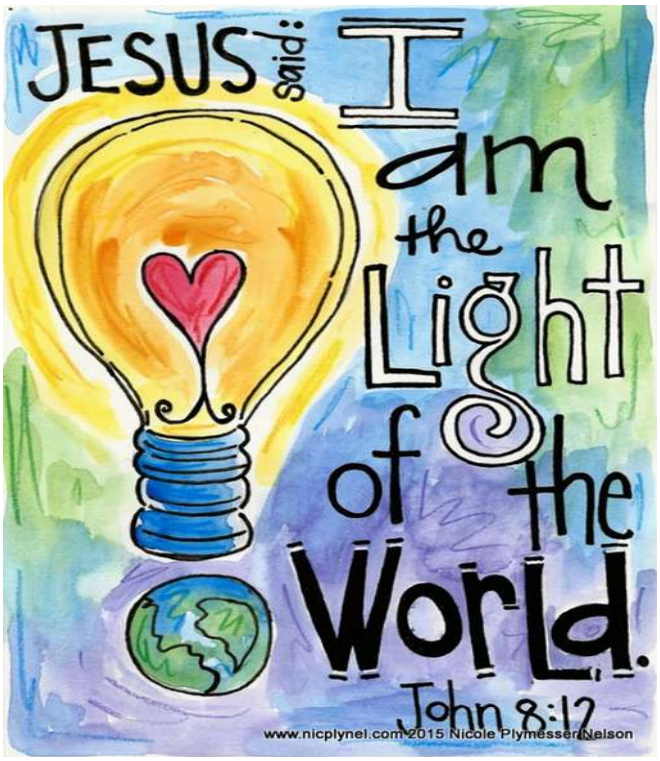
Today is Epiphany Sunday. The word epiphany means a showing or manifestation of the Lord. Jesus was first shown to the three wise men, astrologers and non-Israelite rulers from the East, whose faith guided them to Bethlehem. The pagan foreigners (the wise kings or magi) went to great lengths to find Jesus and do him homage. Today's feast is telling us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders, and God in the person of Jesus is reaching out to the whole world.

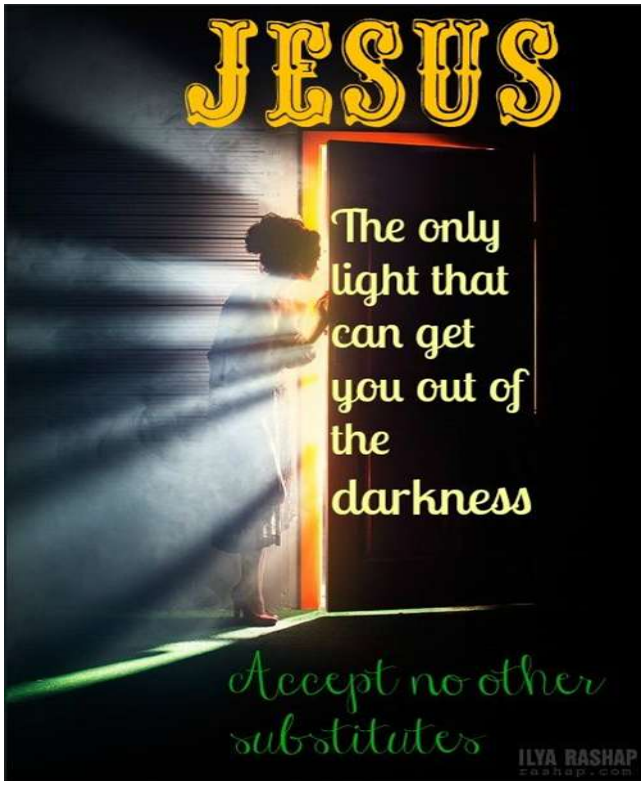
As the magi did, we too need to search for our God and not rest till we find Him. As we celebrate the feast of the epiphany let us reflect upon Christ the light of the world.

As Christian followers of the Catholic faith we do experience Christ's epiphany or manifestation at every mass through the sacrament of the Eucharist. In our faith the manifestation of Christ is experienced in all the sacraments.

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray,
Shed its light upon our hearts,
that we may pass through the shadows of this world
and reach the brightness our eternal home.

A6


JESUS said:
I am the Light of the World.
John 8:12
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JESUS
The only light that can get you out of the darkness
Accept no other substitutes
ILYA RASHAP

FEAST OF BAPTISM OF THE LORD; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A7

THEME- THE FEAST BAPTISM OF THE LORD; JOINING THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN

15 42:1-4,6-7—Acts 10: 34-28—Mt 3:13-17



BAPTISM OF OUR JESUS

LORD HELP US IN OUR FIGHT OF SINFUL TEMPTATIONS

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF JESUS; YEAR A

THEME- THE FEAST BAPTISM OF THE LORD; JOINING THE FIGHT AGAINST SIN

15 42:1-4,6-7—Acts 10: 34-28—Mt 3:13-17

A7

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sin was the reason why people were baptised by John the Baptist in River Jordan. In accepting John's baptism people renounced sin. When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) descended upon Him in a form of a dove and a voice resounded from heaven.

"This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased"

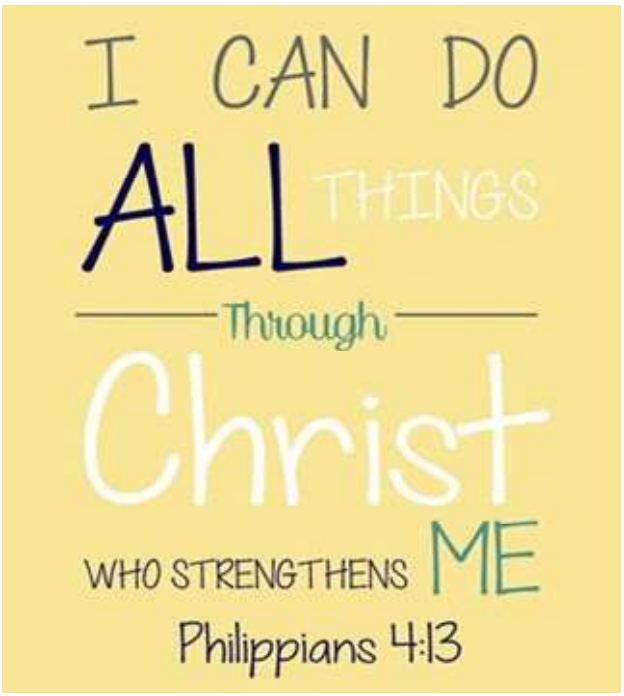
Jesus' public life began at approximately age 30 with His baptism by John the Baptist in Jordan. John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus submitted Himself entirely to the Fathers will.

Jesus came to fight sin with us. Allow Him in your life in conquering immorality around us. Place yourself into His hands; Trust His power. His mission is to destroy the grip of evil upon the world.

Baptism remains the most fundamental of all Sacraments; it admits us to the church and opens us to the life of grace. Through baptism a Christian is sacramentally assimilated to Jesus.

Today we ask the Lord to continue to lead us out of the river of sin. We ask the Lord to give us courage to join Him in fighting evil. We ask that by His teaching and example, we learn to live in a way that is pleasing to the Lord our God.

A7


I CAN DO
ALL THINGS
Through
Christ
WHO STRENGTHENS ME
Philippians 4:13

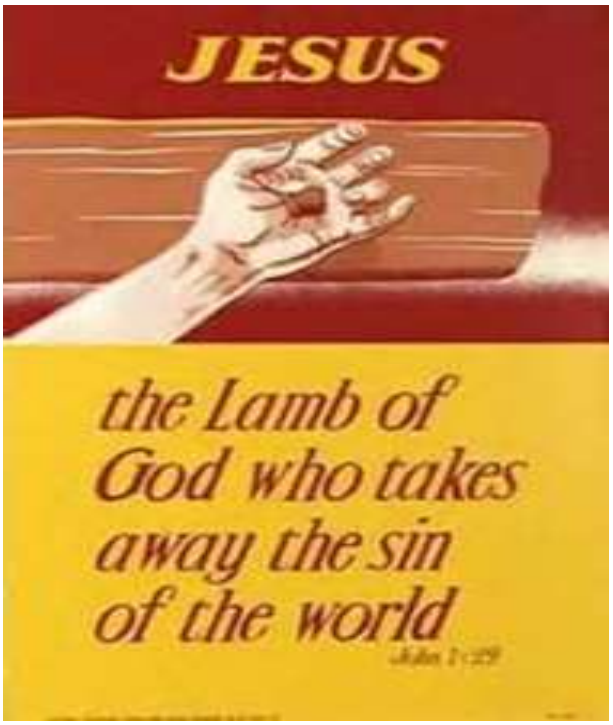

Listen for God's voice in everything you do and everywhere you go; He's the one that will keep you on track.
-Proverbs 3:6
BibleGodQuotes.com

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A8

THEME –Lamb of God

Is 49:3,5-6 - Cor 1:1-3 – Jn1: 29-31



JESUS LAMB OF GOD

SACRIFICED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

REFLECTION---A8
THEME –Lamb of God
Is 49:3,5-6 - Cor 1:1-3 – Jn1: 29-31

THEME- LAMB OF GOD

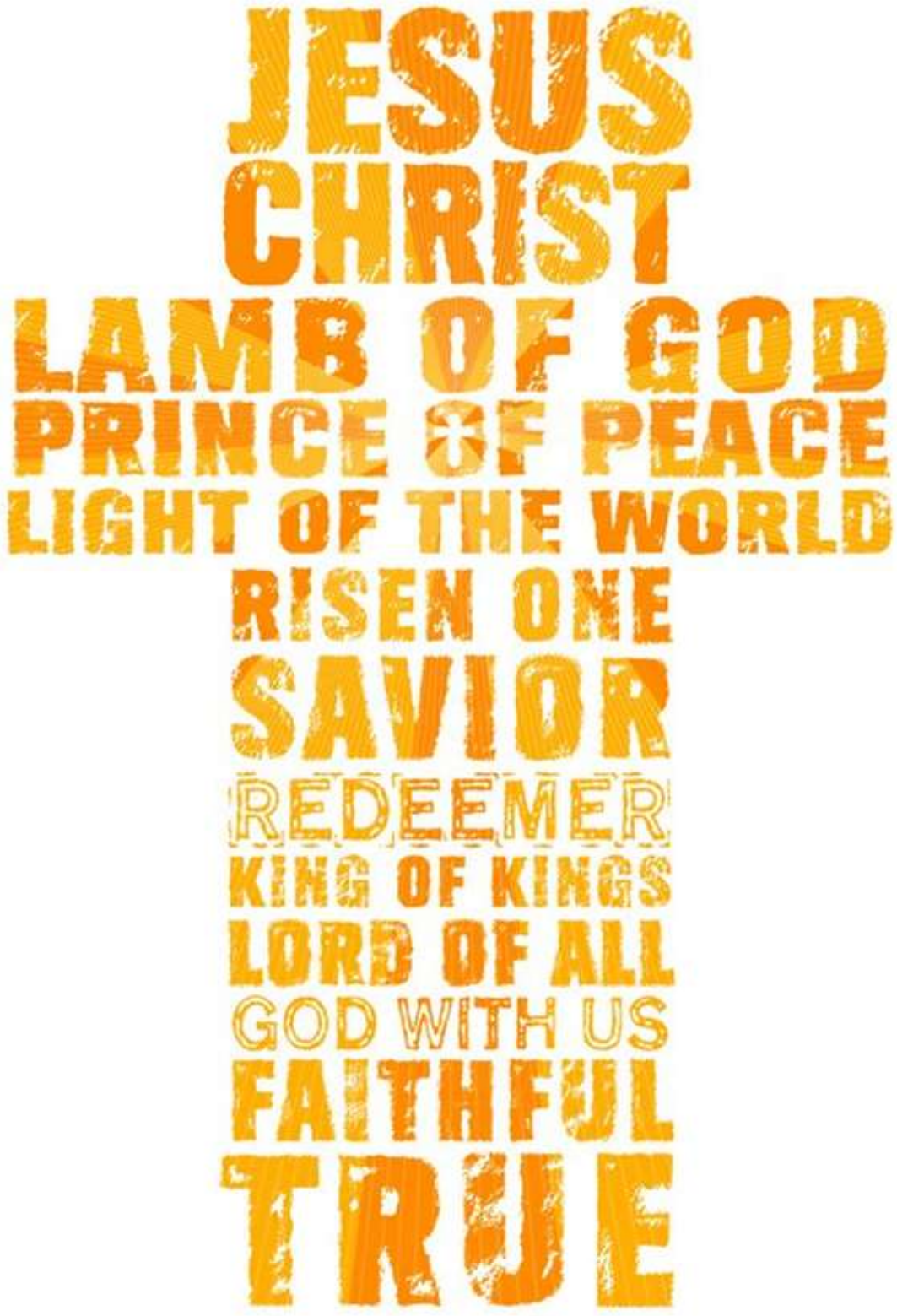
In the church liturgical calendar Christmas season is over. We begin these Sundays of ordinary time right at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry but we do so with an eye on the end of the story. We see from the onset that Jesus is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed on the cross and his principal task is to take away the sins of the world. This is the reason he came among us, this is the true purpose, and this is something the whole world can rejoice. Jesus is the one who came from God to save us from our sins. We hear this every time we celebrate the Eucharist when the priest holds up the host and says:

"Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb"

In our role of evangelization it is our task to point out to those around us just who Jesus is. We are to convey not only that He came to earth in divine flesh but that He is the Son of God, that He is our savior, that He loves us and wants us to live with Him in all eternity in heaven.

This is indeed good news!!!

A8


JESUS
CHRIST
LAMB OF GOD
PRINCE OF PEACE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
RISEN ONE
SAVIOR
REDEEMER
KING OF KINGS
LORD OF ALL
GOD WITH US
FAITHFUL
TRUE

‘

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT----A9

LITURGICAL THEME-----CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Is 9:1-4;Cor 1: 10-3, 17-8; Mt 4:12-23



CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

KEEP CHRIST IN YOUR DAILY LIVING

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

REFLECTION—A9
LITURGICAL THEME-----CHANGE FOR THE BETTER
Is 9:1-4;Cor 1: 10-3, 17-8; Mt 4:12-23

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

In the Gospel Jesus' message is to repent, be sorry or regret wrong actions done and make change in direction. Repent implies a radical change in heart, a change in ones thinking, a total transformation.

"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"

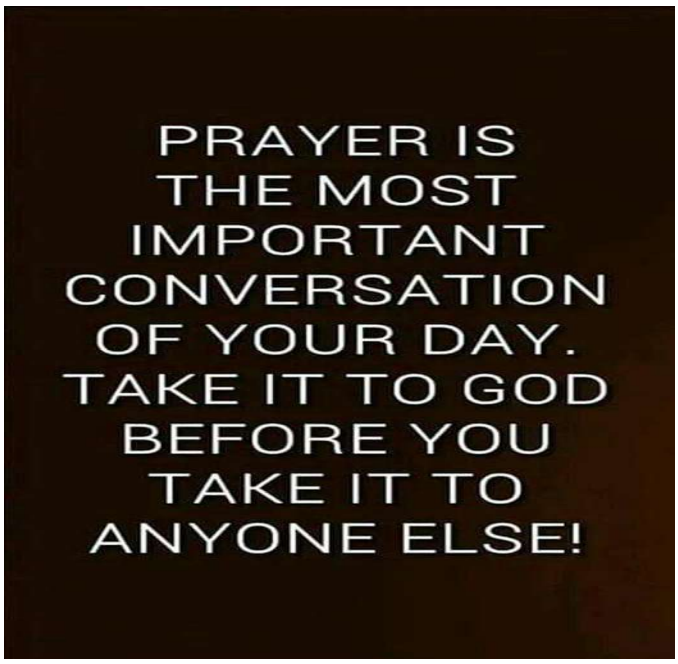
It is good news of hope, peace, promise, truth and salvation.

Our hope, our joy, our peace are all in God. Our peace is grounded in the Lord and not being part of the crowd that in many cases pursue sinful acts thoughts and deeds. Often there is turmoil in family, friends, and society. We can calm the chaos by increasing our prayer by intensifying our adherence to the Lord and thus strengthening His presence in our homes. In many ways our peace is threatened, but nothing can remove this peace from our lives---No one can take Jesus from us. In fact for us determined, committed Christians, the more difficult challenge in life, the stronger the faith can become. We trust in the Lord to be with us forever.

Our hope, our joy, our peace are all in our Lord

The Lord is our light and Salvation

A9


PRAYER IS
THE MOST
IMPORTANT
CONVERSATION
OF YOUR DAY.
TAKE IT TO GOD
BEFORE YOU
TAKE IT TO
ANYONE ELSE!


GIVE GOD
YOUR
weakness
AND HE'LL
GIVE
YOU HIS
strength

`FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A10

GOSPEL THEME-PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PURIFICATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN

Mal3:1-4; Heb2:10-11;Lk2:22-40



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

BRING THE LORD INTO YOUR PRESENCE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

REFLECTION----A10
GOSPEL THEME-PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
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Mal3:1-4; Heb2:10-11;Lk2:22-40

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
PURIFICATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN

In the Gospel today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Jesus as a child is presented in the temple to the priests according to the Law of Moses. The ritual requires sacrifice of a lamb or pigeon. Mary herself is also ritually purified. This is the Jewish custom at the time, in obedience to the Mosaic Law.

Today's feast reminds us that God is not removed from us in His very being. Jesus is in fact one of us. He knows, He cares, He has experienced and He loves.

Today's feast leads us to pray:

"Jesus you are me of us yet you are an infinite God. Heal our weaknesses and pain--- Give us the joy of your peace --- Help us to rely on your power--- Fill us with your love. You are not just a child presented in the temple, you are the Son of God; You bear the power of God. Help us to rely on your love and your presence with our lives and before the throne of our Father. Amen"

A10


I AM AN
IMPERFECT
PERSON
LOVED BY A
PERFECT
GOD


WHEN LIFE
FEELS HARD,
JUST KEEP IN
MIND THAT GOD
WILL BE THERE
TO HELP YOU
DURING YOUR MOST
DIFFICULT TIMES.
Risen Apparel

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY REFLECTION---A11
GOSPEL THEME-YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Is 58:6-10; Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



CARE FOR THE POOR

Feed the hungry; Shelter the oppressed and homeless;

Cover the naked; Help the needy;

Attend to the lonely.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time---A11
GOSPEL THEME-YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH
YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
Is 58:6-10; Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

YO ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH---YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In the ancient world salt was a highly valued commodity. Jesus wishes us to be of value in our decisions and actions and be a light or shining example to others all for the glory of our Father in heaven.

Jesus tells us
"You are the salt of the earth; You are the light of the world"

These are Gods words defining the way we should live, calling us to act with deeds of concern for others. Living for others and caring for others like Christ is the clearest expression of love. All Christians have a mission to put the teachings of Jesus and in particular the beatitudes into practice.

We are urged to help the poor: "Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and homeless; cover the naked; help the needy; tend to the sick and lonely."

By doing these good actions darkness will become light; where there is despair there will be hope; where there is death there shall be life; where there is sorrow there shall be joy.

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS"
"BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IN LIKENESS OF CHRIST"

A11


Give your hands
to serve
and your hearts
to love.
Mother Teresa
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DOING NOTHING
FOR OTHERS IS
THE UNDOING
OF OURSELVES.
— Horace Mann —
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A12

LITURGICAL THEME- THE FULLNESS OF THE LAW

Sar 15:15-28; Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5: 17-37



THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

RESPOND TO THE REQUEST IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Sixth Sunday in ordinary time –A12
LITURGICAL THEME- THE FULLNESS OF THE LAW
Sar 15:15-28; Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5: 17-37

FULLNESS OF THE LAW

Today's Gospel is structured with numerous references to the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament: **Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.**

Jesus' opening remarks in today's Gospel *"I came not to abolish the law and prophets* (of the Old Testament) *but to fulfill them."*

Jesus commands the law of love. Besides following the laws of Torah and the Ten Commandments we are called to be self-givers. It is relatively easy to observe rituals and to affirm doctrine but, unfortunately, such observance can easily coexist with interior attitude that is judgemental and unforgiving. The gospel reminds us not to hold on to anger. Reconciliation or making amends with the alienated people in our lives (and often families) is more important than meticulous or even scrupulous religious observance.----Follow the **GREAT COMMANDMENT**-----LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOUSELF.

We are called to be eternal lovers of our Father and his creation.

We are called to rejoice His presence in us and our families.

Be a true follower of Jesus and make his love present in your world.

A12

LIFE OF LOVE





Baba Rose's recipe for love
A12

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT—A13

THEME- LIVE A LIFE OF HOLINESS; LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Lev 19:1-2,17-18; Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES BUT NOT THEIR SIN

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Seventh Sunday in ordinary time yr A –A13
THEME- LIVE A LIFE OF HOLINESS; LOVE YOUR ENEMIESS
Lev19:1-2,17-18;Cor3:16-23;Mt5:28-48

LIVE A LIFE OF HOLINESS; LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

The universal call to holiness goes all the way to the Old Testament. God's people have always been called to be holy. Holiness is a special call where we commit ourselves to live a life according to divine plan or living a life as God would like us to live which is to be merciful, kind and loving. It is easy to love those who love us. In the gospel reading the commandment from the Sermon on the Mount Jesus asks us to

"Love our enemies"

We are to live fully the image of God. Revenge and holding grudges have no place within God's people. We are being called to recognize and respond to God's presence in every single person we meet. We are not to follow the rule of "tit for tat" or "eye for eye and tooth for tooth" philosophy. We are to avoid vengeance and follow the spirit of non-resentment and non-retaliation.

Jesus said *"If someone strikes the right cheek, turn them the other cheek."*

Turning the other cheek is not weakness; it requires tremendous inner strength and personal security.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

This is not a concept of pacifism but rather a call to universal brotherhood.

Similarly do not support capital punishment for social justice.

A13


LOVE
your enemies...
It just shows that you're
better than them :)


KILL
THEM
WITH
KINDNESS

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A14
GOSPEL THEME-TREASURE TODAY
DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW
Is 49:14-15; Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



TRUST IN THE LORD

TRUST DIVINE PROVIDENCE

DO NOT WORRY

EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Eight Sunday in ordinary time ---A14
GOSPEL THEME-TREASURE TODAY
DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW
Is 49:14-15; Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

TREASURE TODAY-----DO NO WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW
Many people suffer from worry and anxiety. Jesus tells us to calm down and trust in Him.

"Do not worry; Your heavenly Father knows all your needs"

Fearing the unknown gets us nowhere. It is a rejection in our trust in God to care for us. Each day has its own cross and its own joy and each day of our lives God watches over us and loves us so much.
If one places his trust in Divine providence, one will have no worries in the need to stockpile for the benefit one's future. This is a false sense of security.
Worrying leads to divided loyalty to God and ultimately an exclusive concentration on possessions. Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

We are called to TRUST IN GOD who knows what we need and believe that God will give it to us.

Let us pray for each other that we receive the gift of faith that is necessary for us to trust in Divine providence. The Lord truly does supply all our needs here on earth as well as an opportunity for eternal reward in heaven.

A14


Choose
Faith
over
Worry


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Rule #55
worrying is the sin
of not trusting God


Worrying does not
take away
tomorrow's troubles;
it takes away
today's peace.
Two Magical Moms

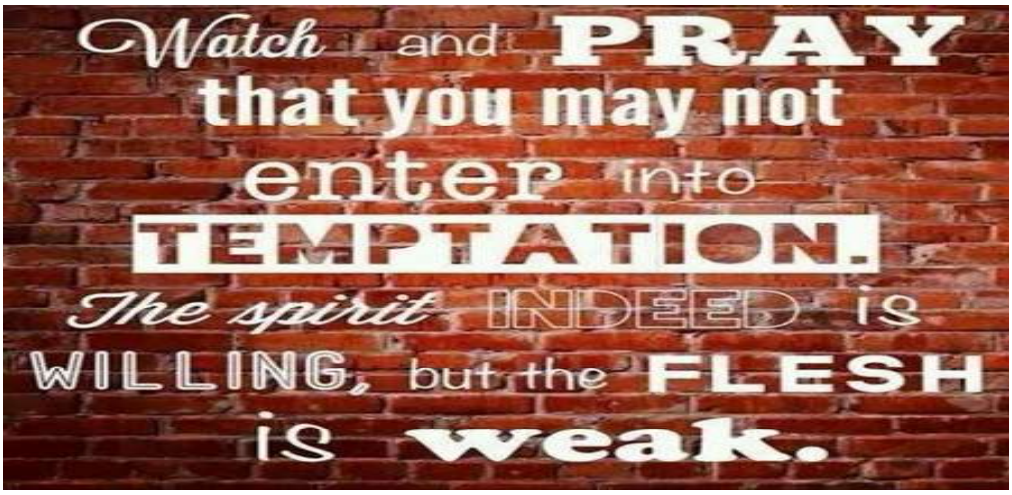
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITRUAL THOUGHT---A15

LITURGICAL THEME- TEMPTATIONS

Gen2:7-9;16-18,25,3;1-7;rom5:12-19;Mt4:1-11



LENT

Time for-FASTING
-PRAYER
-RECONCILIATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

First Sunday of Lent –A15

LITURGICAL THEME- TEMPTATIONS

Gen2:7-9;16-18,25,3;1-7;rom5:12-19;Mt4:1-11

TEMPTATIONS

Lent is a season of penance that has been set apart by the Catholic Church in memory of the forty days fast of our Lord Jesus in the desert and as a means of sanctification of her members. Beginning Ash Wednesday, Lent includes 40 fasting days---The Lenten season is a time to fast and reconciliation for a purpose of gaining spiritual strength in order to resist all forms of temptations. It is a time to say

"Away with you Satan"

Mt-4-10

Lent is a time to ask oneself a number of Questions. Where is life really leading me? Is the hope of eternal life my aspiration? Have I tried to grow in the life of spirit through prayer, reading the word of God and meditating on it? Have I been anxious to control my vices of envy, love of excess food and drink? Have I been proud and boastful, thinking of myself better in the sight of God and despising others less important than myself?

By persevering in fasting, penance and prayer the faithful obtain strength that they need to overcome sinful tendencies.

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TEMPTATION

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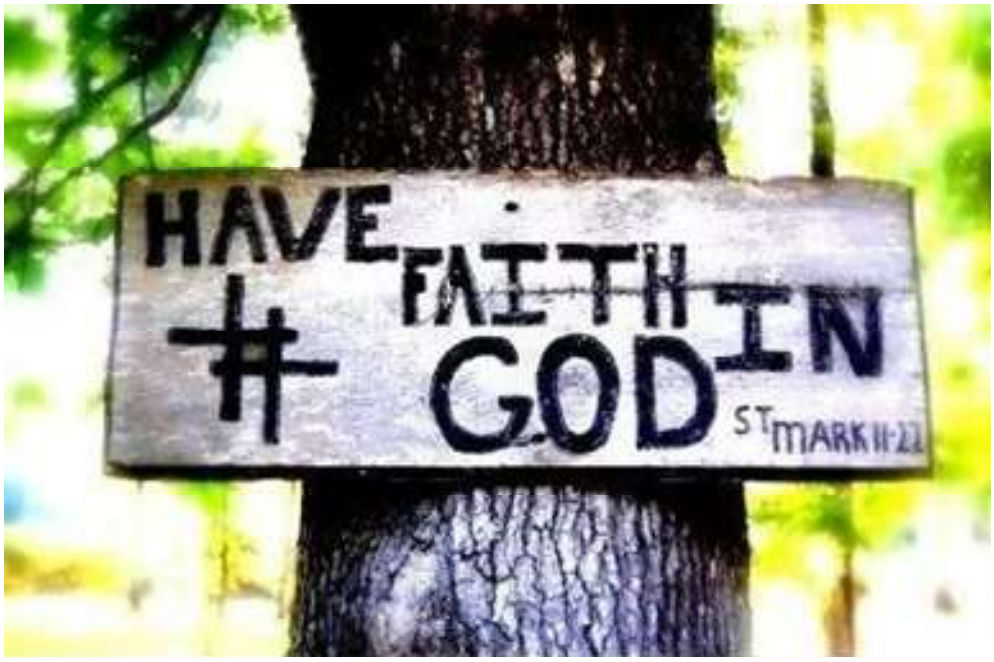


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A16

GOSPEL THEME--FAITH--A JOYFUL JOURNEY OF SACRIFICE TO GLORY

Gn1 12:1-4a; Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



JOURNEY OF FAITH

EXPERIENCE----------JOY

---------- SACRIFICE

----------GLORY OF GOD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

Second Sunday of lent ---A16
GOSPEL THEME--FAITH--A JOYFUL JOURNEY OF SACRIFICE TO GLORY
Gn1 12:1-4a; Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

FAITH—A JOYFUL JOURNEY OF SACRIFICE TO GLORY

This Sunday all three readings follow the thought of Faith regarding our spiritual journey. Faith is not something we profess; faith is a life we lead which encompasses a life of joy, sacrifice and glory.
JOY-It is a journey of joy as we grow in realization that we are happy when we are united to God. When we live our faith we are happy with ourselves.
SACRIFICE-God demands that we make His life a priority in our lives. He calls his people to be holy. We have to live according to principals of faith and morality which might be very different than the so called modern way of living. The New Testament asks us to a new way of living demanded by Christ and his teachings.
GLORY- The gospel deals today with transfiguration of Christ.

"Christ was transfigured before their eyes. His face became dazzling as the sun; his clothes were radiant as light"

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his disciples manifesting to them his divinity to strengthen them in their faith before he enters his passion of death on a cross.

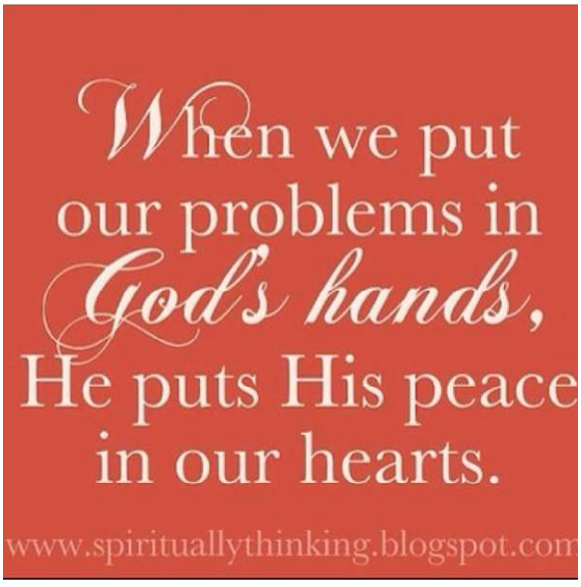
In our life journey may we be strong of faith and recognize the gift of life that our Trinitarian God offers us. May we recognize the beauty of his creation, his omnipotence, wisdom, love, compassion and forgiveness and may we follow his teachings and his way. By doing so, we will meet him face to face and be glorified in heaven.

A16

FAITH IN GOD







THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A17

GOSPEL THEME---FORGIVENESS AND HOPE IT PROVIDES

Exodus 17:3-7; Rom: 5,1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

REPENT PAST MISDEEDS
AND
UNDESIREABLE TEMPTATIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

Third Sunday of Lent ----A17

GOSPEL THEME---FORGIVENESS AND HOPE IT PROVIDES

Exodus 17:3-7; Rom: 5,1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42

GOD FORGIVES

Today's readings are directing us to take a good look into ourselves and experience divine insight. The gospel teaching deals with sin and forgiveness. For those who repent their past misdeeds and acknowledge their wrong doing with desire to change, God is merciful and does forgive. With that, one will experience a feeling full of life, full of love and full of hope. God's mercy compassion and forgiveness is infinitely more powerful than our guilt. Our past actions that make us feel shameful of, we give it to the Lord in the sacrament of Reconciliation .With the Sacrament of Confession and being sorry for wrong doing and desire to change, guilt dissolves. We do not have to carry our burdens; Jesus carries them for us all the way to Calvary.

Do participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and come back to the life of grace

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Come and drink a glass of cool water with Christ and confess your sins. Jesus is the living water to be shared by all.

Become a temple of God and a dwelling place of Christ.

Draw water joyfully at the spring of salvation.

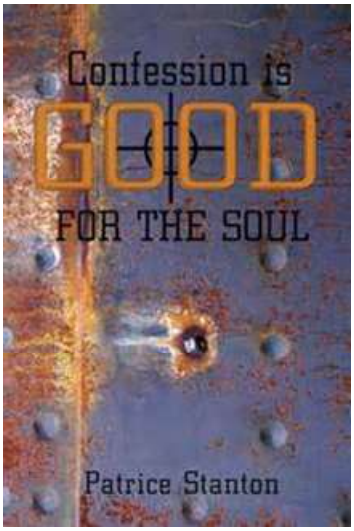
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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

A miracle of God's Mercy





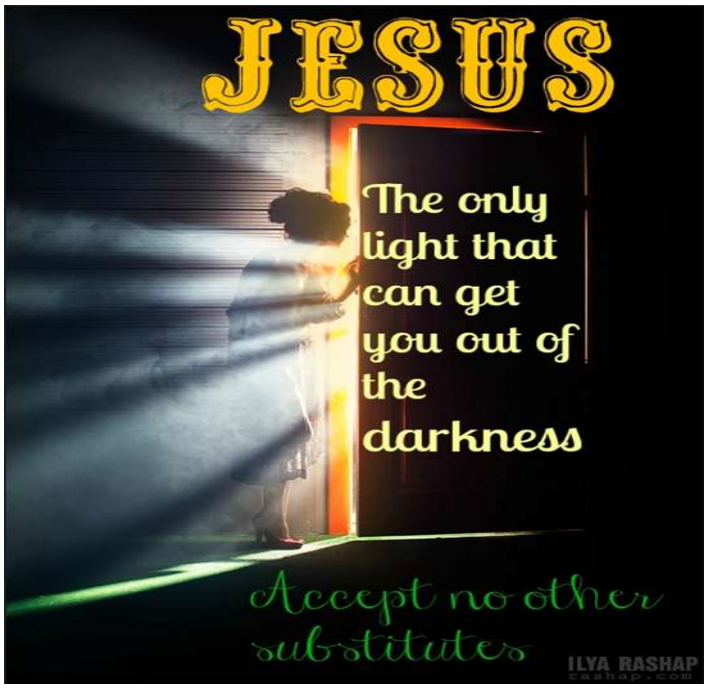


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT—A18

SPIRITUAL THEME—FROM DARKNESS TO LIFE

Sameul 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-4; Jn 9:1 41



FOLLOW THE TRUE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

Fourth Sunday of Lent ---A18
SPIRITUAL THEME—FROM DARKNESS TO LIFE
Samuel 16:1b, 6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-4; Jn 9:1 41

SPIRITUAL THEME—FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

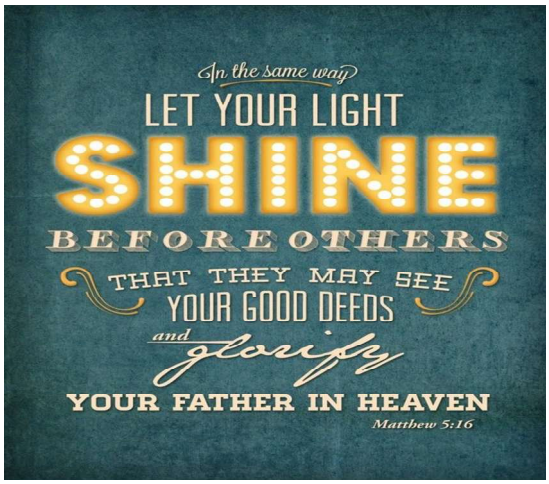
In today's readings we are called upon to renew ourselves and experience the loving invitation of our Lord. We are to live as children of light and judge everything by the light of Christ. The tragedy greater than all others is to be blind and to say we can see. There are so many areas we are perilously blind in our actions, words, thoughts and desires that do not follow the true light of the world which is Christ's way. During Lent an honest assessment must be made of our fallen nature which is wounded by the effects of sin and one requires repentance and reconciliation.

Allow the spirit of God to guide your steps and do communicate with him in prayer. It is beneficial to use material elements in prayer. Consider having a crucifix in your prayer space, your car, your workplace or a chain around your neck. Physical elements like a cross, an icon, etc. can assist powerfully in prayer.

Embrace your true place before God, one of humility and gratitude; one of praise and thanksgiving.

Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way to penance.

FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST





A18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A19

GOSPEL THEME- MIRACLE OF LAZURAS

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;Jn 11:1-45



JESUS SAYS

BELIEVE IN ME AND LIVE ACCORDING TO MY TEACHING AND LIVE FOREVER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

Fifth Sunday of Lent --A19

GOSPEL THEME- MIRACLE OF LAZURAS

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11;Jn 11:1-45

MIRACLE OF LAZURAS

Today we are entering the fifth and last week of Lent. This will be followed by "Passion Sunday" (Palm Sunday) and finally the Holy Week that will reach to its peak on Easter Sunday.

In today's Gospel Jesus brought back to life Lazarus who was deceased in a tomb for 4 days. The sign of resurrection He bestowed on raising Lazarus indicates the object of our own hope----Jesus said

"I am the resurrection and life; whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die"

Jn 11-25

We obtain this promise when we cast all our sins, doubts, earthly attachments behind our backs and run the race faithfully to meet the Lord. We ask God for the courage to walk away from undesirable actions and thoughts. We need to do our Lenten spring cleaning asking for God's forgiveness and be in peace with ourselves and with our Lord. Now with the approaching of Easter Sunday we are called to symbolically resurrect from sin to grace by partaking in the sacrament of confession to cleanse our souls so we be pleasing to God.

May we march forward faithfully with desire of cleansing our souls through reconciliation and repentance knowing that those who believe in Jesus will live forever.

BELIEVE IN JESUS –-OUR SAVI0R







A19

PALM SUNDAY; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A20

GOSPEL THEME—PASSION OF JESUS—PASCHAL MYSTERY

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50: 4-7; phil 2:6-11; Mt 2666:14-27:66



BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

A GLIMPSE OF EASTER

PALM SUNDAY; YEAR A

Palm Sunday ---A20

GOSPEL THEME—PASSION OF JESUS—PASCHAL MYSTERY

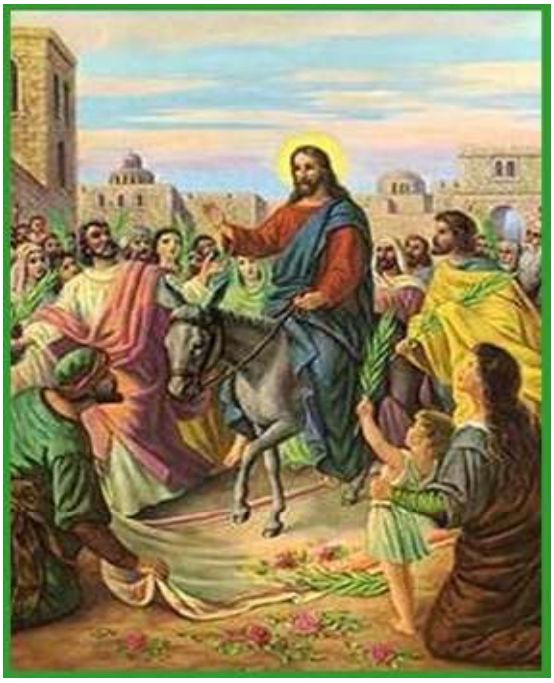
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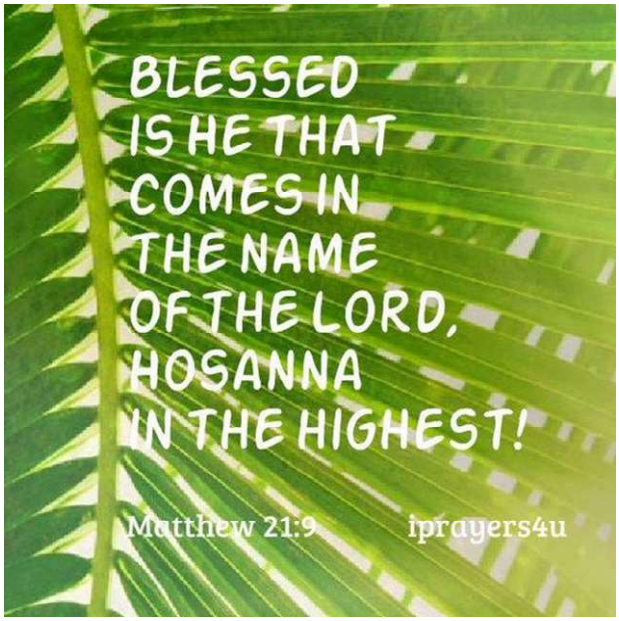
Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Christ into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in His path before His arrest on Holy Thursday and His crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of holy week, the final week of Lent and the week in which Christians celebrate the mystery of their salvation through Christ`s death and His resurrection on Easter Sunday.



A20

PALM SUNDAY





EASTER SUNDAY; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A21

LITURGICAL THEME- RESSURECTION—CHRIST HAS RISEN

Acts10; 3-4a, 36-43; Col3:1-4; Cor5; 6b-8; Jn20:1-18



ALLELUIA

THE JOY OF EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY; YEAR A

Easter Sunday –A21

LITURGICAL THEME- RESSURECTION—CHRIST HAS RISEN

Acts10;3-4a,36-43; Col3:1-4; Cor5; 6b-8; Jn20:1-18

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

The feast of Easter is celebrating Jesus' victory over death and mankind's hope for eternal life. The feast gives us the new hope of our own resurrection of the end of times and at the same time keeps us one with the living Christ who will be always with us.

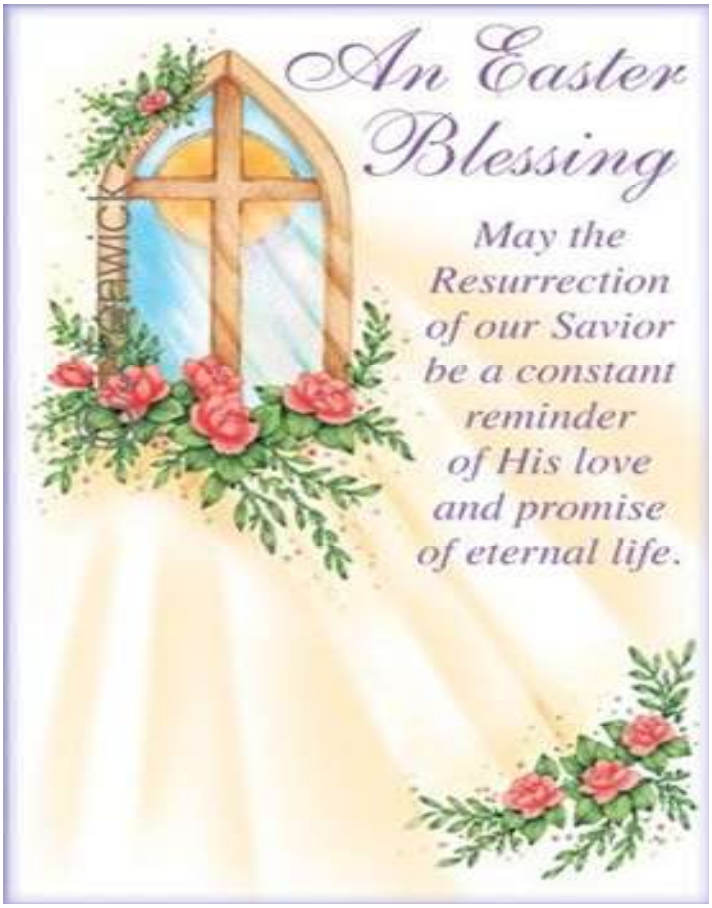
The Easter celebration forms the heart of our Christian living. It is in reality our faith and our expectation of the future glory. Jesus did proclaim to his disciple that there will be a second coming to Judge the living and the dead and all who believe in Him will have their sins forgiven through his name. With the Lord's mercy of forgiveness and us living according to his teaching we will be rewarded with eternal life.

May we share our Easter joy and what it means to us. For the true Christian, in fact, every day is an Easter day lived joyfully in close company of the risen Lord. Every time we take part in the Eucharist we eat and drink with the risen Lord.



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I Know that my Redeemer LIVES

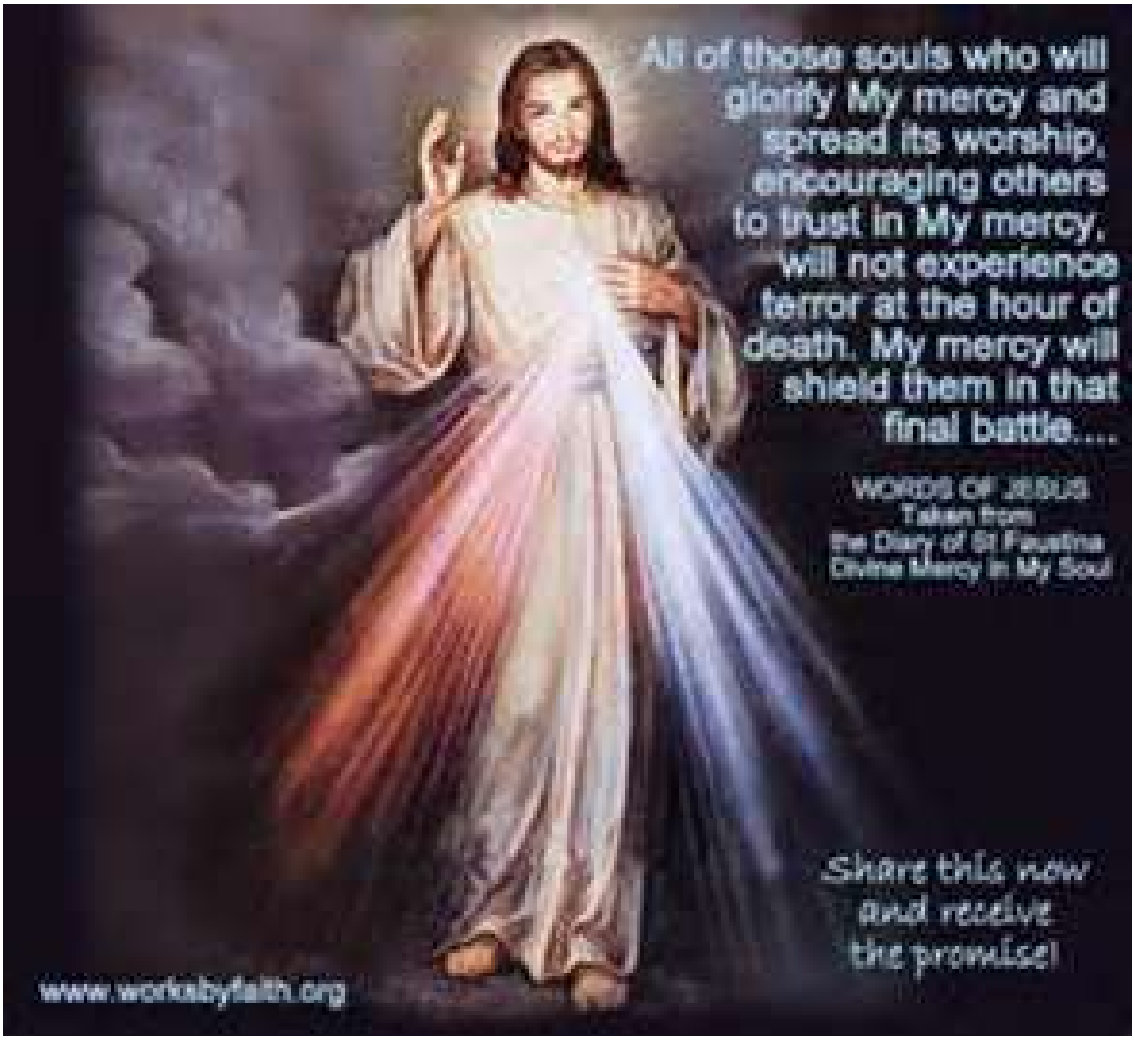

An Easter Blessing
May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A22

LITURGICAL THEME---DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,DOUBTING THOMAS

Acts2:42-7; Pet1 :3-9; Jn 20:19-31



DIVINE MERCY

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

Second Sunday of Easter –A22
LITURGICAL THEME---DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY,DOUBTING THOMAS
Acts2:42-7; Pet1 :3-9; Jn 20:19-31

The church celebrates today Divine Mercy Sunday to experience the love and mercy of God given to us in Jesus.

The Gospel tells the story of someone who doubted Jesus, the story of doubting Thomas. After Jesus was crucified all the disciples were scared for their lives. Out of fear they disserted the Lord. The day of the resurrection Jesus appears to the disciples. Thomas, one of the twelve was not present; and upon hearing what had happened, said he would not believe unless he could see and touch the Lord for himself. A week later Jesus appears to the disciples and this time shows Thomas His wounds and tells him to touch them. Jesus says

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe"
Jn 20:29

There are times that we have doubts in our faith. God, in his mercy, sees us for whom we are; human beings with doubts, but people who have experienced His love and want more of it. We might feel bad about ourselves for having doubts, but His mercy, His divine mercy is so great that He sees us not as people with doubts but people searching for Him.

Faith is to encounter God with the spiritual inner eye and trust in Him without visually encountering Him. We need forgiveness for the times that our humanity handed us to doubts----We need trust in the divine mercy of the Lord----We need courage to withstand the attacks of the godless upon us.

A22

DIVINE MERCY OF GOD



DIVINE MERCY OF GOD



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A23

GOSPEL THEME- AWARENESS AND RECONIZATION OF OUR RISEN LORD

Acts2:14, 22-33; Peter 1:17-27; Luke 24:13-35



MAKE A LIFE JOURNEY WITH

JESUS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

Third Sunday of Easter,--- A23

GOSPEL THEME- AWARENESS AND RECONIZATION OF OUR RISEN LORD

Acts2:14, 22-33; Peter 1:17-27; Luke 24:13-35

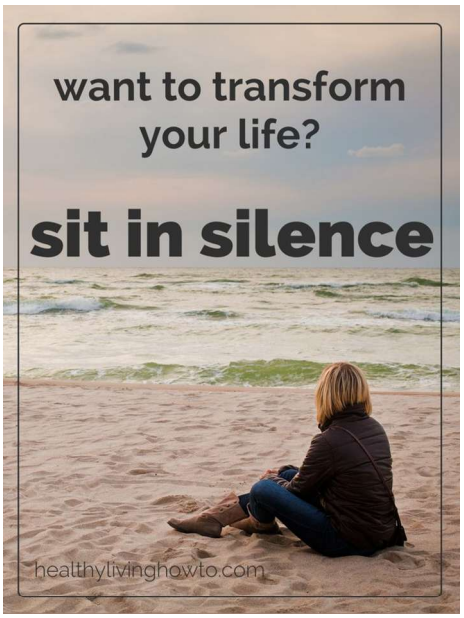
AWARENESS AND RECOGNITION OF OUR RISEN LORD.

Today's Gospel accord is about two disciples after the resurrection of Jesus were walking, journeying from Jerusalem to a nearby hamlet Emmaus and Jesus appeared among them. The disciples at first did not recognize Jesus. Jesus took bread, said a blessing broke it and gave it to them to eat. Suddenly their eyes of recognition were open. They saw Him with their newly awakened faith.

Jesus comes to you and me in ways we least expect. This is why we need times of reflection. This is why we need to get out of the busy-ness of our days. We need to turn off all the noise that's hurled at us in this modern world of ours. For it is moments of quiet reflection we begin to see Jesus and come into deeper awareness of His presence to us.

May you soon have time to make your own Emmaus awareness and may you come to recognize Him not only in breaking the bread but in all these moments when God tries to break into our time and walk with us as we face all the events life hurls at us. Without His presence we will not be journeying to a destination; we will simply be wandering.

QUITE TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION



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SEEK GODS PRESENCE



A23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL TH0UGHT---A24

GOSPEL THEME- I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP

Acts2:14a,36-41; 1 Pet2:20b-25; Jn10:1-10

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FOLLOW THE SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS

JESUS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

Fourth Sunday or Easter, --A24
GOSPEL THEME- I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP
Acts2:14a,36-41; 1 Pet2:20b-25; Jn10:1-10

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

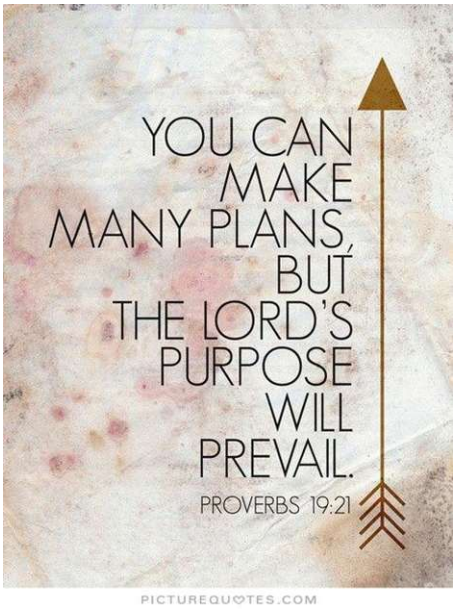
"Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep"
Jn 10:1-10

One of the oldest paintings of Christ in the Roman catacombs represents Christ carrying the injured, straying sheep gently on his shoulders back to the sheepfold. We are surely fortunate to belong to the sheepfold---the church. We are surely blessed to have the Son of God, our Shepherd, who came among us in order to lead us to heaven. Do we fully appreciate our privileged position? Do we always live up to our heavenly vocation?

There are many among us today who foolishly think they need no shepherd. They think they know all the facts of life while they are totally ignorant of the most basic fact of all, namely, the very purpose of life. Not that the thought of it does not arise disturbingly before their minds time and time again. But they try to smother that thought and ease their consciences by immersing themselves deeper and deeper in the affairs and the passing pleasures of this temporary life. What will be their fate when they meet Christ, the Judge, whom they have refused to follow and acknowledge during their days on earth?

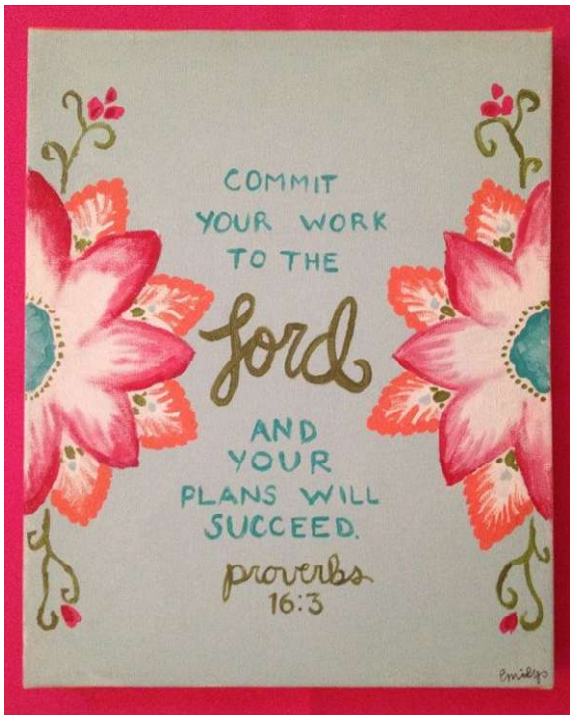
We know that if we follow the Shepherd of our souls, we are on our way to true life, the perfect unending life of eternal salvation.

Be committed to Jesus our lord



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Be committed to Jesus our lord

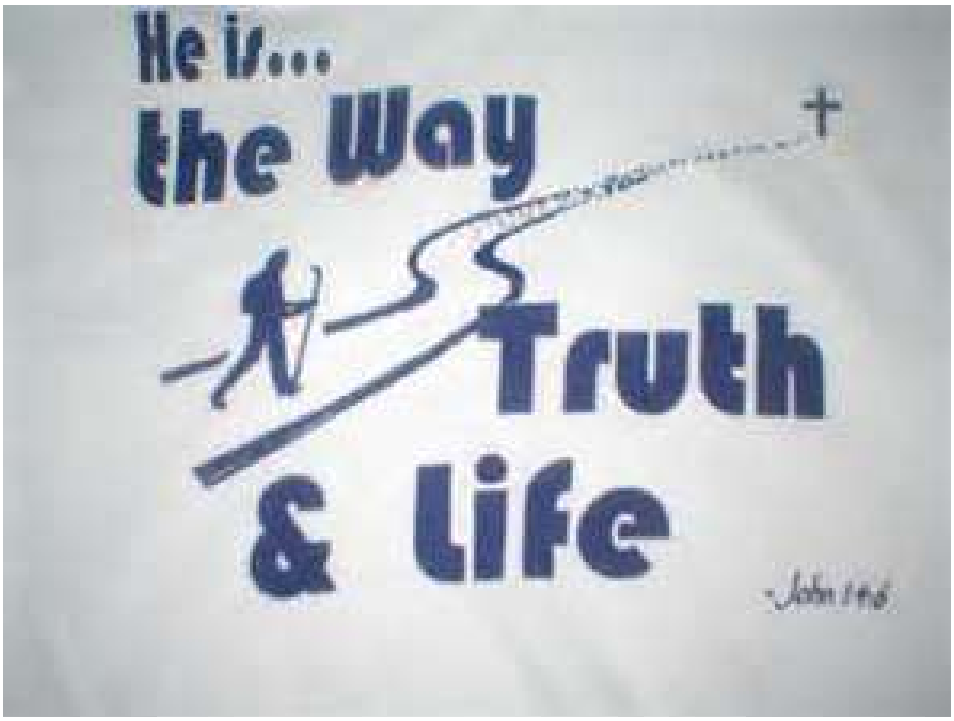


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A25

GOSPEL THEME- I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Acts 6:1-7; 1 pet2:4-9; Jn14:1-9



MAKE YOUR LIFESTYLE

ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE TEACHING

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

Fifth Sunday of Easter ---A25
GOSPEL THEME- I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE
Acts 6:1-7; 1 pet2:4-9; Jn14:1-9

Thomas in the Gospel asks "How do I get there from here?"
How do I get to meet you, o Lord, face to face in the reward of eternal life?
Jesus answers ---You know the way,

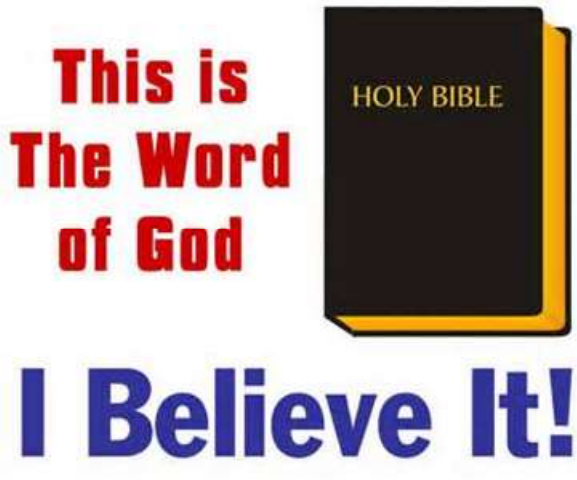
"I am the way, the truth, and the life"

Jesus is the way. When we focus on him through prayer he draws us to himself. He draws us away from the distractions and noise of this secular world. He loves us so much that he draws us to his life if only we let him into our lives. The constant noise of our society tends to keep our mind from our mission. Movies and television shows are often written by people determined to promote atheism, abortion and immorality. The internet with its virtual world expounds things immoral people need to avoid.
Do not set up your own religion or be "cafeteria Catholic" by determining and choosing which of the catholic moral doctrine you personally agree with. Allow Jesus and the interpretation of the scripture by his universal Catholic church under the influence of the Holy Spirit be your guide. There are many theories but one truth.

"Teach me the way, O Lord, and I will walk in the truth"

A25

Follow the teachings of Jesus



Follow the teachings of Jesus



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A26

LITURGICAL THEME-DIVINE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts: 5-8,14-17; Pet:3 15-18; Jn 14: 15-21



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IMMERSE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACCEPT HIS GIFTS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

Sixth Sunday of Easter, ---A26
LITURGICAL THEME-DIVINE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Acts: 5-8,14-17; Pet:3 15-18; Jn 14: 15-21

DIVINE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The theme of today's readings is the proclamation of the divine presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of our Trinitarian God and is the advocate or comforter of our faith. He is he teacher of truth

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We should look for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to work within us. From Him we look for wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, reverence of the Lord, strength and courage. The Holy Spirit enlivens us, giving us God's life.

Receive the Holy Spirit and share His presence with those around you. It is desirable to have the Holy Spirit come into our lives as often as we can.

The Holy Spirit has great gifts to give you for the asking. Fruits of the Holy Spirit are-----love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Who wouldn't want these gifts which, by the way, are sorely lacking in today's world.

A26

Immerse yourself in the Holy Spirit



Immerse yourself in the Holy Spirit



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A27

GOSPEL THEME- I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Acts 1:12-14; Pet 1:3-16; Jn17;1-11



"I am with you till the end of time"

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR A

Seventh Sunday of Easter ---A27

GOSPEL THEME- I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Acts 1:12-14; Pet 1:3-16; Jn17;1-11

After the ascension Christ appeared to the apostles and commanded:

"Go from here and make disciples of all the nations."

"Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

To emphasize that the apostles will not be abandoned He said

"Know that I am always with you till the end of time"

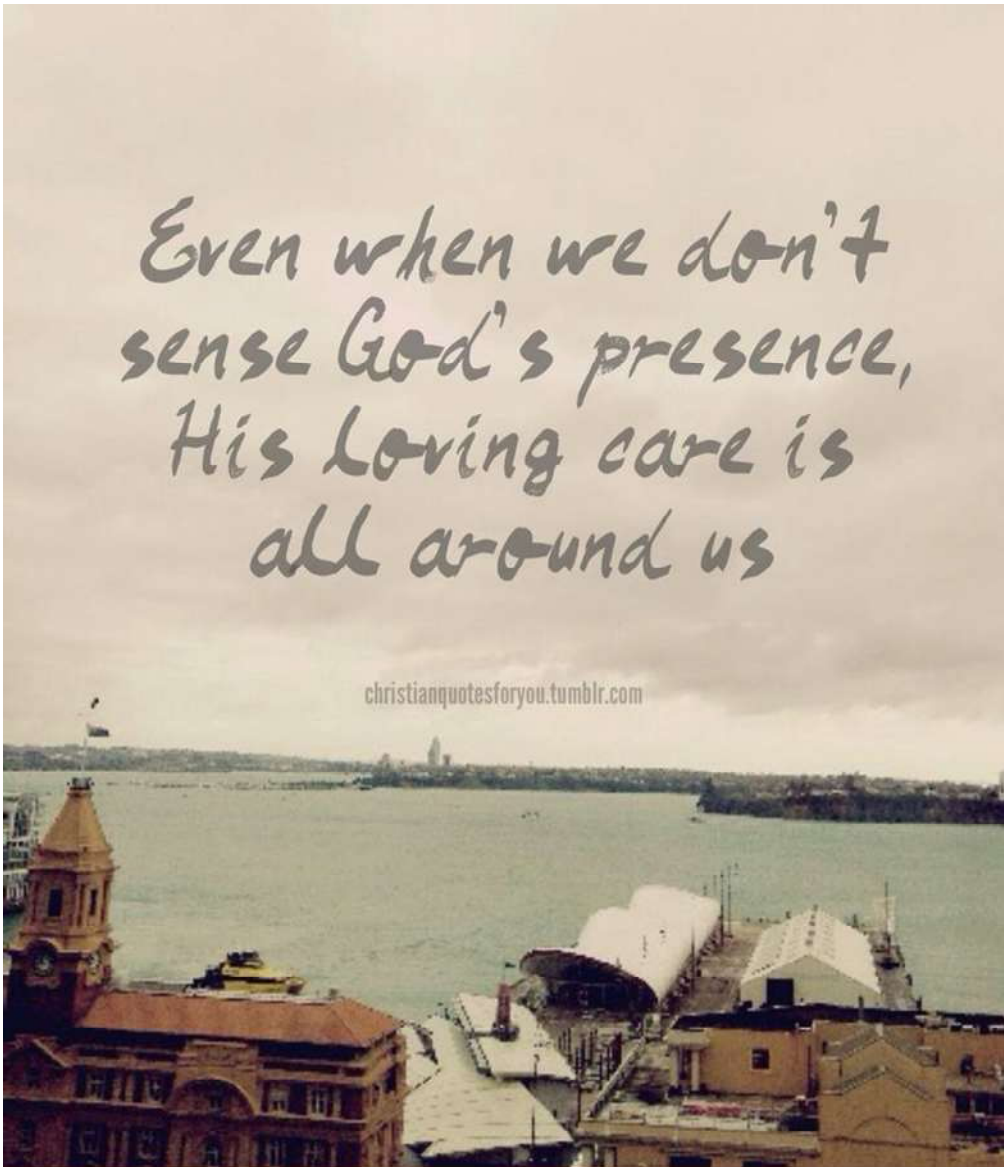
People generally do have episodes of feeling alone. This includes adults, teens and children. God lies inside us as an invitation that fully respects our freedom, never overpowers us; but also never goes away. With regards to our faith, God's presence inside us and our world is rarely dramatic, overwhelming or sensational. God does not work that way. Rather God's presence, much to our frustration and loss of patience sometimes, is something that lies quiet and seemingly helpless inside us. It rarely makes a huge splash. God seems to work in ways that are quiet and hidden in our eyes. However, while the presence is never overpowering, it has within us a gentle compulsion toward something higher which invites us to draw upon it. And if we draw upon it, it gushes in us an infinite stream that nurtures us and fills us with endless love and energy. No one who calls upon our lord will ever be alone.

"Know that I am with you always until the end of time"

There are no more reassuring words of the scripture than these.
We are not alone or being abandoned. GOD IS WITH US.

A27

GOD'S PRESENCE



PENTECOST SUNDAY; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A28

LITUGICAL THEME- FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts2:1-011; Cor12: 3-7,12-13; Jn20: 19-23



"COME HOLY SPIRIT"

ENKINDLE MY HEART

PENTECOST SUNDAY; YEAR A

Pentecost Sunday ----A28
LITUGICAL THEME- FEAST OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Acts2:1-011; Cor12: 3-7,12-13; Jn20: 19-23

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday, the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and the church was founded. The Holy Spirit came upon the timid disciples in the form of tongues of fire and transformed them into messengers of Jesus. The teaching that Jesus taught them was able to be portrayed in different languages. They were to spread the good news to the whole world. The feast also indicates that the Holy Spirit is an ongoing reality, who will be with the church forever and who will touch our lives every single day.

We receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our Sacraments of baptism, becoming members of the universal Catholic Church and at confirmation, hopefully becoming a soldier of Christ. These are our personal pentecosts. The bad news is we rarely throw on the switch to use these gifts. Today, Pentecost Sunday is a good day to blow off our idle spirits and play sweet music----Allow the Holy Spirit to assist us in energizing a lukewarm practice in our religion. We are to help our fellow-Christians in the common fight against sin and Godlessness. We must take on active part in the battles of the church against everything that impedes the practice of Christian virtue. This is also a perfect time to become God's pencil so that we can put Gods signature on the world. Be the light and evangelize.

"Come Holy Spirit enkindle in the heart of the faithful to the fire of Divine love"

A28

INSPIRE ME OH HOLY SPIRIT



SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A29

LITURGICAL THEME- THE TRINITY IN CATHOLIC LIFE

Exodus34:6-8,8-9; Cor13:11-13; Jn3:11-13



SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY; YEAR A

Solemnity of the Holy Trinity –A29
LITURGICAL THEME- THE TRINITY IN CATHOLIC LIFE
Exodus34:6-8,8-9; Cor13:11-13; Jn3:11-13

TRINITY IN CATHOLIC LIFE

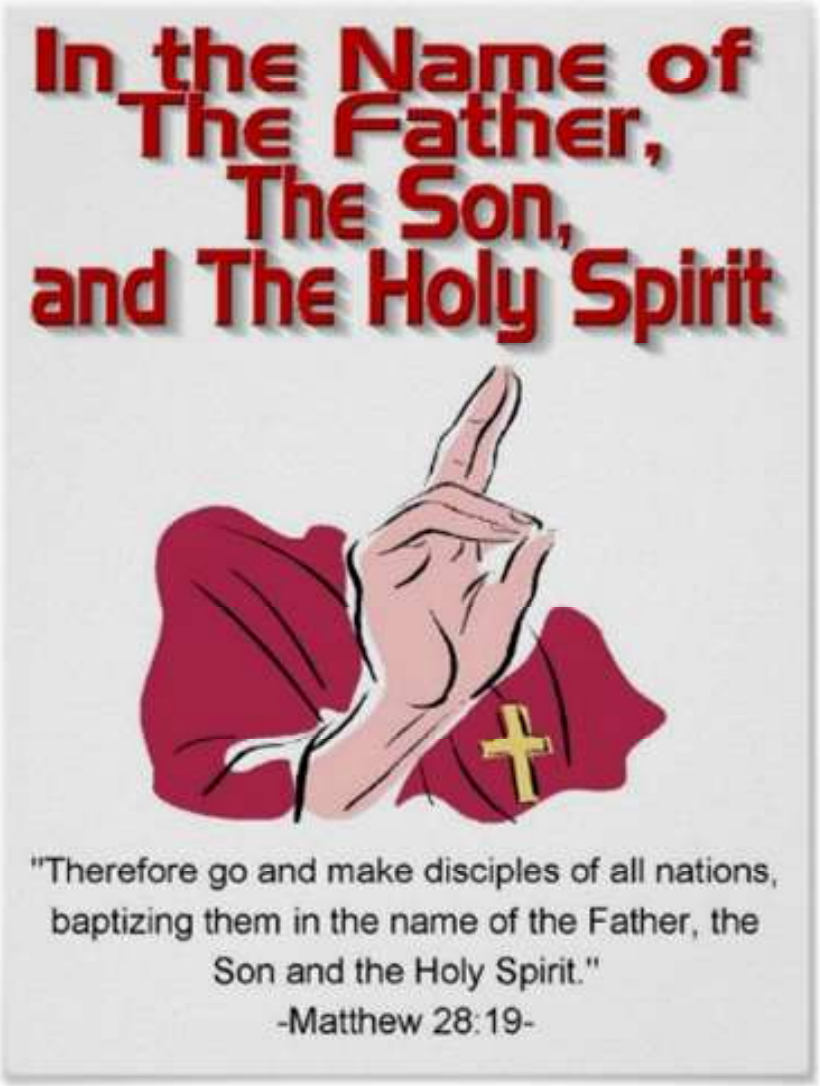
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the feast of the Triune God manifested in three persons, the Father, Son and the Spirit. Trinity is the central doctrine of Christian religion. It is difficult to comprehend the full meaning because the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit constitute a great mystery------the doctrine of three persons in one God, equal in divinity, yet distinct in personality. In the fullness of God there are three distinct persons with specific roles attributed to them namely, Father as the creator, Son as the redeemer, and the Holy Spirit as the sanctifier. And yet they are of the same essence.

We as Catholics proclaim the Trinity doctrine in the Nicene Creed as part our belief or faith which is done at every liturgy or Mass. At the Holy Mass the priest begins and ends the liturgy in the name of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). We do find references to the Blessed Trinity at the sacrament of penance, anointing the sick, holy orders, matrimony, funerals, vigils, hours of adoration, blessing of objects, etc.

Do reflect the presence of the Holy Trinity in you, in your prayer, in your life, in your home and within all those with who you come in contact. Each time we make the sign of the cross we say

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

A29


In the Name of
The Father,
The Son,
and The Holy Spirit
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."
-Matthew 28:19-

CORPUS CHRISTI; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT, --A30

LITURGICAL THEME –THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Duet8:2-3,14-16; Cor10:16-17:; Jn6:51-52



HOLY EUCHARIST

The Body and Precious Blood of Jesus

CORPUS CHRISTI; YEAR A

A30

LITURGICAL THEME –THE BODY AND BLOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Duet8:2-3,14-16; Cor10:16-17:; Jn6:51-52

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI—THE BLOOD AND BODY OF CHRIST

We celebrate today the greatest gift our Lord left us; His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. This special feast is celebrated in remembrance of Jesus who gave His life for our salvation and commanded us to celebrate the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in His memory.

Our Sunday Mass is a repetition of the Last supper ---- the installation of the Eucharist. The Last Supper provides the scriptural basis for the Eucharist. Jesus did proclaim these words

"Take, eat; this is my body"

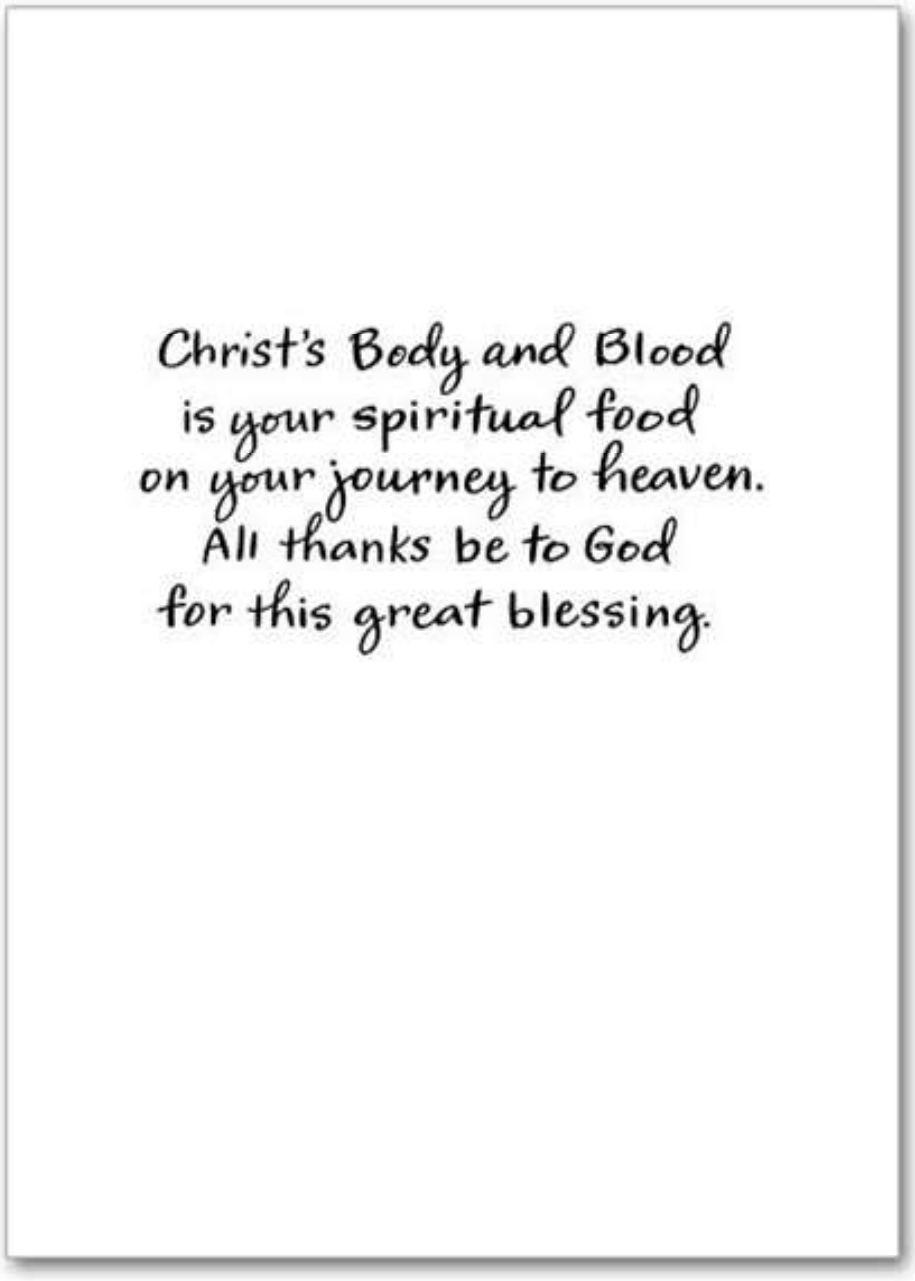
"Drink ye all of it, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins"

Mt 26:26-28

The Apostles were instructed to do this in memory of Him and to go and spread the good news to the whole universe.

Eucharist is a meal shared by the church community in the name of Jesus. It is a sacrificial meal, meaning it is an offering to God as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. At every Holy Sacrifice of Mass we participate in a marvelous miracle, the miracle of transubstantiation. Catholics believe in Christ's true being in the host and wine that has been consecrated. The Eucharist is a gift not just to be adored and revered but also to be consumed, digested and lived by every Christian. Jesus himself, through the Eucharist, grants us the most powerful experience of intimacy possible with our earthly existence.

A30


Christ's Body and Blood
is your spiritual food
on your journey to heaven.
All thanks be to God
for this great blessing.

FEAST OF THE APOSTLES SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A31

LITURGICALTHEME-FEAST OF THE APOSTLES SAINT PETER AND PAUL

Acts12:1-11; 2 timothy4:6-8,17-18; Mt16:13-19



FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

FEAST OF THE APOSTLES OF SAINT PETER AND PAUL; YEAR A

LITURGICALTHEME-FEAST OF THE APOSTLES SAINT PETER AND PAUL
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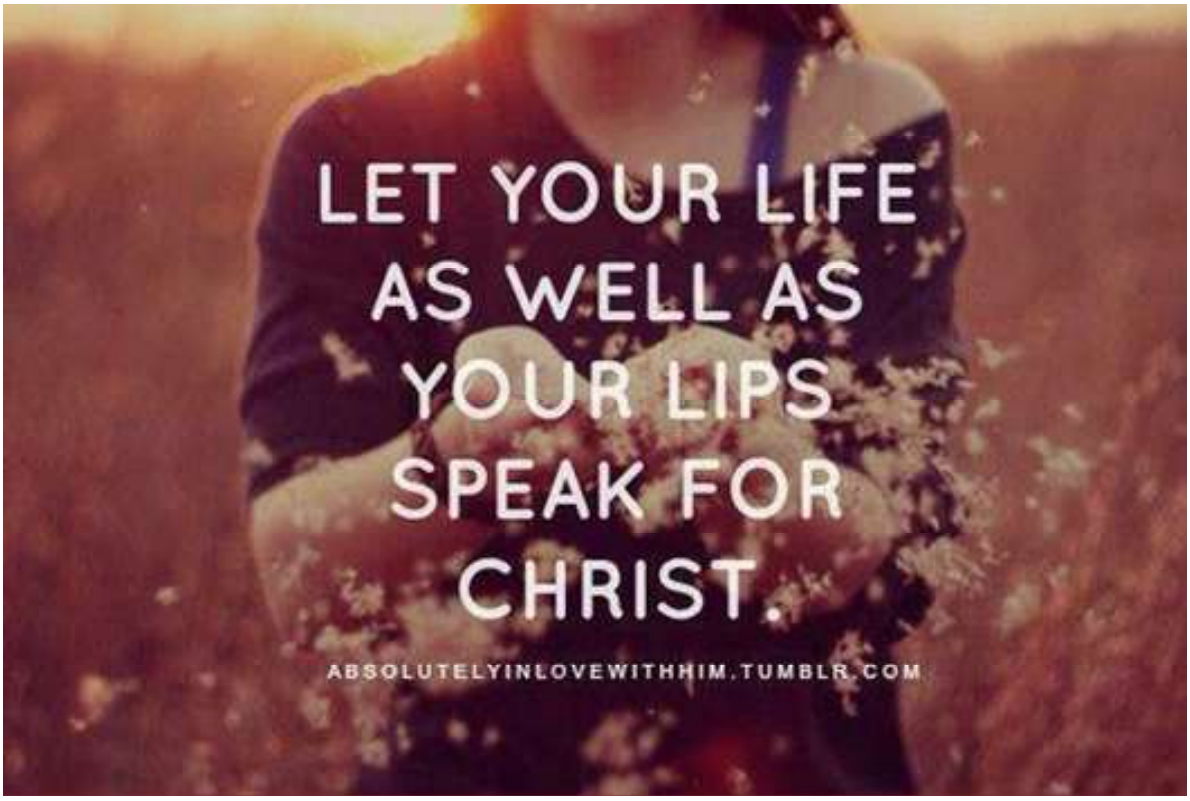
The feast of Saints Peter and Paul commemorates the martyrdom in Rome of the Apostles. Saint Peter, a native Galilean, who was crucified head down and Saint Paul, a Roman citizen, who was beheaded slain by a sword. Both shared a martyr's death.

Peter, one of the original twelve apostles, was chosen by Christ to be the rock on which he was to build a church and to be a vicar or teacher of the apostles and the guardian and unerring teacher of God's truth. Peter today is represented by the pope.

Paul was not originally a member of the twelve apostles that were chosen by Jesus. Paul, a Jewish Pharisee, was miraculously converted on the road to Damascus and later called himself an Apostle. Paul made three long missionary journeys through the Roman Empire planting churches, preaching the gospel and giving strength and encouragement to early Christians. He is credited as author of a number of books and encyclicals in the New Testament. He spread the Gospel to the outer limits of the known western world thus being recognized as the Apostle of the Gentiles. The Holy Spirit was the force that worked through these great apostles to convert the world to Jesus Christ.

With enthusiasm may we focus on our Lord, as Saints Peter and Paul did, and let the Holy Spirit work through us so that we might have the determination and courage to proclaim Jesus Christ.

A31

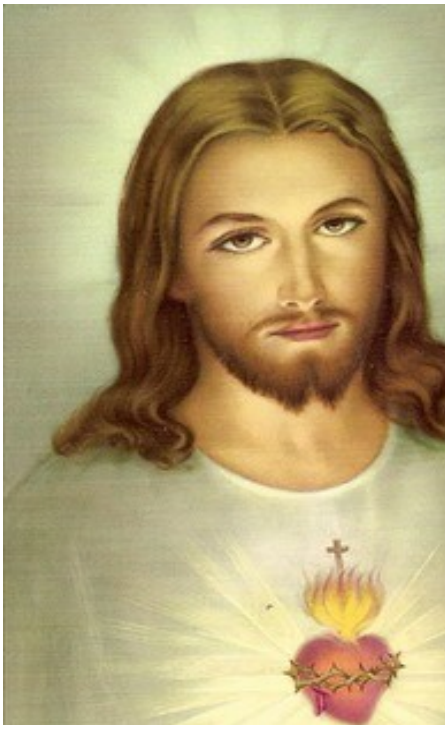

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AS WELL AS
YOUR LIPS
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr A--- A32

GOSPEL THEME- JESUS IS MEEK AND HUMBLE AT HEART

Zach9:9-19; Rom8:9 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



LEARN FROM ME

FOR I AM GENTLE AND LOWLY IN HEART

Mt 11:29

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time, A32
GOSPEL THEME- JESUS IS MEEK AND HUMBLE AT HEART
Zach9:9-19; Rom8:9 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

JESUS IS MEEK AND HUMBLE AT HEART

In the Gospel Jesus presents Himself meek and humble at heart. To be meek is to be gentle and patient. In the Gospel today Jesus declares:

"Come to me all who labour and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly at heart"
Mt 11:25-30

Jesus is saying turn in your heavy burdens and wearisome yoke that lock you in despair and shackle your anxiety. Live a life my way and place your burdens on me and they will be light. Jesus is not an easy way out of problems but rather a liberating way into solutions for we need to remember that He is not to be seen as an escape from our problems but a support. Jesus' call is a call to personal relationship. He takes us away from impersonal relationship of law to a personal relationship of love and makes us enter a joyful life giving relationship.

The Gospel reveals to us and shows us that God is all powerful and mighty and yet is always accessible. He is the God who is our creator, yet approaches us on intimate personal terms. He has dominion from sea to sea and yet He is concerned personally of each one of us. God is with us and for us as our guide, strength and support.

A32


O give thanks unto
the LORD;
for he is good:
because his mercy
endureth for ever.
Psalms 118:1

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY INORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, ---A33

GOSPEL THEME-CAN WE HANDLE THE TRUTH?

Is55:10-11; Rom8:18-3; Mt13: 1-23



LIVE AND PROMOTE GOD'S WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

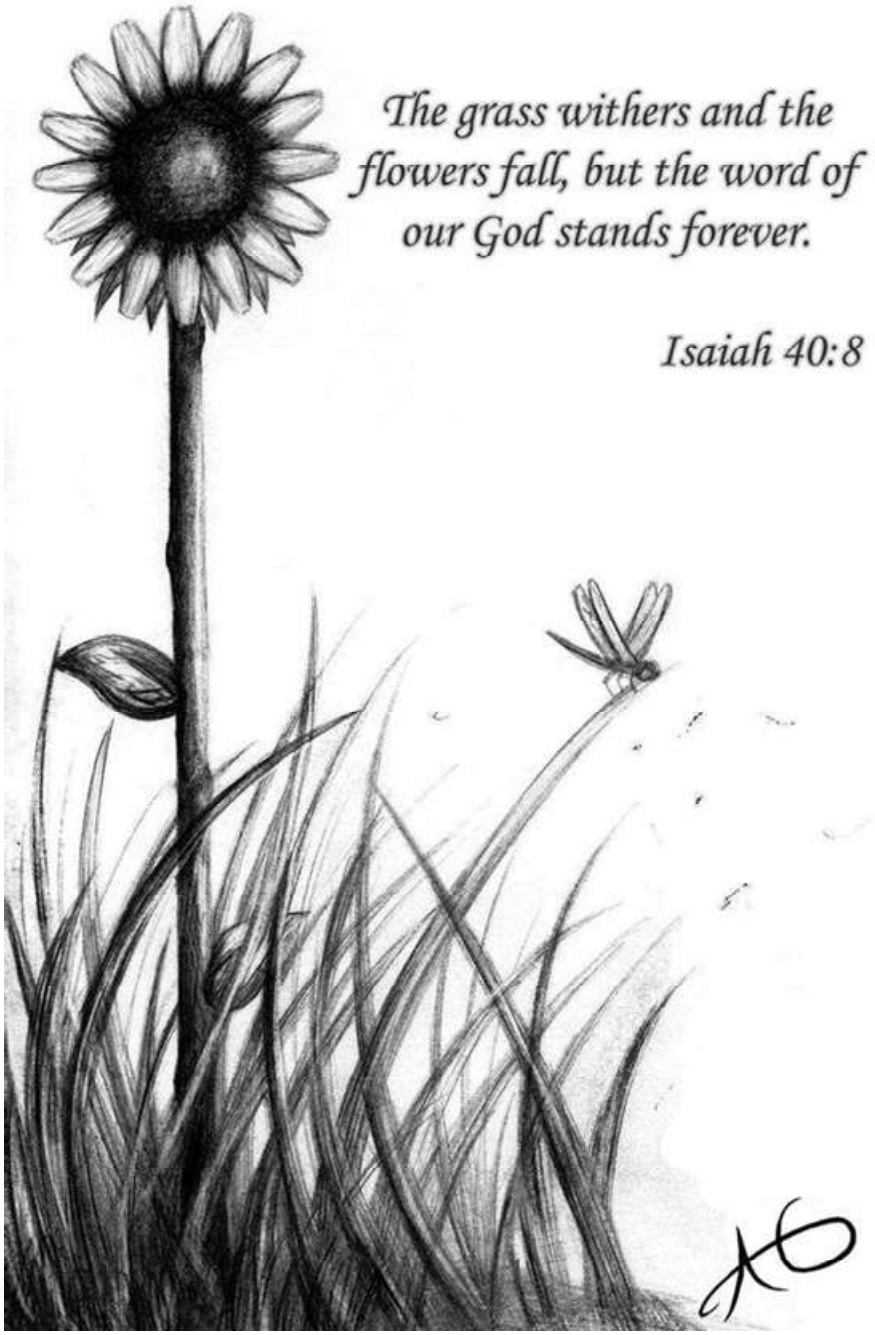
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, ---A33
GOSPEL THEME-CAN WE HANDLE THE TRUTH?
Is55:10-11; Rom8:18-3; Mt13: 1-23

In the Gospel today we have the parable of the sower. Jesus himself is the sower of the seed. The harvest depends on the fertility of the soil/soul where it gets planted in. It also depends how receptive the soil/soul is to the word. When the word of God is proclaimed, the seed is sown in the heart of the faithful which in turn fills them with hunger for the divine.

In the parable or examples in story, Jesus compares people to four kinds of soil.
1--Some are like hardened soil where seed has a difficult time root. People hear God,s word but don't grasp or understand it's deeper meaning.
2—Some are like rocky ground where they comprehend the word but do not have the firm roots of faith. They receive it but fall away.
3—The third type are like the seed that falls among the thorns where they possess proper disposition for spiritual growth but are preoccupied by secular and worldly interests. They hear it but worldly anxiety and greed choke off the life it gives.
4—Those of fertile soil hear the message of God and make it lifestyle and bear an extraordinary amount of fruit.

May we be of rich soil for the seed of God's word and produce abundant harvest living a life of holiness spreading God's message.

A33


The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.
Isaiah 40:8

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time, A34

GOSPEL THEME-BE GOOD SEED IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Wis12:13.16-19, Rom8:26-27, Mt13:24-43



BE OF GOOD SEED

FOR THE

KINGDOM OF GOD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time, ---A34
GOSPEL THEME-BE GOOD SEED IN GOD'S KINGDOM
Wis12:13.16-19, Rom8:26-27, Mt13:24-43

In today's Gospel Jesus portrays three parables regarding God's kingdom among us.

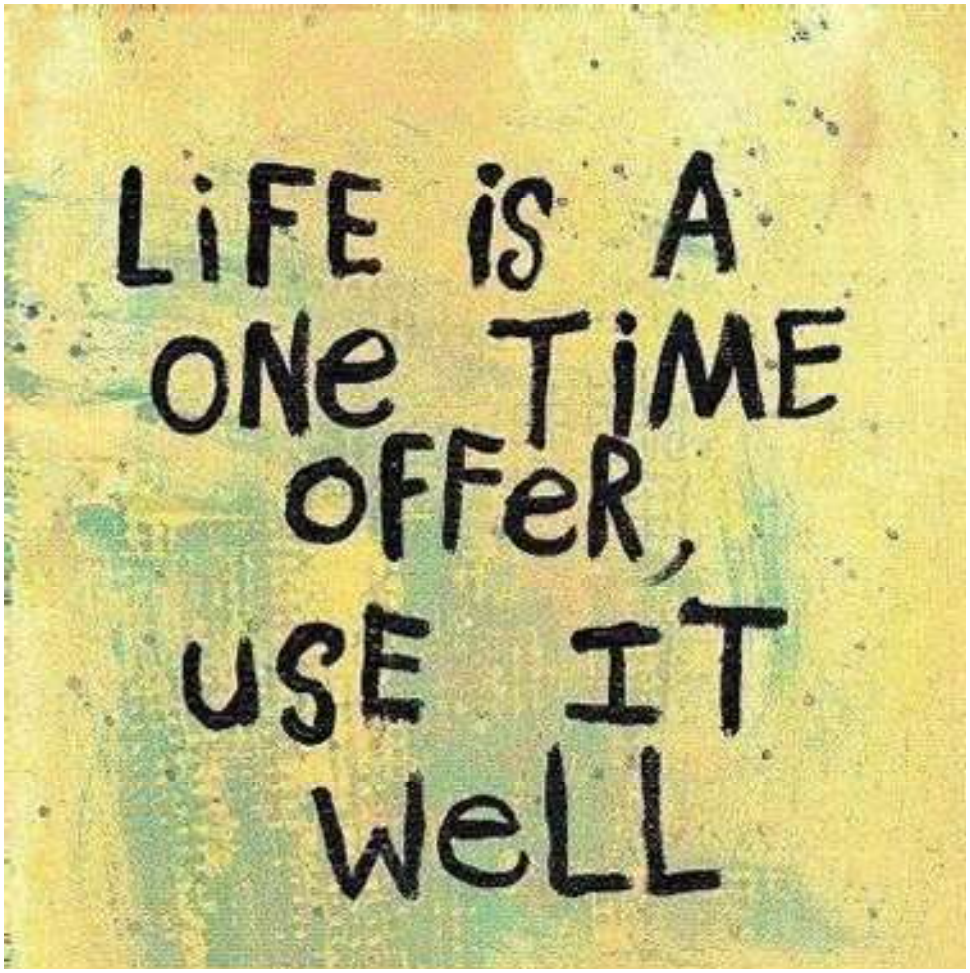
1] Parable of weeds in wheat.----when wheat is sown there will be weeds that will grow among the wheat. This example indicates that the kingdom of God is going to be a messy business in which good and bad, the strong and weak, the clean and corrupt will rub shoulders both inside the church and the community outside it. This is the reality of life and we do have freedom of choice whether to follow God's way or the way of the bad weeds. Let us pray for the church that it may experience fullness of growth through the presence of Jesus among us.

2] Parable of the Mustard seed.----A tiny Mustard seed grows into a big tree. This example illustrates Jesus encouraging his disciples in the work of evangelising. The kingdom has tiny beginning but ends with extraordinary results. The church in the early days had very lowly and very small beginnings but in due course became a world-wide institution.

3] Parable of **yeast in dough---** The kingdom of God is compared to yeast in large batch of dough. The dough grows fast in size showing how silently and quietly the kingdom grows in spite of evil that exists.

May we be of good seed living a life of love and self-giving and produce bountiful harvest for the kingdom of God.

A34



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT—A35

SUNDAY THEME---SEEK THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN



SEEK THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

OVER THE

TREASURES OF EARTH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time, ----A35
GOSPEL THEME-SEEK THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN OVER TREASURES OF EARTH
Kgs3:5-12; Rm8:28-30; Mt13:44-52

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN OVER TREASURES OF EARTH

Parables are earthly stories with heavenly meaning. Today's Gospel St. Mathew has a collection of parables spoken by the Lord at different occasions. They describe the kingdom of heaven as worth more than the treasurers of the earth. Heaven is within reach of all who follow the ordinary vocations of life and partake in this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's commandments.

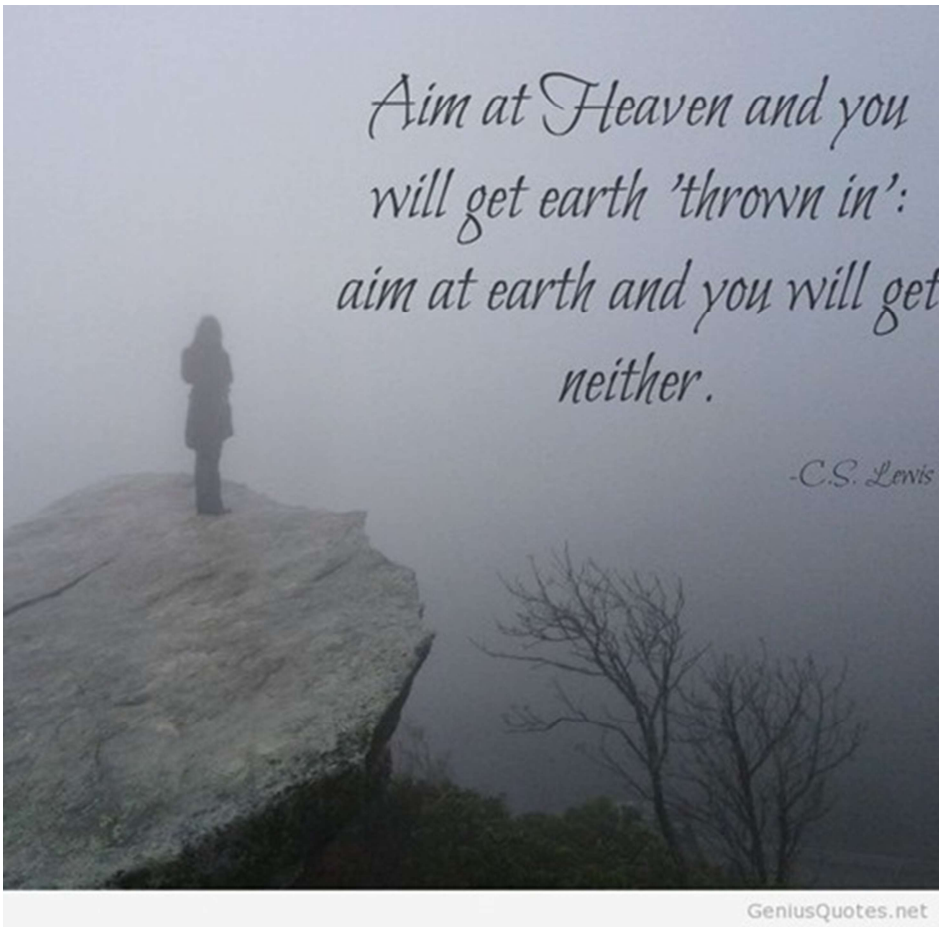
Keeping within the framework of God's commandments is not easy--- We must obey all legitimate authority. We may possess the goods of this world but only such gifts as we lawfully and justly acquire. Nor may we withhold all these from fellowman who is in need.
Do reject the various forms of escapism that is so popular in our day; drugs, alcohol, fornication, adultery and materialism---Reject all sin as false Gods which seem to promise freedom and happiness but end only in slavery and despair. Maintain a life of love of God and His way rather than for the false promise of momentary pleasure.

The commandments of God are still binding even though they are openly and fragmentally violated by individuals and whole nations today.

May we seek the treasure of heaven by rejecting all sinful worldly ways and do seek all that leads us to eternal heavenly reward.

A35

SEEK THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A36

GOSPEL THEME-COMPASSION OF JESUS

Iz55:1-3; Rom8:3-5;37-39; Mt14:13-21



GOD LOVES US

AND

CARES FOR US

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time –A36
GOSPEL THEME-COMPASSION OF JESUS
Iz55:1-3; Rom8:3-5;37-39; Mt14:13-21

COMPASSION OF JESUS

In the Gospel today upon hearing that John the Baptist had been beheaded by Herod, Jesus is distraught and tries to go to a lonely place by the Sea of Galilee. However he finds himself followed by throngs of people and takes pity and miraculously feeds five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish. This miracle is seen as a foreshadowing of the Last Supper at the upper room where Christ initiated the Eucharist.

The bounty of God, the great outpouring of his love, the constant nourishment that he gives us in not restricted to that lonely place by the sea of Galilee or within the upper room in Jerusalem at the last supper. It reaches out to us every mass in the form of the Eucharistic Sacrament and connects us in an unbreakable bond of love.

Today's Gospel tells us that God really cares about his people. It tells us that the ups and downs of life, whether they are spiritual, emotional, physical or material are in no way contradictory to God's loving care for us . May we appreciate the loving care our lord God has for us with all the bountiful blessings he bestows and may we eat our "fill "of the Eucharist each Sunday and on weekday Mass when we are able so that the super abundance of God's life and love will be ours.

A36

COMPASSION OF OUR LORD



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A37

GOSPEL THEME-HAVE TRUST IN THE LORD

Kgs;19-9, 1-13; Room9:1-5; Mt114:22-33



HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

HE IS ALWAYS WITH YOU

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary time,---A37

GOSPEL THEME-HAVE TRUST IN THE LORD

Kgs;19-9, 1-13; Room9:1-5; Mt114:22-33

TRUST IN THE LORD

In the Gospel Jesus miraculously saves frightened disciples. They are on a boat caught in a midst of a storm and Jesus comes to them walking on water. Peter while walking on water towards Jesus began to sink and asks his master to save him. Jesus tells Peter to put trust in him. The lesson we learn is that there is never need for fear or anxiety for God is always close to us.

We find our own lives these days surrounded by chaos. The flood waters of social change along with cultural earthquake of our times
-------Terrorism, globalization, pollution, war and conflict in various parts and world threaten us.
-------Drugs, absent fathers, divorce, pornography, unstable economy and a surrounding culture undesirable to normal family are storms and floodwaters that threaten us.

In our turbulent world God is the source of peace. It is for us to learn how to find the Jesus who gives us peace in ups and downs in the storms of our own lives and the lives of our neighbours. We must continue to trust in Christ and his loving Father even when God seems to have deserted us. This requires faith, prayer, confidence and trust in our Lord.

The words said by Christ to Peter imply to us as well

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid"

A37

HAVE TRUST IN OUR LORD



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---A38
Is 56;1 6-7; Rom11:13-15,29-32,Mt15:21-28



BE PERSISTENT WITH GOD IN FAITH, PETITION AND PRAISE

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time, --A38

Is 56;1 6-7; Rom11:13-15,29-32,Mt15:21-28

G0SPEL THEME –PERSISTENCE OF FAITH

Have you had experience for asking something and hearing the words "the answer is no and don't ask again"? Impatience of needs and wants of others is all to common among human beings. Not so with God. The Lord Jesus teaches through his encounter with the Canaanite woman in the Gospel reading today that persistence pays off .She, a non-Jew, in a witty encounter with Jesus persistently asks him to heal her daughter of demonic possession. In the encounter Jesus recognizes her faith in him and heals her daughter.

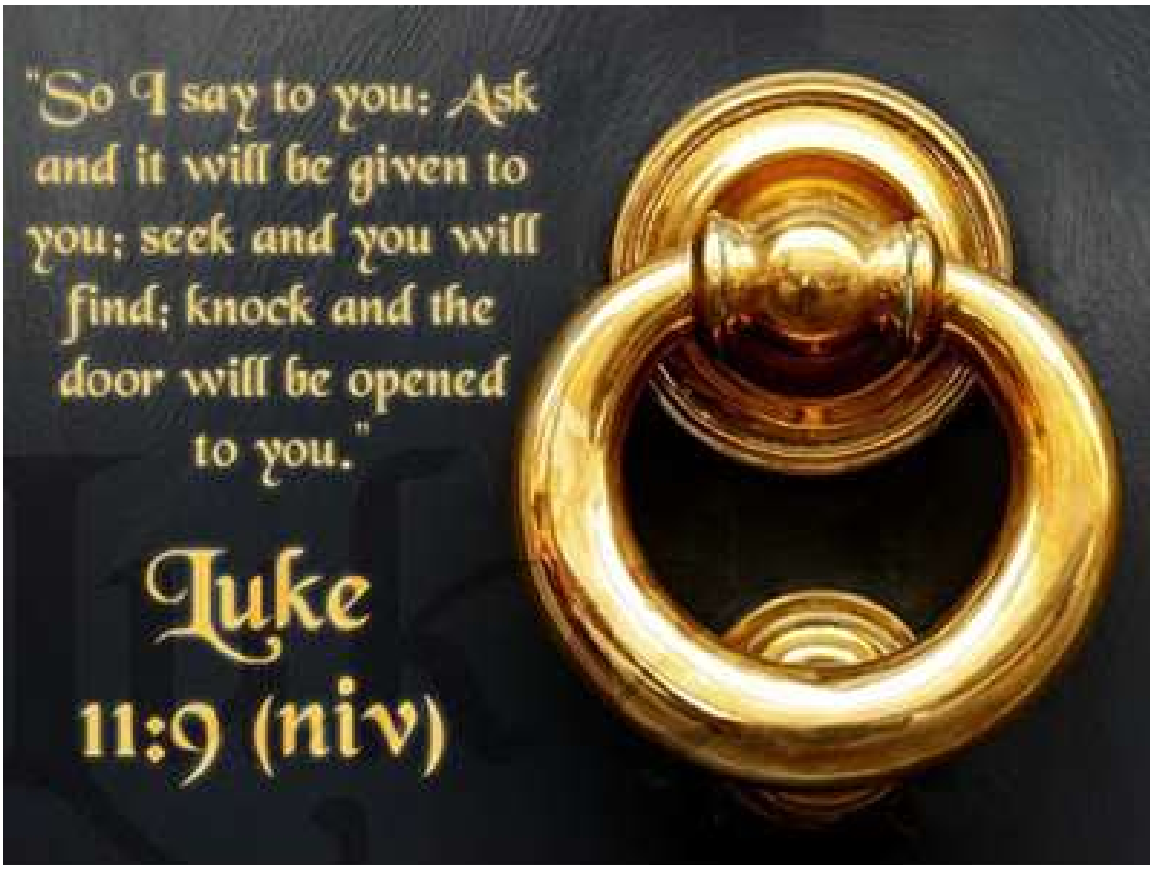
Faith by nature is persistent. Our faith must be great enough to overcome barriers. We must focus persistently with our Lord in faith of him and through prayerful communication expound our petitions, our gratitude and praise of him.

"Ask and you shall receive"

"Knock and the door will be open"

A38

PERSEVERE IN FAITH

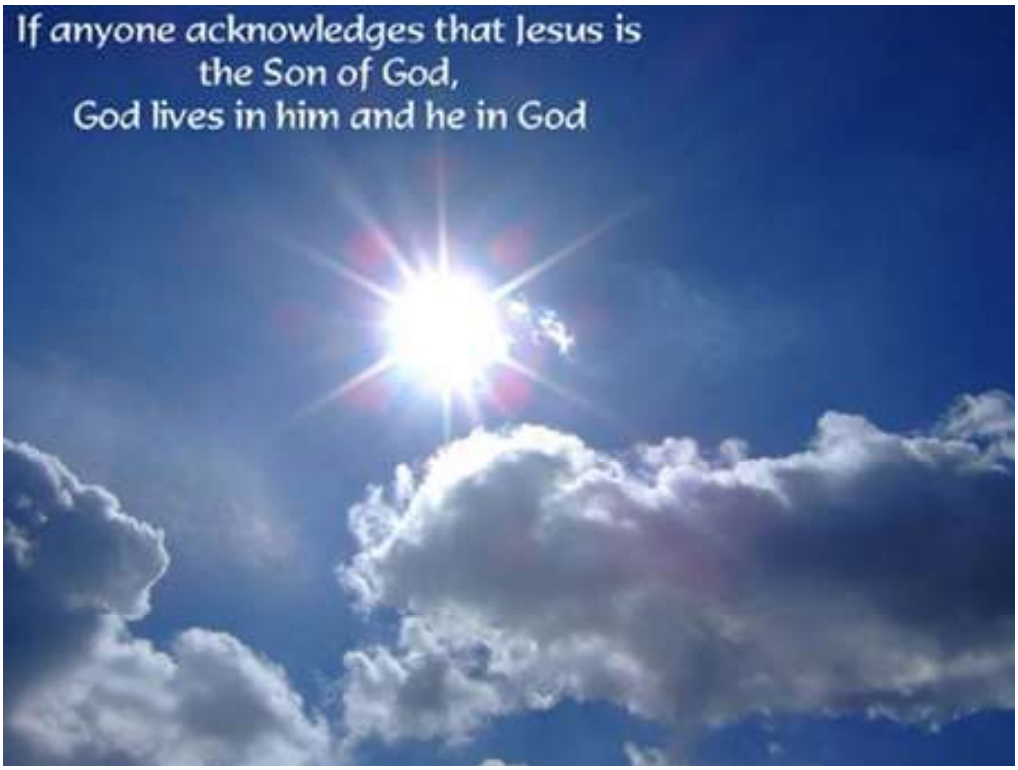


TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty first Sunday in ordinary time ---A39

GOSPEL THEME-YOU ARE THE CHRIST; THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Is22:19-23; Rom11;33-36; Mt16:13-20



JESUS IS SON OF OUR LIVING GOD

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty first Sunday in ordinary time ---A39

GOSPEL THEME-YOU ARE THE CHRIST; THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Is22:19-23; Rom11;33-36; Mt16:13-20

YOU ARE THE CHRIST—THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Today's Gospel presents Peter as receiving the keys to the kingdom of God on earth. The Apostle Peter was appointed the first pope in the Catholic universal church.

In the gospel reading Jesus puts the question to the Apostles

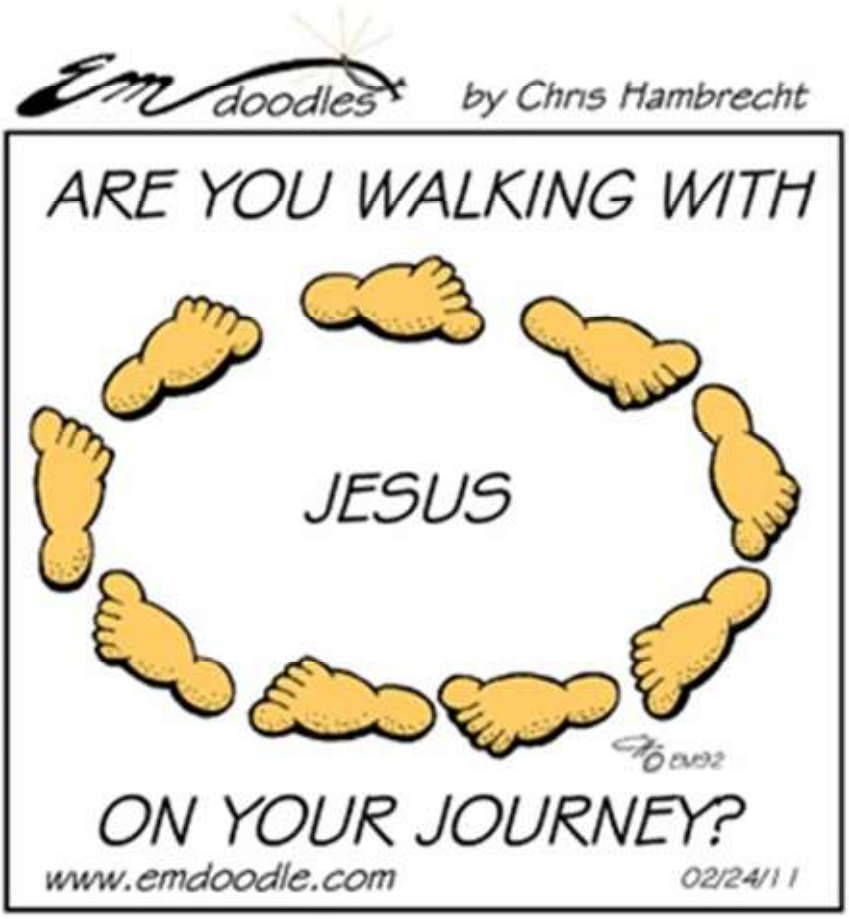
"Who do you say I am?"

The Apostle Peter answers "You are the Son of the living God."

Now it is our turn to answer the question. Who do you say Jesus is? He asks you and your answer will determine whether you truly have divine gift of faith. Throughout history people have attempted to answer this question. Today it is popular for people to simply make something up, to make Jesus whatever occurs to them is convenient or believable. No authentic Christian has the luxury of recreating Christ according to their tastes or preferences Our universal Catholic church does not mean memorizing the Nicene Creed. Rather it does mean knowing our saviour as the Son of the living God and totally accepting him in our heart and soul.

In the context of our faith in the Trinitarian God do recognize Christ for who He is.

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Em doodles by Chris Hambrecht
ARE YOU WALKING WITH
JESUS
ON YOUR JOURNEY?
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty second Sunday in ordinary time, ---A40

GOSPEL THEME----DENY YOURSELF; TAKE UP THE CROSS; FOLLOW ME

Jer20:7-9; Rom12:1-2; Mt16:21-27



DENY YOURSELF----TAKE UP THE CROSS

FOLLOW ME

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

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DENY YOURSELF; TAKE UP THE CROSS; FOLLOW ME

In the Gospel of today Jesus teaches the disciples regarding the suffering messiah who will suffer, die and rise again. He also says

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself"

This statement includes all his faithful followers to deny themselves, take up the cross and follow him. Denying one's self isn't Christ's call for us to passively submit to injustices. That would be useless. Denying oneself calls us to unselfishly live in Christ, to share His identity and purposes.

What does it mean to take up the cross?

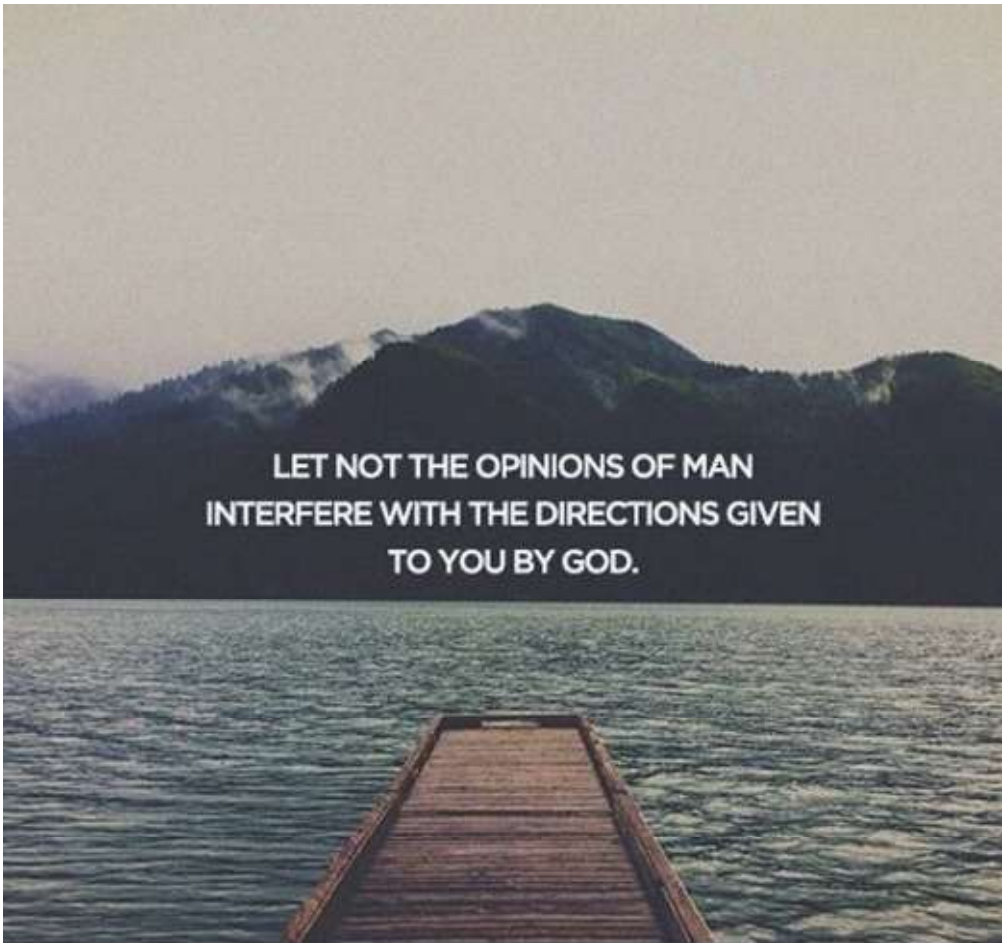
It means bearing whatever is unpleasant and follow Jesus. Once you begin to follow God by conforming your life to God's commandments, you will find many to contradict you, forbid you, or dissuade you and some of these will be people calling themselves followers of Christ. Therefore if you meet with threats, false flattery or opposition---let it be your cross; pick it up and carry it---do not collapse under it. If you are persecuted you ought to make light of any suffering you experience for the sake of Christ, his teaching, his way.

When a person hides his or her immoral behavior behind "acceptable by our society argument", that person will tend toward a paganistic atheistic moral code to suit their needs. It is a world of selfishness, a world of pride, a world not according to the teaching of Christ.

We Christians are called upon to offer ourselves as living sacrifice for God. That means we sacrifice the paganistic and atheistic aspects of life in order to live for the Lord.

Lord show us the way to carry our cross. Show us how to lose ourselves in you, fall in love and deny all but you, your way, your will.

A40


LET NOT THE OPINIONS OF MAN
INTERFERE WITH THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN
TO YOU BY GOD.

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty third Sunday in ordinary time, --A41

LITURGICAL THEME-DISCOURAGE SINFUL WAYS

Ez33:7-9; Rom13:8-10; Mt18:15-20



BE A GOOD EXAMPLE

DISCOURAGE SINFUL LIFESTYLE

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty third Sunday in ordinary time, --A41
LITURGICAL THEME-DISCOURAGE SINFUL WAYS
Ez33:7-9; Rom13:8-10; Mt18:15-20

DISCOURAGE SINFUL WAYS

Today's readings challenge us to care for our brothers and sisters in society and protect them on their physical and spiritual needs. We are instructed to lead the offenders back to the heart of the community with the love of God to be the foundation of our actions.

Do not be hesitant to speak up against sins of others saying "it is none of my business." It is our responsibility to speak up against sinful living. The attitude of indifference and acceptance of sinful ways gradually becomes acceptable within society. Sins of abortion, common law relations, practice of homosexuality, lesbianism, gay marriage, pornography, etc. are slowly becoming a norm in social behaviour. All these perversions of truth lead away from Gods holiness and holy ways. However communication must be done in a proper manner so as not to be seen as a busybody continually nagging other people about their sins. Criticism that is harsh, negative and belittling defeats the very purpose of Christian living. When we criticize others we do so with caring hearts.

If you are concentrated in love and service to the lord your life will tell a story to everyone who crosses your path. Your life can bear witness to the goodness of the Lord and the holiness of his commandments. Words are not only the way to communicate. By living a Christ centered life and following his commandments one will show by example in the way of life desired by God.

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DISCOURAGE SINFUL LIFESTYLE

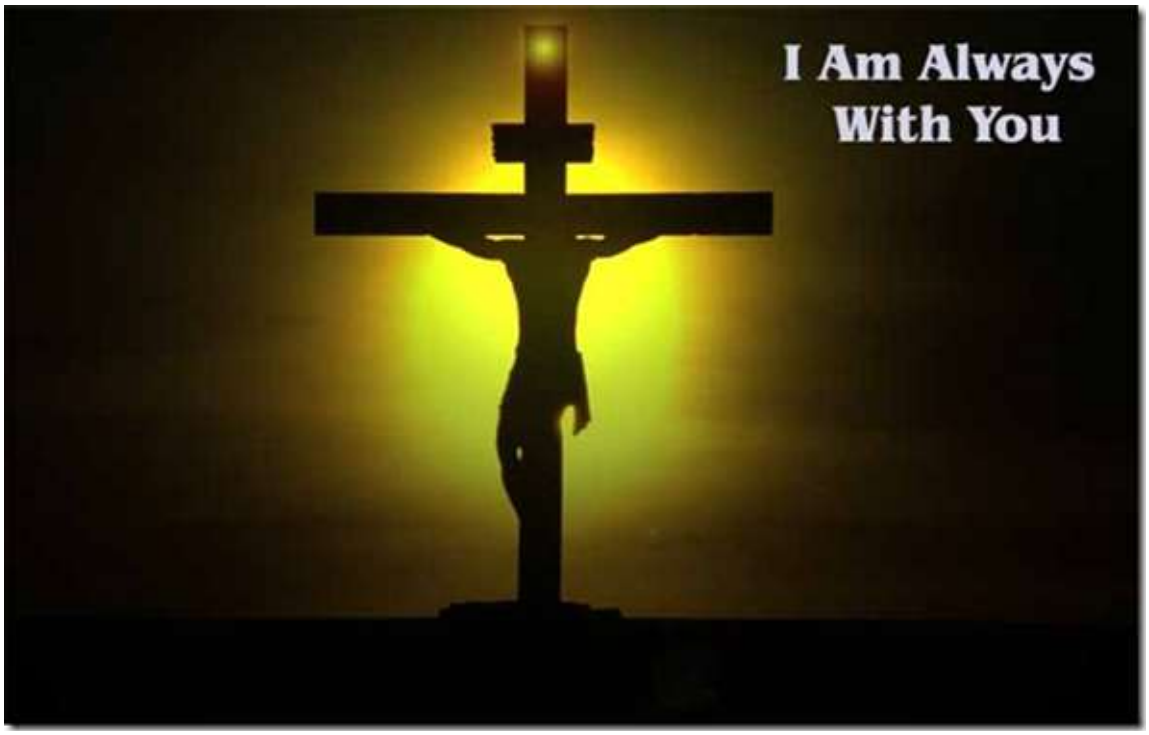


TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

LITURGICAL THEME---THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS; GOD LOVES US

Num21:4-9; Phil2:6-11; Jn3;13-17

A42



GOD LOVES US

HE GAVE OF HIMSELF FOR US

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

LITURGICAL THEME-THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS; GOD LOVES US

Num21:4-9; Phil2:6-11; Jn3;13-17

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TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS; GOD LOVES US.

When we wear a cross we are saying; Jesus is Lord in our lives. The cross teaches us a lesson that not only did Christ die in order that we might be freed from world's bondage, his death also reveals to us his great love for us and the length and depth to which God has gone to give himself to us. The cross also suggests that the remedy to suffering is to be self-giving. Are not people who are self-giving among the happiest people we know? One of the greatest paradoxes of life is that the more you give the more you get. Those who love the most are those who are loved most. The secular world's religion is getting, acquiring, buying and filling one's life with more things, loading us with gadgets, glitz and glitter. Competition is valued more than community.

The fact we see a human body on the cross [Corpus Christi] calls us to look at our own humanity. The cross is more than a symbol, more than a sign. It summons us to live our lives in a self- emptying life just as the one who is seen hanging on the cross. The cross tells us that if we live a life as Jesus did, if we live His way, His truth, His life we will find freedom that the world cannot give.

May we bend our knees in the divine presence of Jesus in an act of religious devotion and display of total gratitude and respect to our Savior for his self-sacrificing love for us and his offering us a window to eternal salvation.

A42



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty fifth Sunday in ordinary time, ---A43

GOSPEL THEME—IT IS NEVER TO LATE

Is55:6-9; Phil11:Ps 103; Rom14:7-9;Mt18:31-35



IT IS NEVER TOO LATE

BE A FAITHFUL FOLLOWER OF OUR LORD AND BE REWARDED

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty fifth Sunday in ordinary time ---A43
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Is55:6-9; Phil11:Ps 103; Rom14:7-9;Mt18:31-35

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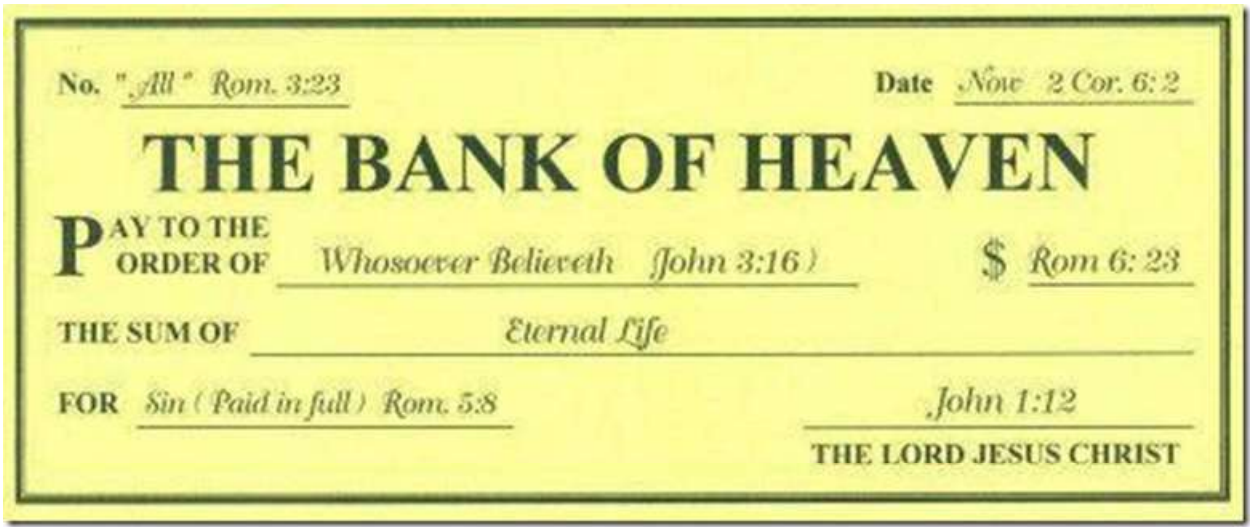
In today's Gospel parable or story a landlord goes to the marketplace and hires labourers at different hours of the day. At the end of the day he pays all the same wage. In human thinking this seems unjust.

From the parable or story today we learn that God is ready to reward anyone no matter at what stage of one's life that person faithfully commits oneself to him. It is never too late. The opportunity for eternal reward in heaven is always available. Jesus continually goes into the marketplace of our lives and calls us to work in his vineyard. Those who do respond do so at different period of their lives. Some respond to God's calling at youth, others at college age, some later in life and if they believe and live their lives according to God's way, they will be rewarded joy, peace and eternal life in heaven. Everyone has an opportunity for the same reward no matter if done at early age or later in life. It is never too late for joining the faith; it is never too late for returning to the faith and never too late for you and me to strengthen our witness to Christ.

May we receive the graces in our spiritual Journey to commit ourselves whole heartedly to God and to work diligently in his vineyard for spiritual growth of our ourselves and our neighbours

A43

JESUS HAS A REWARD FOR US



TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty sixth Sunday in ordinary time, --A44
GOSPEL THEME—HONESTY; PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO WILL OF GOD
Esek18:25-8; Phil2:1-11;Mt21:28-32



BE HONEST WITH GOD, NEIGHBOUR AND YOURSELF

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty sixth Sunday in ordinary time, --A44
GOSPEL THEME—HONESTY; PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO WILL OF GOD
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HONESTY—PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO WILL OF GOD

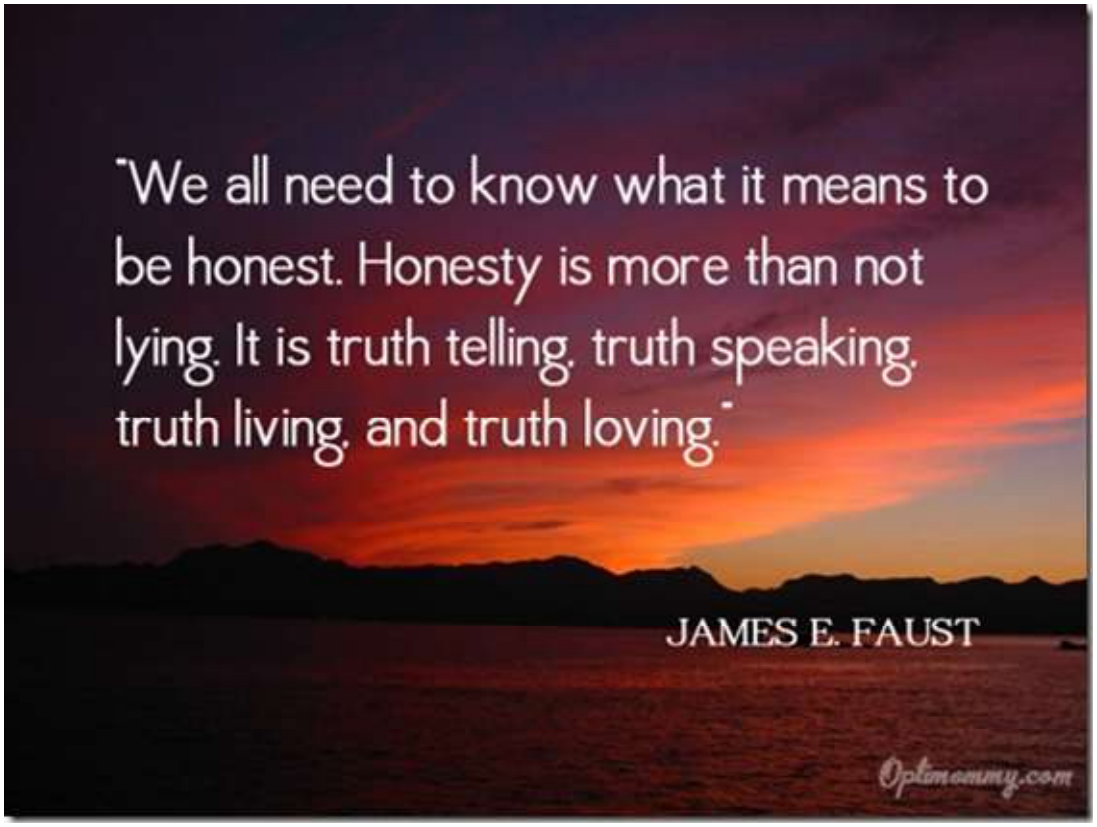
The setting in today's Gospel account is about two sons who are asked to work in the vineyard of their father. One said he would so and he didn't. The other said he wouldn't but he did. Both used words contrary to their actions. The younger brother did not live up to his words. He gave cheap valueless words to his father while having no intention at all of working. The older brother had no intention of working but changed his mind

If we are asked what the main theme of today's reading is, it is all about honest sincerity. Talk is cheap---It's the action that counts—You have to walk the walk and not just talk the talk. Honesty is the core of our religious expression, particularly being honest with God and ourselves. Sin we must remember originates with the father of lies and when we lie to ourselves we always get into deep trouble. Without honesty our love relationships will collapse, our friendships will be lost and we will end up in hell on earth as well as the hereafter---Satan is father of lies and he wants us to be just like him. How many of us pray that way? We give God our Father in heaven nice sounding words but never seem to get around following through on them. God is not fooled but we fool ourselves. Talk is cheap; intentions are too often little more than wishful thinking; appearances are deceptive. Being honest and then acting honestly are sometimes tough things to do. Sincere honesty is one of the hardest and most demanding of things about being a Christian.

Dear Lord may we fearlessly and courageously be honest with you and likewise with ourselves and our neighbours.

HONESTY

A44


"We all need to know what it means to be honest. Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving."
JAMES E. FAUST
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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty seventh Sunday in ordinary time, ---A45

GOSPEL THEME---THE FRUITFUL SHALL INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Is 5:1-7; Phil4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



THE FRUITFUL SHALL INHERIT.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty seventh Sunday in ordinary time, ---A45
GOSPEL THEME---THE FRUITFUL SHALL INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD
Is 5:1-7; Phil4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

THE FRUITFUL SHALL INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In the parable in today's Gospel the tenants in a vineyard are expected to produce for the master. In the same token the Lord addresses each one of us as a tenant of his vineyard to bear good fruit for the kingdom of God.

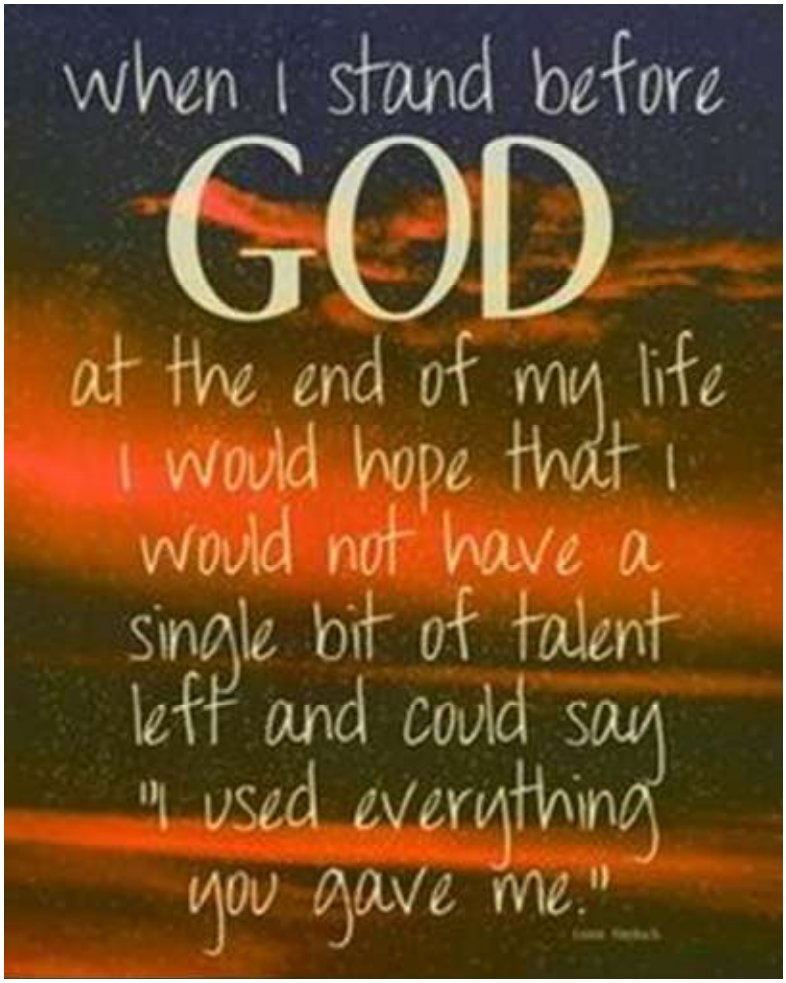
"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will produce fruit." --- *Mt 21;43*

Good actions have good consequences---We are to make the best use of our talents that God has given us.----We are to pursue the fruits of the Holy Spirit that include love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity forgiveness and self-control-------Opposing the fruits of the Holy Spirit are "the works of the flesh which include fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, jealousy, anger, dissensions, envy, drunkenness and things like these---those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." ------Gal5:9-21

Do make the best use of your talents that God has given you so that when you meet Jesus face to face you will hear him say "well done good and faithful servant, enter the joy of your master."

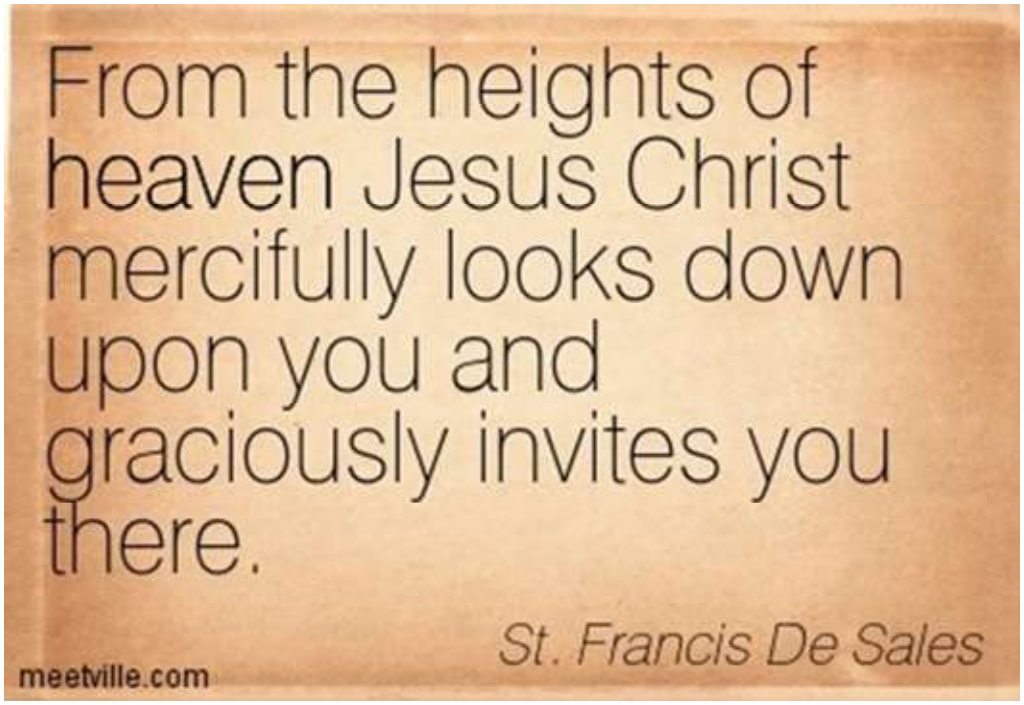
PROVIDE BOUNTIFUL FRUIT FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

A45



TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty eight Sunday in ordinary time, ---A46
LITURGICAL THEME---COME TO THE FEAST OF THE LORD
Is 25:6-10a; Ph14:10-11,19-20; Mt22:1-14



GOD INVITES US

ACCEPT----------LIVE HIS TRUTH
RECEIVE ETERNAL REWARD

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty eight Sunday in ordinary time, --A46
LITURGICAL THEME---COME TO THE FEAST OF THE LORD
Is 25:6-10a; Ph14:10-11,19-20; Mt22:1-14

COME TO THE FEAST OF THE LORD

The readings today speak of an invitation to the great feast of the Lord. Jesus invites all to his wedding banquet of eternal life. Jesus desires deeply that all be saved but yet preserves our freedom. Not all answer the calling, some rejecting the invitation, some accepting it fully. We have a kind and gentle God who does not force himself upon us but simply invites us to share eternal life with him.

We as Christians have heard of the Lord and accepted him through Baptism, Conformation and Eucharist. Today's Gospel parable lesson ends with the verse

"Many are invited but a few are chosen"

To be chosen we need to live our Christianity with constant preparation for the day we face the lord always wearing a garment of faithfulness. We must put on our wedding mantle of good virtues and morals so that we are fully accepted into the kingdom of heaven and all the joys it promises.

Let us pray for determination to clothe ourselves in Christ's attitude living his way, His truth and His life.

Live the Lord's Way Truth and Life

A46



TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

GOSPEL THEME—GIVE TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S

Is 45:1, 4-6; Thes 1:1-5ab; Mt 22:15-21

A47



SERVE GOD AND YOUR COUNTRY

WITH LOVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S TRUTH

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Twenty ninth Sunday in ordinary time,--- A47
GOSPEL THEME—GIVE TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S
Is 45:1, 4-6; Thes 1:1-5ab; Mt 22:15-21

"Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are Gods"

The Gospel teaches that authority is twofold; having an earthly or human aspect, and a heavenly and a divine aspect. It teaches that we owe a twofold duty of obedience; to human laws and to the law of God. The teaching draws a distinction between temporal power and God's sovereignty. We need to show loyalty to rules that deliver us benefits. But our essential and primary duty is to God.

The Gospel makes it very clear that we have two responsibilities; to the Government of our country or territory and to God our creator. Where both are in harmony there is no conflict. Whenever there is moral or unjust behaviour against peoples dignity or rights than there has to be a conflict. Provided we always act in a positive and creative way "speaking the truth in love" than the flawed kingdom that society builds can, in time, become more the kingdom that God desires.

May we keep all the God given talents stainless in our daily living so that one day, when we will appear before Lord Jesus, we will proudly give Him back what he gave us. Then we will rightfully inherit the assurance of our salvation.

Serve God and your homeland
Do so with God's truth

A47



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time, ---A48

GOSPEL THEME—THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Ex22:21-27; 1 thes1: 5c-10; Mt22; 34-40



THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time ---A48
GOSPEL THEME—THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS
Ex22:21-27; 1 thes1: 5c-10; Mt22; 34-40

THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

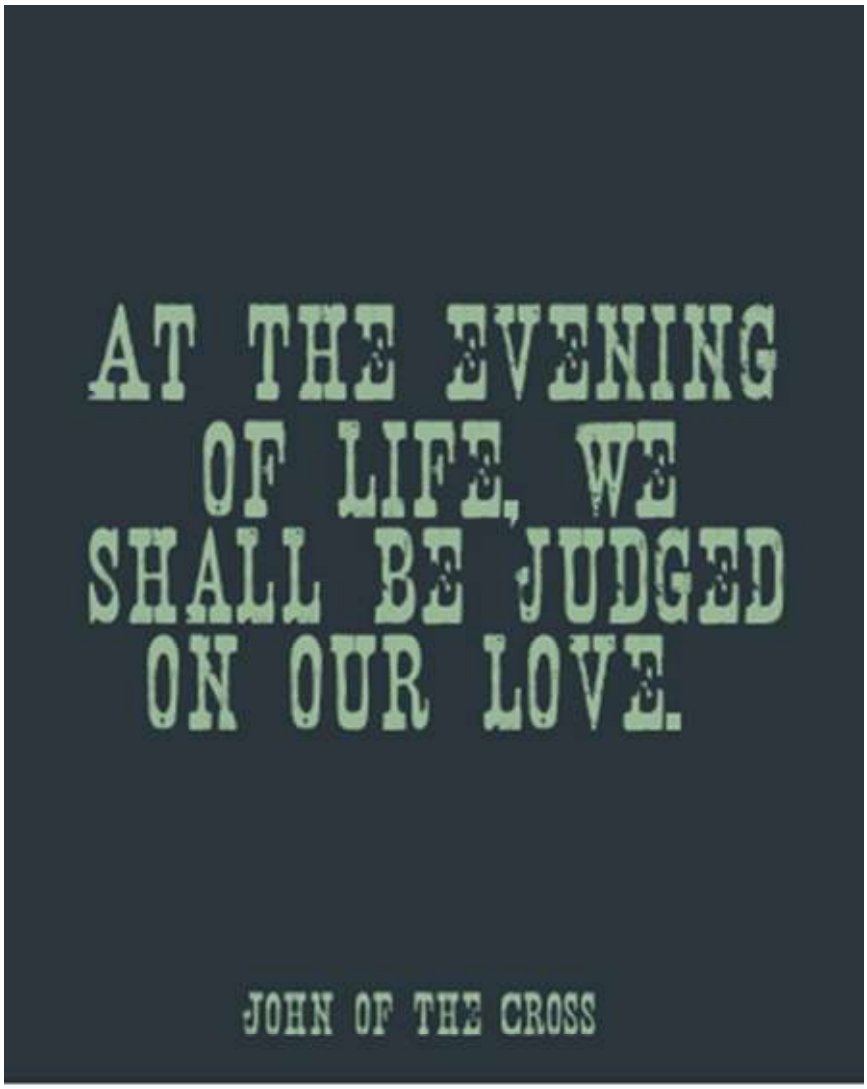
In the Gospel today Jesus summarized everything into two great commandments. Jesus said

" You must love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second resembles it; You must love your neighbour as yourself'."
Mt 22:37-39

We need to open our minds and find time necessary to become aware of the presence of God in our lives. How do we love God with all our heart, soul and mind? There is a sense which we could say that it takes a lifetime of practice to love God, putting God before all else. All these include prayer, appreciating God's creation and the beauty of nature around us, regular church attendance in worship and partaking of sacraments, adoration, reading bible and good Christian books, watching positive T.V. programs such as E.W.T.N. It is important to take time regularly to get away from the busyness of life and accept God's continual and unselfish love for us and reflect it back to Him.

If we love God within us it will shine towards others, our family, our neighbours and brothers and sisters of society.

A48


AT THE EVENING
OF LIFE, WE
SHALL BE JUDGED
ON OUR LOVE.
JOHN OF THE CROSS
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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Thirty first Sunday in ordinary time----A49

GOSPEL THEME---SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE AND HUMILITY

Mal1:14b; Thes2:7b-9-13; Mt23:1-12



SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE AND HUMILITY

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Thirty first Sunday in ordinary time----A49
GOSPEL THEME---SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE AND HUMILITY
Mal1:14b; Thes2:7b-9-13; Mt23:1-12

Jesus criticizes the scribes and Pharisees [religious leaders] in the gospel today for many reasons and one of those reasons is wanting to be better and more recognized than everybody else in public. There is a little bit of the Pharisees in each of us, perhaps more in some than others.
There are no favorites in the eyes of God. The world may consider people great because of their power or successes or money or fame but those things do not count for success in the Gospel. In the Gospel what counts for greatness is if you serve. In the Gospel today Jesus said

"The greatest among you must be your servant"
Matt 23:11

How far our world has wondered from the spirit of the Gospel? Instead of self-centeredness we need to be an example of humility and service. In the eyes of the Gospel there is no reason to look down on anybody else. The world may consider you great for many different reasons—success, fame, money, achievements, etc. The Gospel considers you for different reasons. You are great if you serve. At the end we are all the same because we all face the same end, death.

Love powerfully, live purposely and leave the rest to God

A49

IN SERVICE DO WHAT YOU CAN





THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Thirty second Sunday in ordinary time----A.50

GOSPEL THEME—BE PREPARED

Wis6:12-16; Thes4:13-18; Mt25:1-13



BE PREPARED FOR THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Thirty second Sunday in ordinary time----A.50
GOSPEL THEME—BE PREPARED
Wis6:12-16; Thes4:13-18; Mt25:1-13

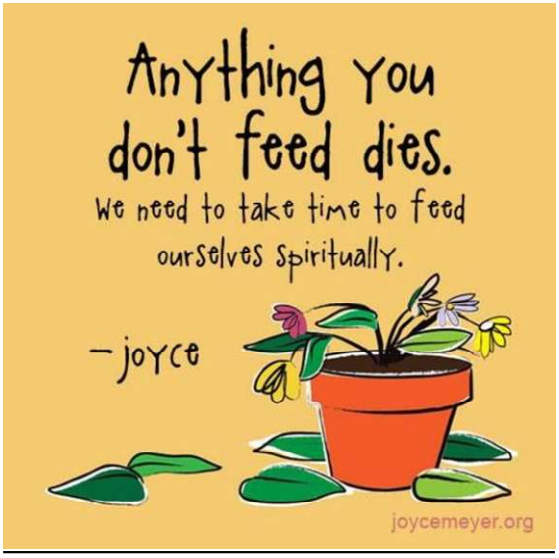
BE PREPARED

In the Gospel today is a parable about bridesmaids not making proper decisions in making themselves available for a wedding. It reminds us that we have to make choices going through life and we live afterwards with consequences of our decisions. The parable reminds us to choose well because at the end of life we will meet our savior and we do not know when he will call us. That is why Jesus said in the gospel

"So stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour"

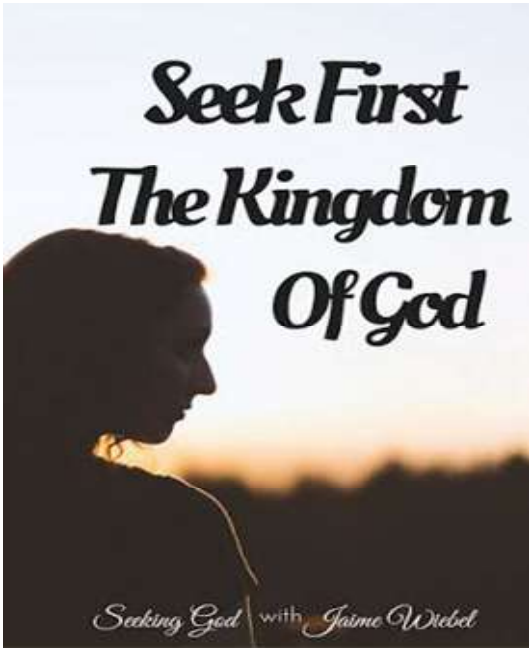
Matt 25:13

Be prepared for the second coming of Jesus



A-50

BE PREPARED





THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Thirty third Sunday in ordinary time, ---A51
GOSPEL THEME---USE YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD'S GLORY
Prov:31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25: 14-30



USE YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD'S GLORY

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A

Thirty third Sunday in ordinary time---A51
GOSPEL THEME---USE YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD'S GLORY
Prov:31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25: 14-30

USE YOUR TALENTS FOR GOD'S GLORY.

Today's Gospel is the parable of the talents. Talent given to the first two used it; the third person buried it. The moral of the story is "make the most of what you get."

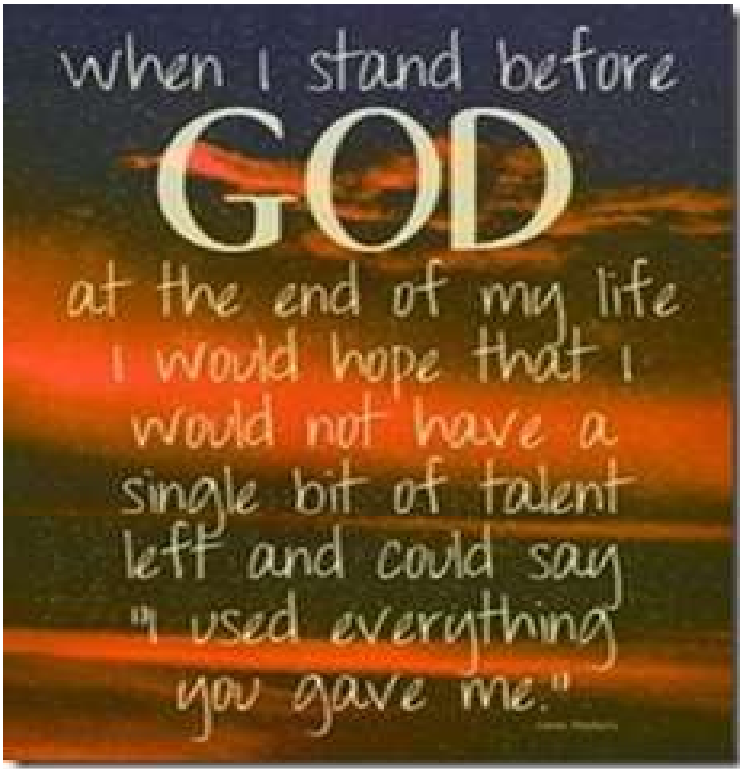
All our talents, all our gifts flow from God. We are expected to develop them to serve God and his people. Everyone can point out how hard he or she works to develop his or her talents, but the talents came from God and must be developed to serve God. He is the focus; not us. He is the glory; not ours. A good example one can relate to---- Quite often an athlete will began an interview after a sports event in which he or she excelled with a statement "first of all, I give all the glory to God." The athlete is right. Nothing that we do should be about us. All the gifts should be seen as just that, gifts from God.

The Lord tells us in the parable that the master will come for an accounting of how we used our talents he has given us. God is calling us to develop all that we are given to allow the kingdom to grow. On the day of reckoning may we hear the words "Job well done."

WHAT WE ARE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.

WHAT YOU BECOME IS OUR GIFT TO GOD.

A51


when I stand before
GOD
at the end of my life
I would hope that I
would not have a
single bit of talent
left and could say
"I used everything
you gave me."

CHRIST THE KING; YEAR A

Christ the King, Year A, ---A52

GOSPEL THEME----THE LOVE AND JUSTICE OF THE ETERNAL KING

Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 312-46



Ruler of all on the Earth

CHRIST THE KING; YEAR A

Christ the King, Year A, ---A52
GOSPEL THEME----THE LOVE AND JUSTICE OF THE ETERNAL KING
Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 312-46

CHRIST THE KING
THE LOVE AND JUSTICE OF THE ETERNAL KING

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate a very special feast of Christ the King. Today's selection from the gospel of Mathew is very appropriate for the feast of Christ the King because it portrays Christ as King who presides over the scene of final judgement. We are told that the decisive factor in rendering judgement will be an account of how well we personally have cared for the less fortunate people among us: They are the hungry, thirsty, lonely, naked, the sick and prisoners. These are, of course, examples of a more general category of the powerless and needy. We need to ask ourselves about our concerns for needy people. The primary emphasis should be placed on the unselfish love that ought to animate us and which will reach out to all who are more in bondage than ourselves.

A52



SUNDAY GOSPEL

THEME

REFLECTION

INSPERATION

YEAR B

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

First Sunday of Advent Yr B, Nov 30th 2014
LITURGICAL THEME---YOU ALSO MUST BE READY
Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-4; Mt 24:37-44
B1



YOU MUST BE READY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

First Sunday of Advent Yr B, --B1
LITURGICAL THEME---YOU ALSO MUST BE READY
Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-4; Mt 24:37-44

First Sunday of liturgical year (year B)

"You also must be ready"
Mt 24:44

Ready for what? For the coming of Jesus. Today we are celebrating the first Sunday of Advent. Did you know that the word " Advent" means Coming? The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a time of prayer and fasting in preparation of the Lord.

"keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your lord is coming"
Mt 24:42

We have a threefold waiting; we know that Jesus has already come in history and we remember that during the week before Christmas our waiting changes to waiting for our celebration of the birth of Jesus. We also wait for the final coming at the end of times when He will take all to himself in final judgement. Today's readings assure us that the Lord is coming. But an individual has to be alert and must be on the watch. Be prepared.

In the midst of violence, suffering, injustice, persecution, indifference, Jesus the messenger of peace tells us to be viligent. Not knowing when our final day is on earth or when the second coming of Jesus does occur we must be ready for the unexpected hour.

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FINAL JUDGEMENT

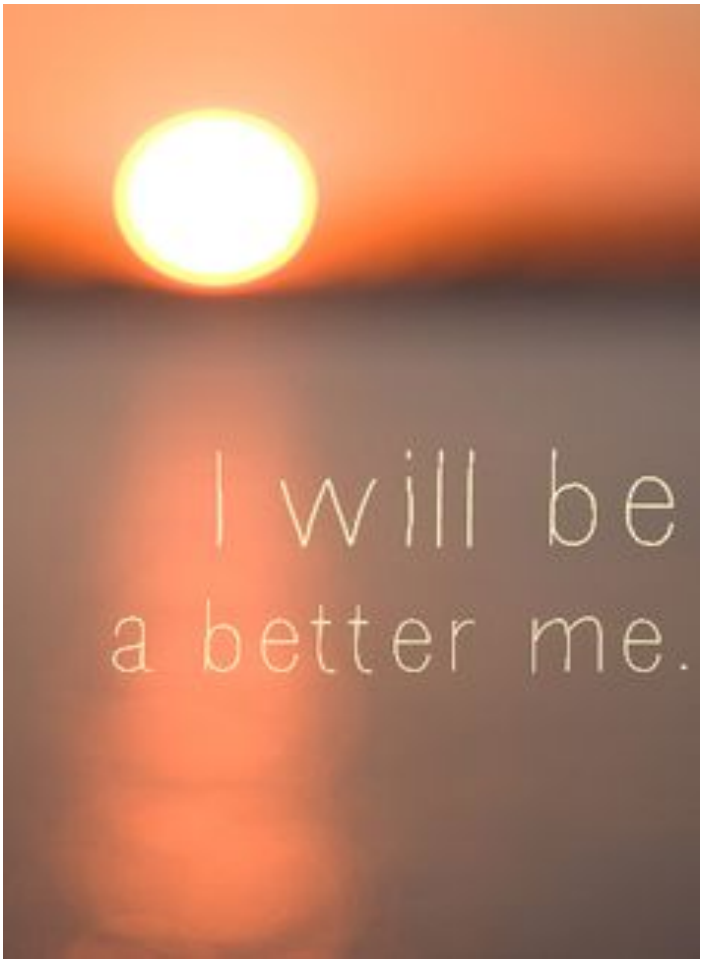


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

Second Sunday of Advent, Yr B, ---B2

LITURGICAL THEME—PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1



REPENT

Prepare the Way of the Lord

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

Second Sunday of Advent, Yr B---B2

LITURGICAL THEME—PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

" Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight his paths"

John 1:23

God is love and through his love created the universe and gave us domain over the fishes of the sea and all that is on land. How do we reciprocate God's love of us and His creation? The challenge of Advent is to clear a straight path for God; to end injustices, to stop wars and preparation for wars, to put discriminations behind us, to remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. Our hands must be strong but gentle hands of Christ, reaching out in mercy and justice, touching individual persons, touching the social condition of fairness for mankind. Our selfishness, our using other people for our happiness, our depending on externals for happiness, our seeking happiness in materialism have all become mountains and hills to love. We cannot and must not allow this to continue. We must fill the canyons and level the mountains and remove the barriers to the spiritual. Advent is a time of repentance. We must build a highway for Christ in our hearts, accepting His love and spreading the love throughout the world.

B2

REPENT



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

Third Sunday of Advent, Yr B, ---B3

LITUGICAL THEME----REFLECT PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Is 61: 1-2a; 1Thes.5:16-24; Jn1: 6-8 19-28



Reflect the presence of Christ in the world

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

Third Sunday of Advent, Yr ---B3
LITURGICAL THEME----REFLECT PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD
Is 61: 1-2a; 1Thes.5:16-24; Jn1: 6-8 19-28

REFLECT THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

John the Baptist comes to us in Advent readings to show us the light that we believe in the one who comes at Christmas. The message of this third Sunday of Advent is simple: Our lives must lead others to rejoice in the light of Christ. We will best prepare for Christmas if we spend time determining how we can better be faithful to our mission of reflecting God's presence in the world. We have the responsibility to the world around us to reflect the presence of Christ.

The world that has rejected Jesus craves for His presence. People complain about a world of darkness. They fill bookshelves and books in telling them where to find meaning in life. They indulge in a life of self-fulfillment of materialism and are in continual search to fill that empty void in their life. They search for light everywhere except the most obvious place. They overlook the presence of Christ among them or even within them.

This is where we come in. We are called to lead people out of darkness into the light of the Lord. We are to evangelize by word and example and become the apostles and witnesses. We have the responsibility to the world around us to reflect the presence of Christ in our lives and live His message of love.

Christmas
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Let us be your voice, o Lord, crying out in the desert.
Let our whole life be witness to your light. Make it our reason for being.

B3

LIVE IN JESUS' PRESENCE

FOLLOW HIS MESSAGE



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

Fourth Sunday of Advent; ---B4

LITURGICAL THEME---THE EVERLASTING DESIRE

2 Sam.7:1-5,8-11; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



COME LORD JESUS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR B

Fourth Sunday of Advent; Yr B; ---B4
LITURGICAL THEME---THE EVERLASTING DESIRE
2 Sam.7:1-5,8-11; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

THE EVERLASTING DESIRE

We cannot live a meaningful life, a life worth living without God. If we are satisfied with whatever the world has to offer than we are just puppets of our environment and misfits of creation. If our Christmas becomes a celebration of things and not a spiritual celebration of the presence of Christ, then our Christmas will just be a yearly exercise of summoning up emotions, another day of temporary smiles and another day that will come and go without affecting us.

"Our hearts are made for you, O Lord, and they cannot rest until they rest in you"

We are always longing, we are always seeking, we are always desiring. But the only desire that fills us is the desire for God. Take time during Advent and especially the holiest night of the year, Christmas Eve, to talk to God about what we really need-------his presence, his love and us reflecting that love and his teaching to the whole world. Take time to join those of Christian persuasion of every generation praying:

"Come Lord Jesus"

B4


The magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents
but in
His presence

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY; YEAR B

First Sunday after Christmas, Yr B, --B5

GOSPEL THEME---FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Gen: 15, 21; Heb: 11; Lk2: 22-40



MAKE GOD CENTER OF FAMILY LIVING

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY; YEAR B

First Sunday after Christmas, Yr B, --B5
GOSPEL THEME---FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Gen: 15, 21; Heb: 11; Lk2: 22-40

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Today's Gospel reading about the presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple is most suitable because it deals with the difficult question of young and old in families and society in general. This Sunday's feast of the Holy Family is a day when we consider the spiritual life of our families.

Children must find the Lord not just in the temple or the church; they must find the Lord primarily in our families. We ask ourselves today, "Can all the members of our family find the Lord in our homes? Or are homes merely houses. It is important for children to develop their love for God within their family. The parents when God blesses them with the gift of a new baby or an adoptive child, the parents are not just biological or adoptive parents; they are also the spiritual parents of the new baby or adopted child, being responsible for its upbringing in the living faith.

Society has great challenges today with breakdown of families, single parents, and godless environment in many homes----all that do hinder the health of a nation. We pray that all our families may show reverence and radiate the presence of the lord.

B5


FAMILY
You don't choose
your family.
They are God's
gift to you,
as you are to them.
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; YEAR B

The epiphany of the Lord, Yr. B ---B6
LITURGICAL THEME—SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY
Is 60:1-6; Ephes 3:2-3,5-6;Mt 2:1-12



Experience your Epiphany in the Glory of Christ

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; YEAR B

The epiphany of the Lord, Yr. B ----B6
LITURGICAL THEME—SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY
Is 60:1-6; Ephes 3:2-3,5-6;Mt 2:1-12

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS

Epiphany commemorates the manifestation or showing of the glory of Christ. The glory of God is witnessed not only upon the Jewish nation but also is open to the gentiles.

As we enter the New Year, this provides us with great opportunity to review our status before God. Are we faithful to God or do we have other Gods? Are we preoccupied with pride, having elevated ourselves above God? Is there obsession of food in our lives? Is there obsession of wealth to the extent of having become uncharitable towards others? Is there addiction to alcohol or illegal drugs or gambling? All these bad habits are detrimental to our spiritual growth alienating us from the true God, the Lord Jesus.

As the Magi, the three wise men following a star on the East to the scene of Christ in a manger experiencing their epiphany and knowing the true God,, let us also respond ourselves to God's truth. With the beginning of a New Year, now is the time to make a resolution to overcome one our bad habits. Naturally, we cannot do it alone. By the grace of the heavenly Father, the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus, we can overcome our ailments that impede our spiritual growth.

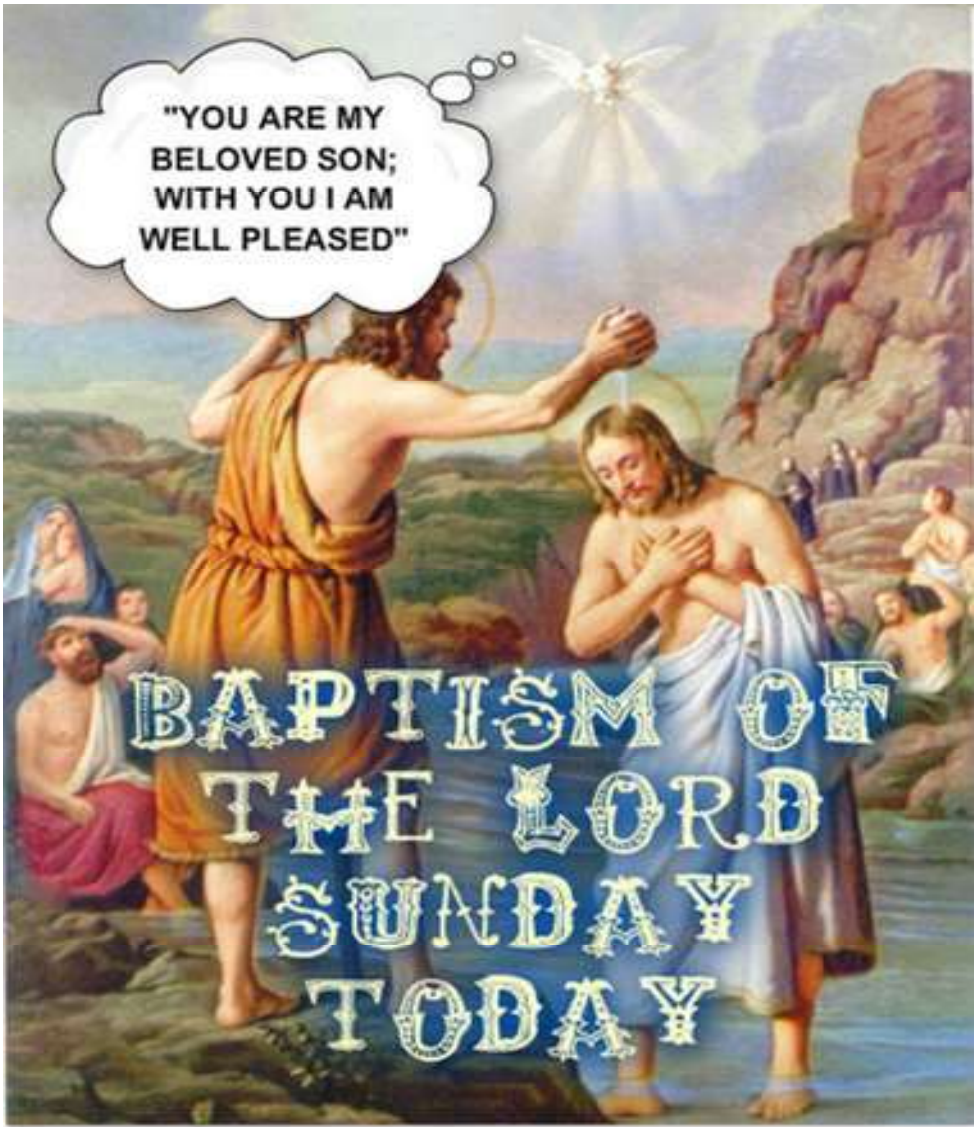
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



BAPTISM OF THE LORD; YEAR B

Baptism of the lord, Year B , ---B7
GOSPEL THEME-- BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Is 42; 1-4,6-7; Acts 10: 24-38; Mk 1:7-11



BAPTISM OF THE LORD; YEAR B

Baptism of the lord, Year B , ---B7
GOSPEL THEME-- BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Is 42; 1-4,6-7; Acts 10: 24-38; Mk 1:7-11

The Christmas season ends today with the celebration of the Lord's baptism. Jesus' public life begins with his baptism by John in the Jordan. John the Baptist hesitates, but Jesus insists and receives baptism showing his humble acceptance in fulfilling the mission as the Father's suffering servant

"the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world"

We enter the body of Christ (become a church member) at the moment of baptism. We become worshipping members of the Son, pleasing and beloved by the Father through our baptism. We do become incorporated into the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic body of Christ in the world, the church.

It is difficult for us to appreciate adequately the baptism that most of us received long ago as infants. Such appreciation is the work of a lifetime and we probably never come to understand all the wonderful effects of this Sacrament in our lives. The most important of the baptismal rite is the faith commitment that we bring to it. Our sponsors may have made this promise for us many years ago but we must now claim that commitment in our own names and that means nothing less than a deeply personal decision to follow Christ by living in a loving unselfish manner. It also means to renounce the false suggestion of Satan that self-indulgence leads to happiness.

As we celebrate the feast of the baptism of the Lord, let us ask him to renew in us the grace of our baptism and to make us, with all our brothers and sisters, true children of God and living members of his body, the church.

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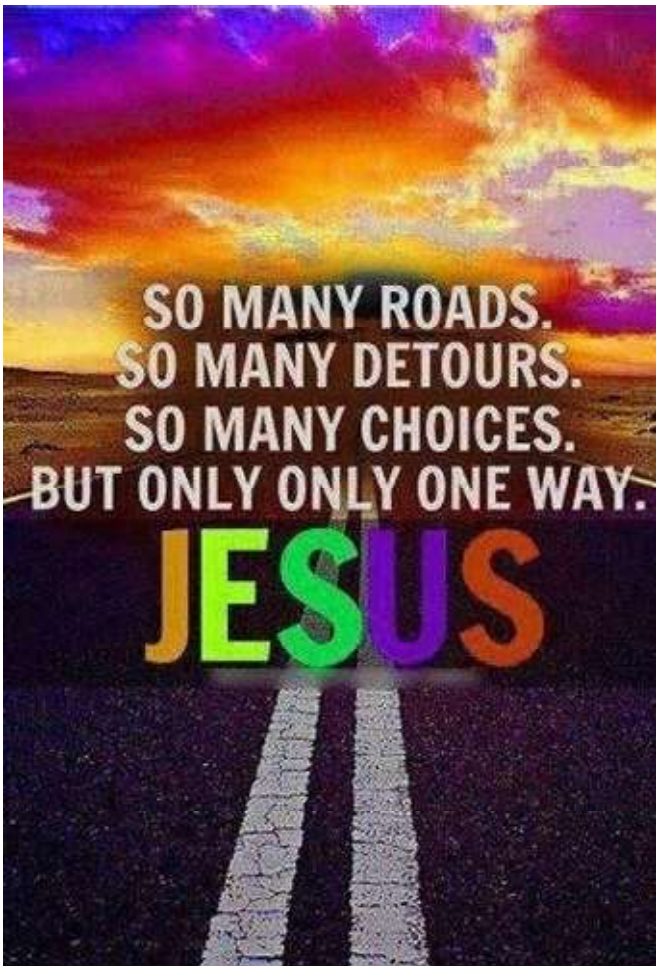

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beginning of
a lifetime
of loving
and serving
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

GOSPEL THEME—COME FOLLOW ME

Second Sunday in ordinary time—B8

Sam 3:3b-10, 19;1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn1: 35-42



GOD IS CALLING US

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

GOSPEL THEME—COME FOLLOW ME
Second Sunday in ordinary time, ---B8
Sam 3:3b-10, 19;1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn1: 35-42

COME FOLLOW ME

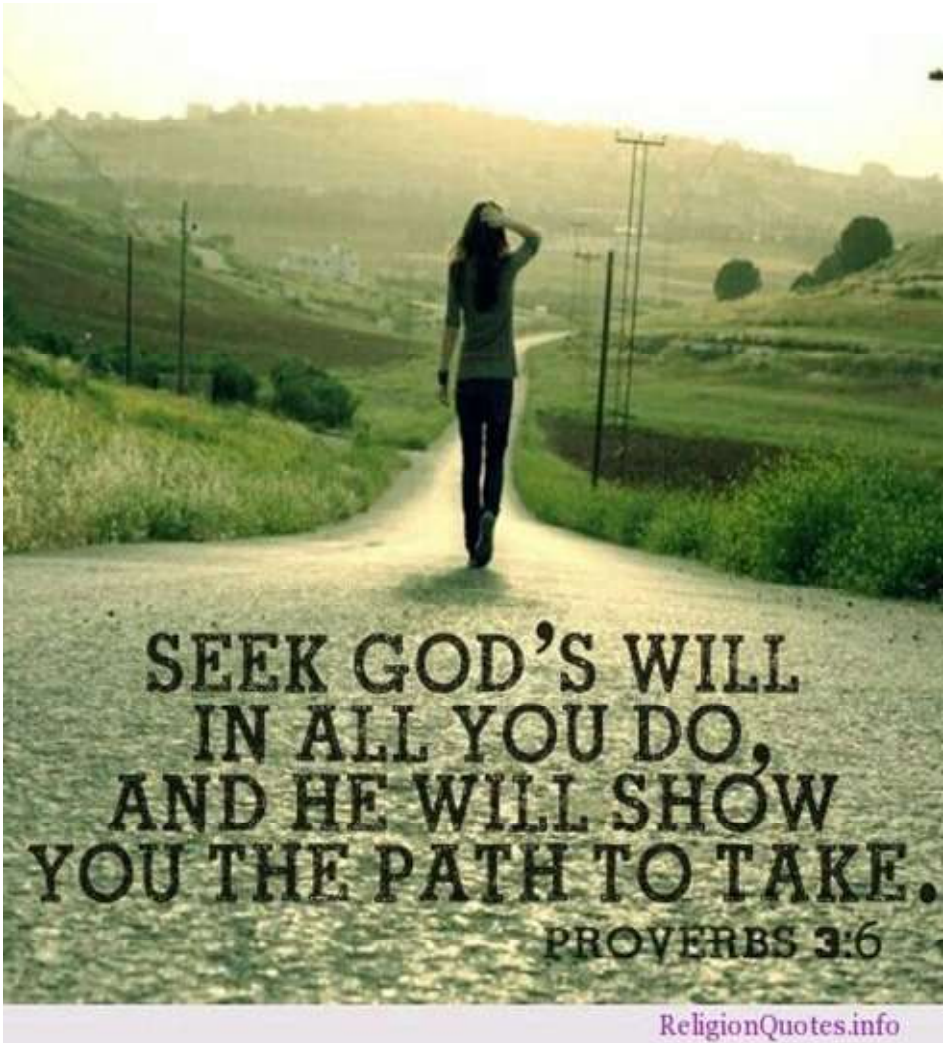
In today's reading of the Holy Gospel we do perceive God's calling. The disciples Andrew and Peter commit themselves to Jesus. In the same way we are to respond to His calling. Jesus is our teacher. He shows us the way, the truth and the life. He is the Lamb of God, the perfect human sacrifice for the redemption of our sins.

God has a word for you. He has something to say to you. God has something in mind for you---personally and individually. Are you willing to listen up and pay attention to Him? Willing to take a good look at what he is trying to say to you----or trying to ask you to do?

There are hurdles we face, hindrances and attitudes that we simply must overcome. Do we have the faith we need to hold on to the lord in the midst of turmoil? There are many experiences that do shock or challenge our lifestyle. In one's life, people do experience changes and disruptions in patterns of living. Often we do question a sickness or death, especially of a young person. We ask, dear Lord, where are you? What is your plan?

Today we pray that we have the faith we need to hold on to the Lord in the midst of turmoil. At times of hardship, sickness, death, spiritual dryness and times of disappointments we have the courage and the faith to go to those places our lord dwells. May we make Him the source of our life as well as the comforter in good as well as difficult times.

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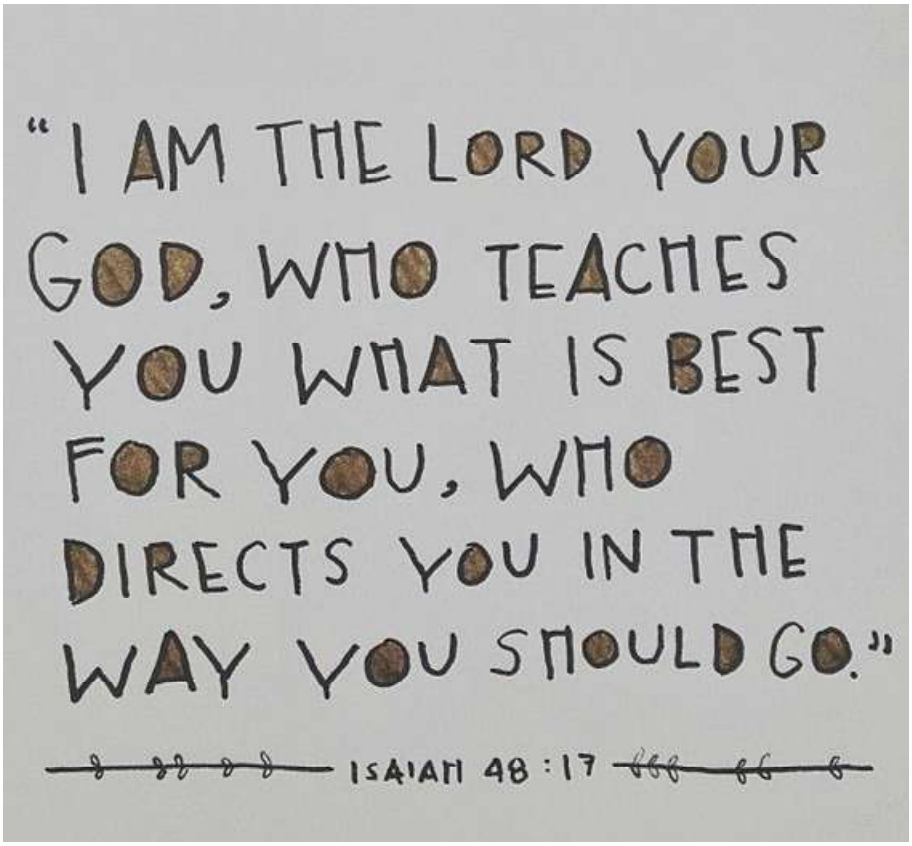

SEEK GOD'S WILL
IN ALL YOU DO,
AND HE WILL SHOW
YOU THE PATH TO TAKE.
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Third Sunday in ordinary time---B9

GOSPEL THEME- FOLLOW ME—IT IS NEVER TO LATE

Jonah3:1-5,10: 1 Cor 1:29-31; Mk:14-20



FOLLOW ME

TURN AWAY FROM EVIL WAYS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Third Sunday in ordinary time, ---B9
GOSPEL THEME- FOLLOW ME—IT IS NEVER TO LATE
Jonah3:1-5,10: 1 Cor 1:29-31; Mk:14-20

FOLLOW ME; IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.

REPENT YOUR SINS-------TURN AWAY FROM EVIL WAYS.

Today's Gospel sums up Jesus' teaching----Happiness and peace are offered to us if we are willing to fight against sin and turn to the Lord. God invites all human persons to a personal relationship with him and when they do wrong and go astray; he invites them to a spirit of repentance to make them live a life worthy of him. Repentance means to turn around and go in the opposite direction, change one's way of thinking, change one's values, change one's mind and heart and more importantly change the direction of life.

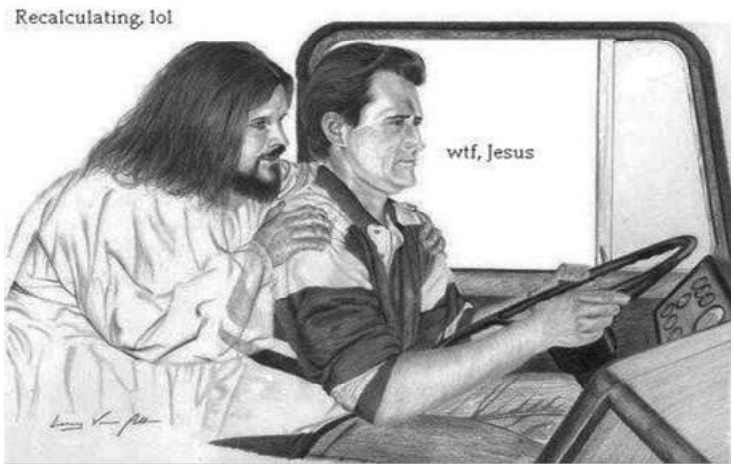
There are people who think that it's too late for them; they think they cannot be forgiven. They think their sins are too numerous or too grave to merit forgiveness. No one, no situation in life, nothing can destroy the joy that we have in being united with the Lord. We need to accept the Lord's compassion. The Lord never gives up on us---We do not have the right to give up on ourselves. It is never too late to repent.

May we answer the calling of Jesus to a life of self-denial and ongoing sacrifices. May we shine as true lights in the world, showing patience when it is needed, love when there is hatred, kindness when it is least expected and finally let each and every one of us to pray for those that have fallen to sin that they may once more rise and take their place as faithful and obedient servants of the Lord.

B9

Follow the teachings of Jesus





FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time, ---B10

THEME---JESUS SPOKE WITH AUTHORIITY

Duet. 18:15-23; 1 cor7:32-35; Mk.1:21-28



JESUS TEACHES WITH AUTHORITY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time, ---B10
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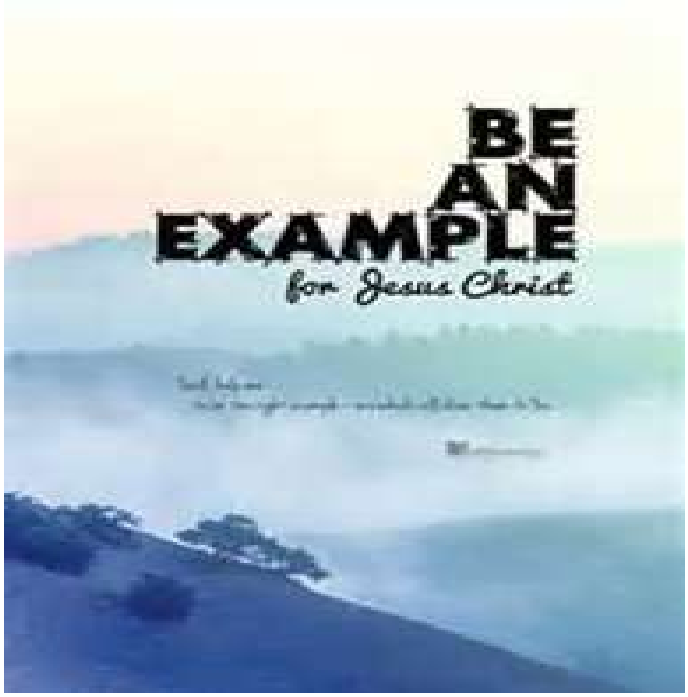
In today's gospel reading the sacred writer, the Holy Spirit, speaks about the authority of the Lord. Jesus came teaching with authority as we learn in this week's gospel reading. Jesus' teaching authority did not come from utilizing the latest teaching techniques or by practicing recommended communication skills. His authority came from within, from who he is, Emmanuel, God with us.

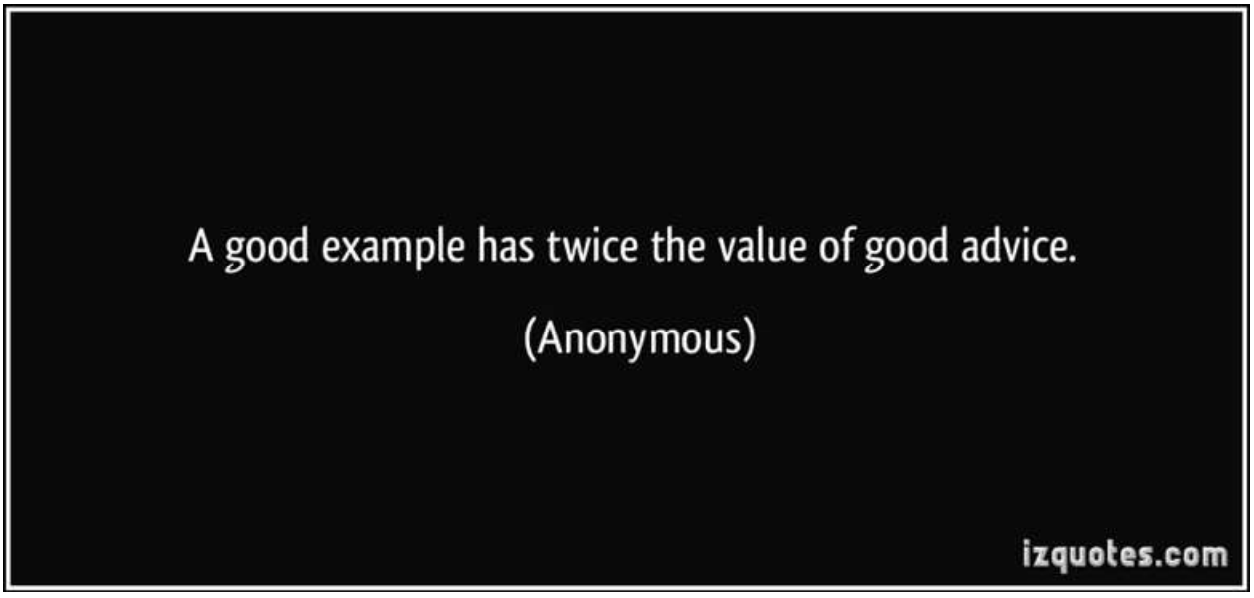
Not many of us are called to publicly teach; speaking for God on his behalf. We do spend a lifetime teaching character and values of one kind or another, not primarily by what we say, but most certainly by how we live. What an awesome responsibility is then laid at our feet; to communicate truth by our lives. Jesus is attempting to authoritively communicate to those around us the truth and love of God and he has chosen us to be his simple but powerful word picture. We have been chosen to be his living parable and invited us to be a living icon of Jesus Christ.

BE A GOOD EXAMPLE
LIVE THE TRUTH AND LOVE OF GOD

"Modern man listens more willing to witnesses than to teachers"

B10


BE
AN
EXAMPLE
for Jesus Christ


A good example has twice the value of good advice.
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time---B11

THEME -----FAITHFUL IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

Job7;1-4,6-7; 1 Cor9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk1:29-39



BE FAITHFUL IN THE SERVICE

OF THE LORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time, --B11
THEME -----FAITHFUL IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD
Job7;1-4,6-7; 1 Cor9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk1:29-39

FAITHFUL IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

During today's readings we come to realize that in order to remain faithful in the service of the Lord we must embrace a spiritual mind so that we can understand the things of God. If we surround ourselves with those who are worldly, we began to think like them, suppressing our spiritual thoughts that are in harmony with the indwelling of Christ. It is in our moments of solitude with God we are able to become anchored spiritually to discover who we are, why are we created and how we should live. From these times of reflection and prayer come the life-giving relationships with God that enables us to go forth in service.

We as church members are to serve the Christian community or in other words exercise Christian ministry. When we are touched with God's love, his love transforms us into a people of loving service. Many feel the touch of the lord so strongly that despite their heavy schedules wish to do more in service to the parish in various lay ministries or in various ministries in the community.

"Amazing Grace" we sing. God has raised us up. We are no longer blind to his presence in the world. We see. We see His presence in others and God sees His presence in us.

In us following Christ we pray today that we might continue to be committed Christians, active disciples, loving people, all in the name of Jesus.

B11


THE BEST WAY
TO FIND YOURSELF
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF
IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.
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Give your hands
to serve
and your hearts
to love.
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Sixth Sunday in ordinary time, -B12

GOSPEL THEME---JESUS IS MERCIFUL, FORGIVES AND HEALS.

Lev.13:1-2,45-46; 1 Cor.10:31-11:1;Mk.1:40-45



FORGIVEN

JESUS IS MERCIFUL, FORGIVES AND HEALS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Sixth Sunday in ordinary time, ---B12
GOSPEL THEME---JESUS IS MERCIFUL, FORGIVES AND HEALS.
Lev.13:1-2,45-46; 1 Cor.10:31-11:1;Mk.1:40-45

Unclean no more; Jesus is merciful, forgives and heals

In the gospel reading the lepers in those days were considered unclean and were outcasts in society. Jesus did accept them all and healed many. There are people nowadays who are convinced they are unclean. They may be involved in drugs, alcohol, sex or other ways. Be nice to them. Don't think of them despicable. Jesus never treated people that way. Pray for them and perhaps by the grace of God, they also will come before Jesus and seek to be made clean. And then there are people who have not done anything wrong, but have been made to feel that they are unclean. They may have a physical challenge. They may be overweight and made to feel they don't belong among beautiful thinner people, or they may be mentally challenged and made to feel that they are lesser human beings than others. They are not unclean. And it is up to us as a Christian society, as a Catholic family to let them know that as long as they possess the love of Jesus Christ they belong to the heart of our community.

It is our destiny to place ourselves under Gods authority. It is up to us to recognize our sins, ask forgiveness and work on an intimate relationship with our creator. By doing so we will have that feeling of love and peace of heart and the desire to share that with others.

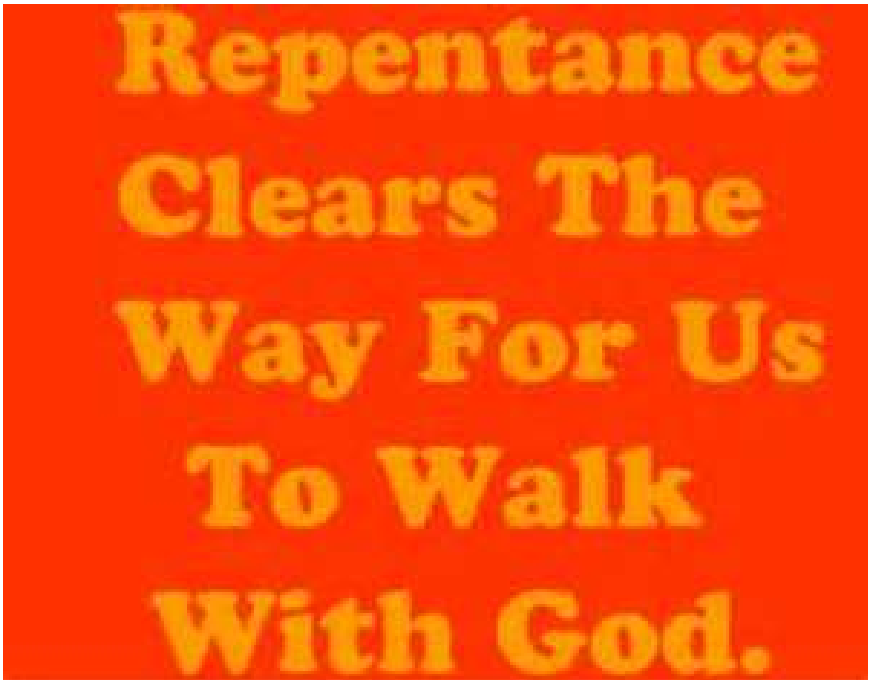
We are entering into the season of lent with Ash Wednesday commencing this Wednesday. Lent is a 40 day liturgical season before Easter. It is a good time to review one's lifestyle, a time to ask for forgiveness and a time to repent, a time to change or self-improve and ask for God's mercy and healing. May we through prayer, fasting and repentance get tuned in with our Lord in our spiritual journey.

B12


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Asking for FORGIVENESS regularly:
From God
From others
And from oneself, cleanses us!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

First Sunday of Lent, Yr. B, -B13
LITURGICAL THEME-REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS
Gen9:8-15; 1 Pet.3:18-22; Mk1;12-15



REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

First Sunday of Lent, Yr. B, --B13
LITURGICAL THEME-REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS
Gen9:8-15; 1 Pet.3:18-22; Mk1;12-15

"The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news"
Mk1:12-15

REPENT AND BELIEVE

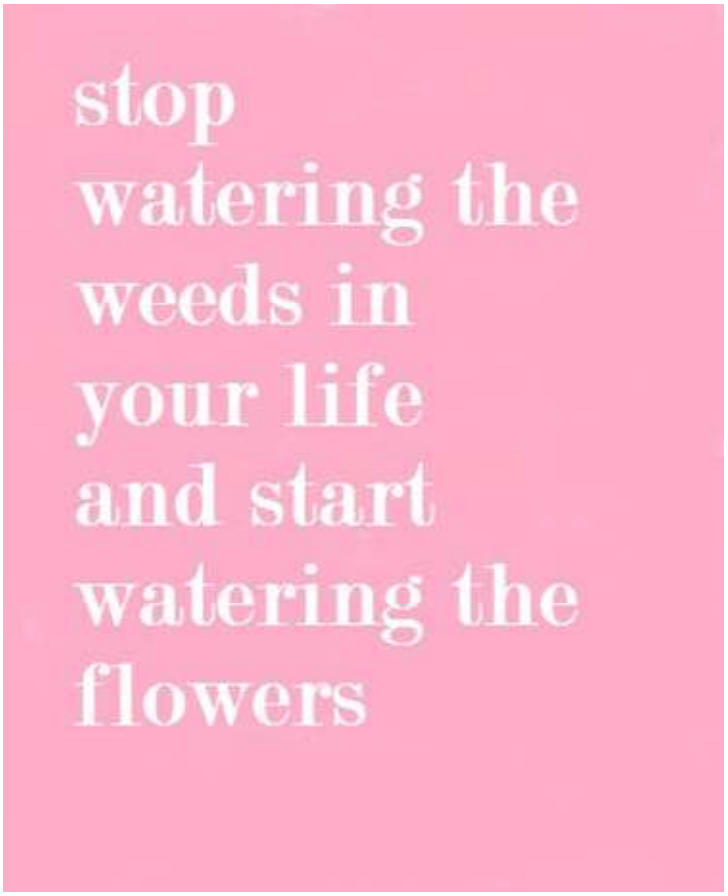
After Jesus was baptised by John he went off for forty days into the desert to pray. In terms of this image this is what the season of Lent is meant to be---- A time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and demons within us and to let God battle them through us.

We are now into the great season of lent. During the season of Lent the church invites us to examine our lives, to repent our sins and do penance. By means of fasting, penance, alms giving and prayers the faithful obtain strength they need to overcome their sinful tendencies. Lent is a time of purifying ourselves of our weaknesses and reinforcing ourselves with renewed commitment to follow Christ. We are called to go forward and shine by our obedience, our servitude, our charity towards others through prayer, sacrifices, all in the love of God. The result is we are purified and made ready so that the intoxicating joy of Easter, the high point of our faith, might than serve to bind us more closely to God and each other.

Let us prepare ourselves during the season of lent to receive the word of God with open hearts and lead ourselves to our lord. May we set aside a little time each Lenten day to create space within ourselves for repentance and welcoming God.

B13


Repentance
is a change of direction
in thought and behavior


stop
watering the
weeds in
your life
and start
watering the
flowers

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

Second Sunday of Lent, Yr B---B14

LITURGICAL THEME—JESUS IS SON OF GOD—LISTEN TO HIM

Gen.22;1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom.8:31b-35. 37; Mk.9:1-10



JESUS IS SON OF GOD

LISTEN TO HIM

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

Second Sunday of Lent, Yr B, --B14
LITURGICAL THEME—JESUS IS SON OF GOD—LISTEN TO HIM
Gen.22;1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom.8:31b-35. 37; Mk.9:1-10

In glaring, blinding brightness, his clothes were dazzling white as no eyes on earth had ever seen.

In the Gospel today we have the story of transfiguration of Jesus. The transfiguration has one primary purpose, namely to reveal the identity of Jesus.
Up on a mountain Jesus was transfigured. His clothing became dazzling white and his face shone like the sun in front of three disciples Peter, James and John as well as prophets of the Old Testament namely Elijah and Moses. The highlight of the transfiguration is a majestic voice that comes from the overcasting cloud identifying Jesus as the beloved Son and a mandate to listen to him. The Lord is the most important person in the world to listen to, and the most important thing he says is:

"If man wishes to come after me he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow my steps "
Mk 8:34

During Lent we need to go to a place of retreat, to climb that mountain and go to a place of silence, to find ourselves to better perceive the voice of the Lord. Our task is to continue to examine our hearts and change ourselves to live a life of love in order to be worthy of his glorious Paschal Mystery that we relive at Easter.

O Christ, take us to that mountain, transform our cloudy lives, all our acts, our very being into your love.

B14


Prayer
is when you talk to God,
meditation
is when you listen to God.
-Unknown


DON'T LET THE
NOISE
OF THE WORLD
KEEP YOU FROM
HEARING THE
VOICE OF THE LORD.
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

Third Sunday of Lent, Yr B, ---B15

GOSPEL THEME— TAKE A FIRM STAND ON GOD'S LAW

Exo.20:1-17; Cor1:22-25; Jn4:5-42



BE MOTIVATED

TAKE A FIRM STAND IN GOD'S LAW

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

Third Sunday of Lent, Yr B, ---B15
GOSPEL THEME— TAKE A FIRM STAND ON GOD'S LAW
Exo.20:1-17; Cor1:22-25; Jn4:5-42

TAKE A FIRM STAND

In the Gospel today Jesus reacts to abuses in the temple. Jesus drove the money traders out of the temple. According to him the place of worship has become spiritually bankrupt and was more concerned of ill worldly material things. The money traders did exchange currencies, often with crooked dealings, within the temple for people coming from different areas to purchase sacrificial animals as well as need for requirement of lodging. Jesus took a firm stand.

In the same manner, we cannot stand idly as the world rides roughshod over ideals established by God's law. We must be strong. We must overthrow injustice just as Jesus overthrew the tables of the money changers. The oppressors of people and their evil systems must motivate us to say "Get them out of here."

It is utterly intolerable for Catholics to restrict themselves to the position of mere observers. We need to be more involved in such issues as abortion, euthanasia, atheistic views and them trying to block the image of God's presence in our society, our schools and government.

The law of God is our strength. God's instruction manual for life is not limited just to sets of rules of the Ten Commandments. Christ's life and action as they are set out in the Gospels are our best help for seeing how to live our lives well. Our best instruction manual is Christ himself.

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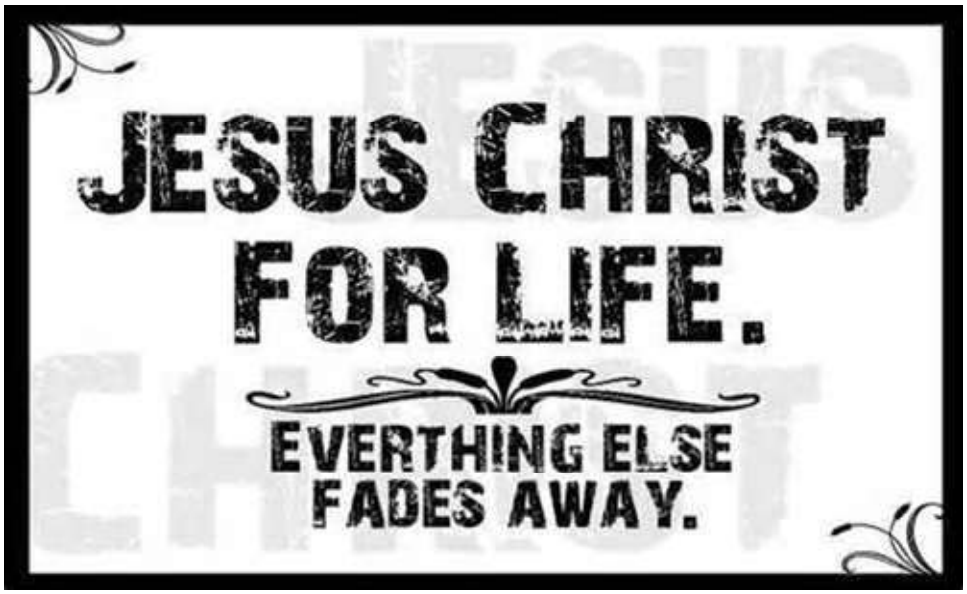

STAND FIRM
Let nothing move you.
Always give yourselves fully
to the work of the Lord.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Fourth Sunday of lent, Yr. B, ---A16

LITUGICAL THEME—GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE UP HIS SON

1Sam.16:1b,6-7,10-13; Ephes.5:8-14; Jn9:1-41



COMMIT TO JESUS

TRULY LOVE UNSELFISHLY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

Fourth Sunday of lent, Yr. B, --B16

LITUGICAL THEME—GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE UP HIS SON

1Sam.16:1b,6-7,10-13; Ephes.5:8-14; Jn9:1-41

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the wonderful good news that

"God so loved the world that he gave up he only son"

It is tempting to think that believing in Christ means simply that we affirm the creed or that we agree that Jesus existed and worked miracles, died and rose from the dead. To except these truths is important but this is not what is meant in believing this passage. To believe in the one who was "lifted up" means to live unselfishly. When we commit ourselves to Christ, we firmly resolve to follow his example of unselfish thoughtful concern for others. By doing so we can be sure we will also be "raised up" with him in the victory of resurrection. To truly love unselfishly some may think that this takes all the fun out of life, but in reality the people who love in this way are the only happy people in the world.

.....LISTEN TO GOD THIS LENT.....

LET LOVE OPEN.
LET LOVE BLOSSOM.
LET LOVE GROW.

B16


Take steps each day to be sure your life expresses commitment to Jesus.
Charles Stanley
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

Fifth Sunday of lent, Yr. B, ---B17

Liturgical Theme ----Prepare, change, transform

Jer31:31-34; Heb5: 7-9; Jn12: 20-33



LET GO & LET GOD

CHANGE--------TRANSFORM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR B

Fifth Sunday of lent, Yr. B, ---B17
Liturgical Theme ---- change, transform
Jer31:31-34; Heb5: 7-9; Jn12: 20-33

In the gospel today Jesus encourages us for detachment from the world for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. One is to have desire to share forever in the glory of God's love and one must understand that we must reject every easy path to selfishness.

The season of Lent is a time of special grace in which we experience a presence of a personal God who cares and loves us. Our response is to transform ourselves and live according to his will. We want to do something new and come to him in obedience and freedom. Before him we acknowledge our weaknesses and we know that he is one who supports us and builds with us a new relationship. We ought to change our lives during Lent and become closer to him.
Through our Lenten prayer, fasting and penance we shall discover Jesus in our day to day Christian life and like him seek for our glorification in the father.

Let us pray for courage and total trust, like Jesus in his Father, that the new life, joy, happiness and fulfillment we all long for is discovered. It is a time for letting go and letting God. We ask the grace that we may allow God's love and forgiveness open us up to the total transformation needed in our lives.

Lord help us to treat others with grace, to love extravagantly and forgive generously. We pray in Jesus' name, our savior and redeemer. Amen

B17


There's always room to be a better person. Always.
AUTHOR
SONYA TECLAI
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PALM SUNDAY; YEAR B

Passion Sunday [Palm Sunday] Yr B, --B18

GOSPEL THEME—THE PAIN SUFFERING AND DEATH OF CHRIST

Mk11:1-10; Is50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk: 14 1-15: 47





PALM SUNDAY; YEAR B

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PALM SUNDAY [PASSION SUNDAY]

Palm Sunday comes with a split personality. It starts with an upbeat gospel recounting Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It's a festive affair complete with a parade route strewn with palm branches. But we quickly progress to the stark reading of Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Mel Gibson's film did us a favour in reminding us how shockingly brutal the whole business really was.

Two names for the same day: Palm and Passion Sunday. A third name can be given as fickle Sunday. For the same crowd that was cheering during the parade was jeering a few days later. They have been vowed by his sermons, fed with loaves and fishes, healed of their diseases and delivered of their demons but soon as the tide began to turn so did they. The cries of "Hosanna" turned to shouts of a very different kind "crucify him".

The moto of this Sunday challenges us to look again at our commitment to loving, knowing, welcoming and following Jesus on our personal spiritual journey.

SOME APPROPRIATE PERSONAL PRONOUNCEMENTS OF COMMITMENT

Oh Lord God, as I submit myself to you, I commit to doing everything I do, to say everything I say, and choosing everything I choose, for the sake of your kingdom and not mine.

Dear Jesus, stretch me and expand me into new areas of life which you have destined for me.

B18


Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest." (Lk 19)
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EASTER SUNDAY; YEAR B

Easter Sunday,Yr B, --B19

LITURGICAL THEME---RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts10:34a,37-43; Col3:1-4; Jn20:1-18



CHRIST IS RISEN

ALLELUIA

EASTER SUNDAY; YEAR B

Easter Sunday,Yr B, --B19
LITURGICAL THEME---RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Acts10:34a,37-43; Col3:1-4; Jn20:1-18

CHRIST HAS RISEN---THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

Undoubtedly Easter Sunday is the most important day in the liturgical year. We celebrate all other Sundays as a weekly reminder of the fact that Christ rose from the dead. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is the very foundation of our faith. It is from resurrection that everything else flows; our belief in the Eucharist, the power of the sacraments and our faith in everlasting life in heaven.

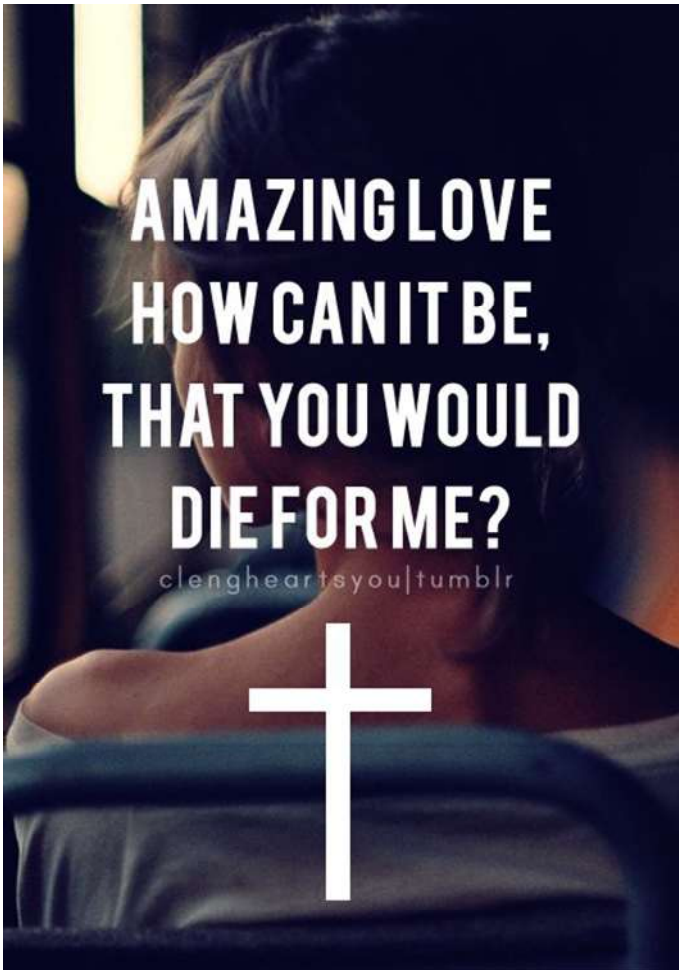
Each year when we celebrate Easter we try to recapture some of the joy that was experienced by the first disciples once they realized that Christ has actually risen. The account of the eyewitnesses of Christ's resurrection, as written in the bible, sets the tone of our faith. The eyewitnesses to the resurrection of Jesus and his post resurrection appearances were to simple unsophisticated people. After twenty centuries their accounts still stands; stands without any reasonable refutation of what they saw and said. All the attacks that the worldly have directed on them have failed. Why? Because they gave us the simple truth---the tomb is empty and Jesus is out and about. May we have the desire to share their testimony message and proclaim to all who would listen.

JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD. ALLELUIA!

Your life and my life have meaning.
Death does not end our existence.
God is merciful, loves us and offers us everlasting life in heaven.

May we bring this wonderful news to people in this world, especially people living in today's world filled with horrors and miseries heaped upon them by those who either deny there is a God, who deny any value in human life and who are anti things of decency, beauty and goodness.
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AMAZING LOVE
HOW CAN IT BE,
THAT YOU WOULD
DIE FOR ME?
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Second Sunday of Easter, Yr B –B20

GOSPEL THEME—DOUBTING THOMAS

Act2:42-47: 1Pet1:3-9; Jn200;19-31



NOURISH YOUR FAITH

BELIEVE

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Second Sunday of Easter, Yr B ---B20
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Act2:42-47: 1Pet1:3-9; Jn20;19-31

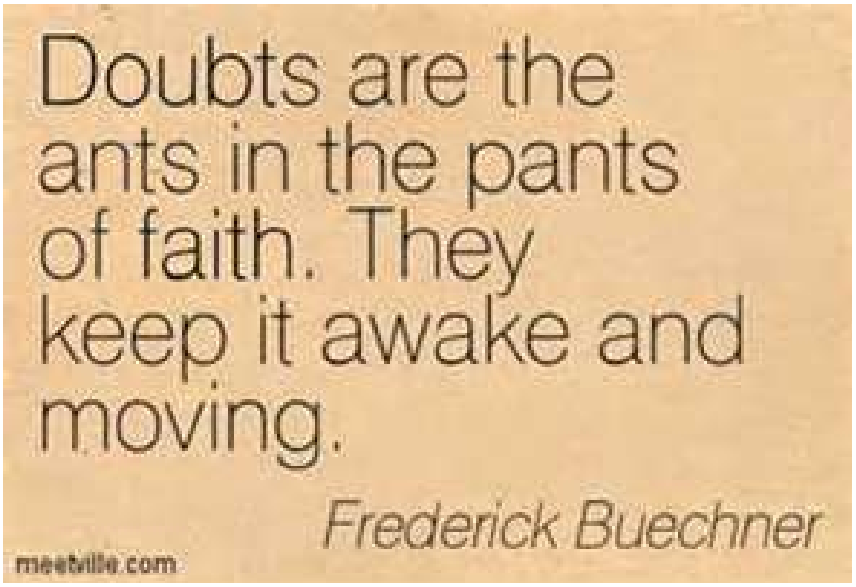
DOUBTING YOUR FAITH

The second Sunday of Easter is always the gospel of doubting Thomas. Thomas did not believe in Jesus being resurrected from the dead and his appearance to the disciples. Thomas requested that he himself witness it in order to believe.

The gospel for this Sunday tackles a problem we all have at times which is doubting our faith. Doubting our faith is the messy side of our humanity. We want to believe, but we are occasionally besieged with doubts. It is not uncommon for people to experience doubt in their faith. One may be going through rough patches in relationship with God or travelling the rocky road of doubt. Although being in a state of doubt is a very tough place to be it is not to be afraid of. Doubt is not opposite of faith but part of. When faith is alive and as it grows there's bound to be doubt. Faith is a gift we must learn to embrace and apply in our lives so that it becomes of who we are.
Doubt can be spiritually dangerous, especially if one comes to an atheistic conclusion, but paradoxically it can be spiritually nourishing. Doubt motivates us to learn and research more deeply into the mysteries of our faith.

May we nourish our faith and enhance it in our spiritual journey of life through prayer, reading the bible or spiritual books, liturgical attendance, retreats, having fiends of faith and being active in church ministries.

B20


Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.
Frederick Buechner
meetville.com


WHO ARE WE TO DOUBT?
OUR GOD CAN DO ANYTHING.
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Third Sunday of Easter, Yr B,--B21

GOSPEL THEME—JESUS 'PRESENCE IN US

Acts3:15-15, 17-19;1 Jn2;1-5,Lkk24:35-48



SEEK THE LORD

SEEK PEACE WITHIN YOU

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Third Sunday of Easter, Yr B,--B21
GOSPEL THEME—JESUS 'PRESENCE IN US
Acts3:15-15, 17-19;1 Jn2;1-5,Lkk24:35-48

JESUS' PRESENCE IN US
Today's gospel account is about two disciples dejectedly walking from Jerusalem to a nearby hamlet called Emmaus and were trying to make sense of Jesus being crucified. Jesus does appear saying "Peace be with you" and makes them realize that he really is the Lord, the resurrected Christ.

In the same manner Jesus comes to you and me in ways we least expect. We know our moments of surprise, our moments of wonder, whether it be through nature or human contact experiences, scripture reading, prayer or other special times when suddenly we are aware of God's presence to us. Often it is out of the blue when we hear what he is saying to us. This is why we need quite reflection time. We need to get out of the business of our days. We need to turn off all of the noise hurled at us in this modern world of ours. It is often in moments of quiet reflection whether we are out for a stroll or when we are in a special setting that allows us to experience that intimate relationship; that deep awareness of his presence to us.

May you soon take some time to make a "walk to Emmaus" and have your personal Emmaus time so that you experience moments of recognizing our Savior and encountering Him. For without his presence within us one will certainly feel depressed and defeated.

Oh Jesus, release our minds. Let us see you in the beauty of the sun and moon and stars, in the face of the needy and forlorn, in the breaking of the bread, in loving our friends. Let us find you a hundred ways.

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Our real dwelling
place is the
presence of GOD

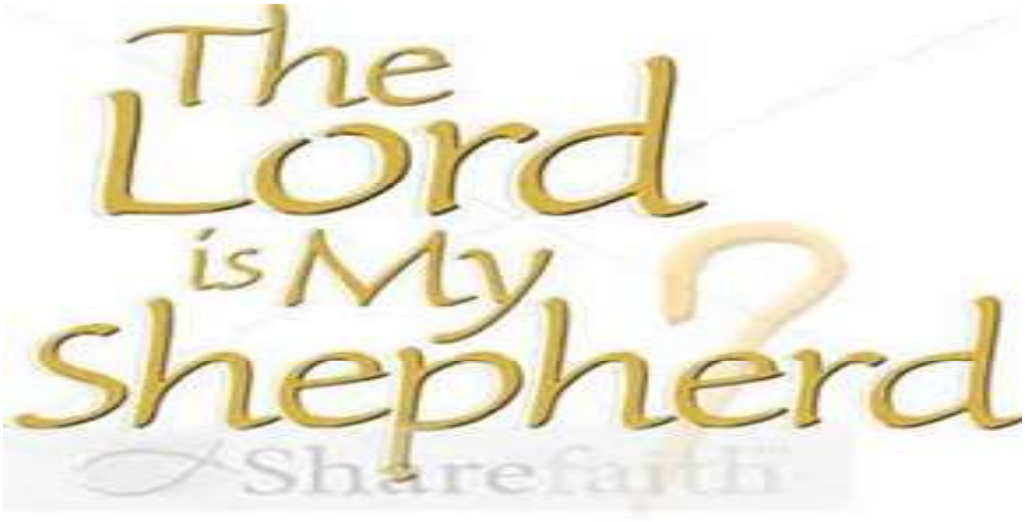

May God's
healing presence
sooth your soul
like gentle rain

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Yr B, ---B22

LITURGICAL THEME—I AM A GOOD SHEPHERD

Acts4:8-12; 1Jn3:1-2; Jn10:11-18



JESUS IS OUR SHEPHERD
OUR COMFORTER

MAY WE EXAMPLIFY HIS WAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Yr B, ---A22
LITURGICAL THEME—I AM A GOOD SHEPHERD
Acts4:8-12; 1Jn3:1-2; Jn10:11-18

I AM A GOOD SHEPHERD

In today's gospel passage is emphasis on the self-sacrificing element in Jesus' life and that he is a good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus, his love, his care and compassion for us. The image of Jesus as a good shepherd is reassuring that he is always our support in our journey through life.

As we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" let us ask the Lord that we may be good shepherds, good children of God, listen attentively to his voice and follow his example of self-sacrificing love. A good shepherd ought to have tender love for his flock, needs to know them and give their protection.

All of our religion is but a false religion and all our virtues are mere illusions and we ourselves are hypocrites in the sight of God if we do not have that UNIVERSAL LOVE FOR EVERYONE. One requires universal love for the good and the bad, for the poor people as well as for the rich and for those that do us harm as much as do us good. We are to love them all in totality but not their sin. The obligation we have to LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR AND BE A GOOD SHEPHERD TO THE NEEDY is important and we must regard this obligation as the most universal, the most necessary and most essential to our faith and salvation.

Jesus is a Good shepherd of his flock.
May we exemplify him in love and care of neighbour.

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we are the
shepherds for
others

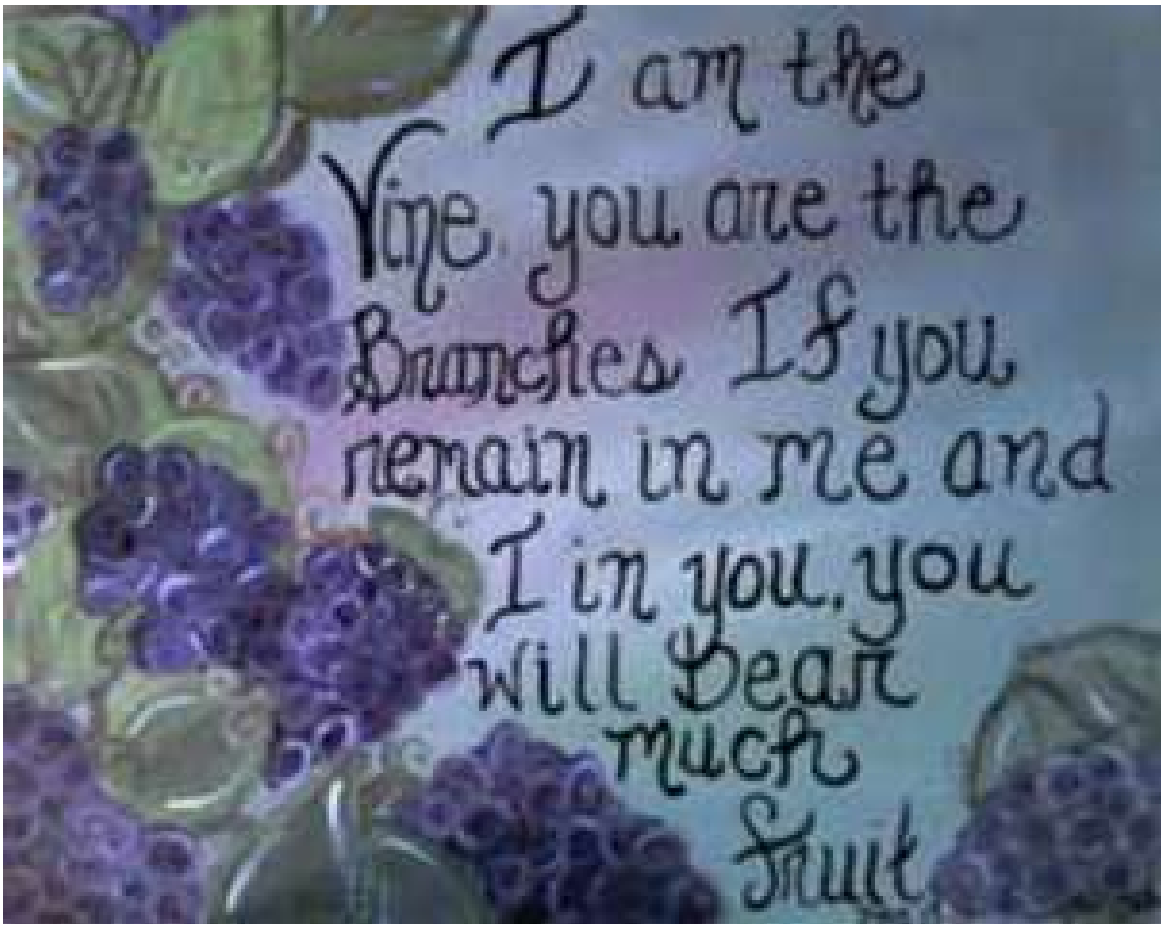

Let all
THAT
YOU DO
be done in
LOVE.
1 Cor. 16:14

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Yr B, ---B23

GOSPEL THEME—I AM THE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

Acts9:26-31; 1Jn3:18-24; Jn15:1-8



ABIDE TO JESUS

HE IS YOUR VINE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Yr B,---- B23
GOSPEL THEME—I AM THE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES
Acts9:26-31; 1Jn3:18-24; Jn15:1-8

I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

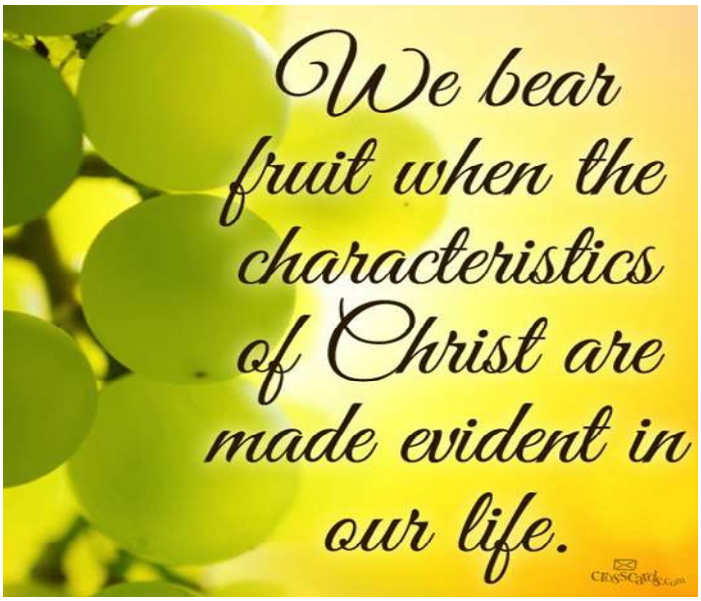
Today's gospel passage describes the intimate union that must exist between Jesus and his followers. Under the image of vine and its branches, the vine is the source from which the branches receive their living water that gives them life and makes them bloom. If the living water is to be cut off from the branches, they would dry up and die and decay. Everything is interconnected. The branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches and we are to bear fruit for the glorification of the Father who is the vine grower.

The goal of being Christian is not just relationship with Jesus itself. The real goal is the fruit that such a relationship produces. The fruit we are to bear are virtues of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, humility, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the virtues that must shine through as we remain attached to the vine as our source of life. We are to use these virtues in abundance for the glorification of our Father.

We must acknowledge that we are branches of the main vine, Jesus Christ, who tells us in today's gospel account:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who lives in me and I in him will produce abundantly; for apart from me you can do nothing."

B23


We bear fruit when the characteristics of Christ are made evident in our life.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Yr B, ---B24

LITURGICAL THEME—GOD IS LOVE

Acts10:25-26, 34-35,44-48; Jn4;7-10; Jn15:9-17



GOD IS LOVE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Yr B, ---B24
LITURGICAL THEME—GOD IS LOVE
Acts10:25-26, 34-35,44-48; Jn4;7-10; Jn15:9-17

GOD IS LOVE

The love of God is universal, reaching out to everyone. God loves us abundantly and gives endlessly to us. One could describe true love as something unique which reaches out to others without expecting anything in return .Such is the love of God for his creation. God's love is poured out in abundance on every single creature and it continues to flow out whether there is response or not. God is love and by his very nature does not stop loving. The love is complete when the other person responds and the love becomes mutual. To know that God is love requires our participating in his divine love. We do this through communicating with him through prayer or meditation, going to mass and participating in the Eucharist or taking time in appreciating nature and the beauty of his creation.

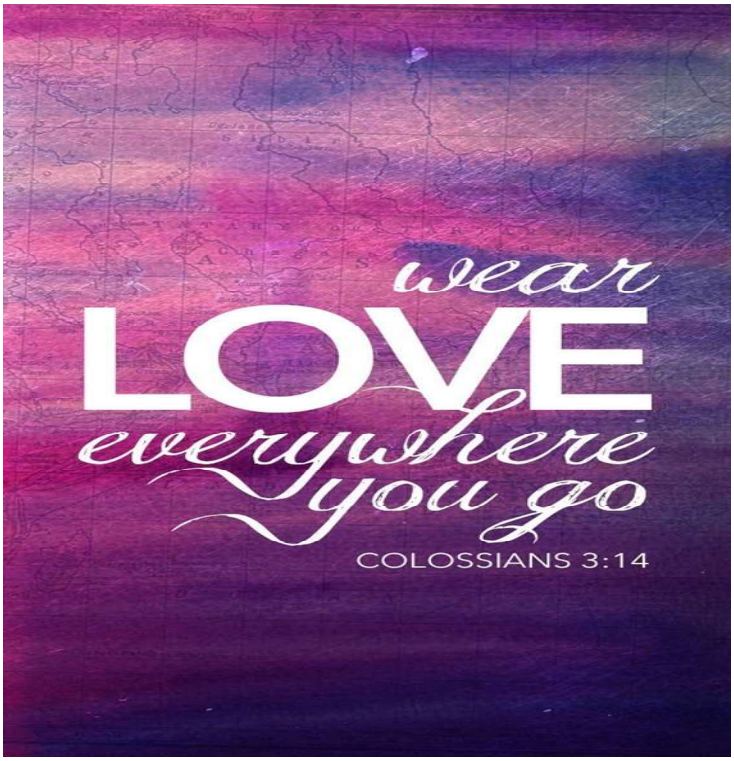
As children of God, we are called to shine in love so our love may be a reflection of the divine love of God for the world. We are to love one another without exception for "God shows no partiality" and we are to pattern our love after God's love.

Where there is love; there is God

Lord teach us to do the one thing necessary
LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS; LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR.

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Love One Another
By this all men will know that you are My disciples
if you have love for one another.
John 13:35

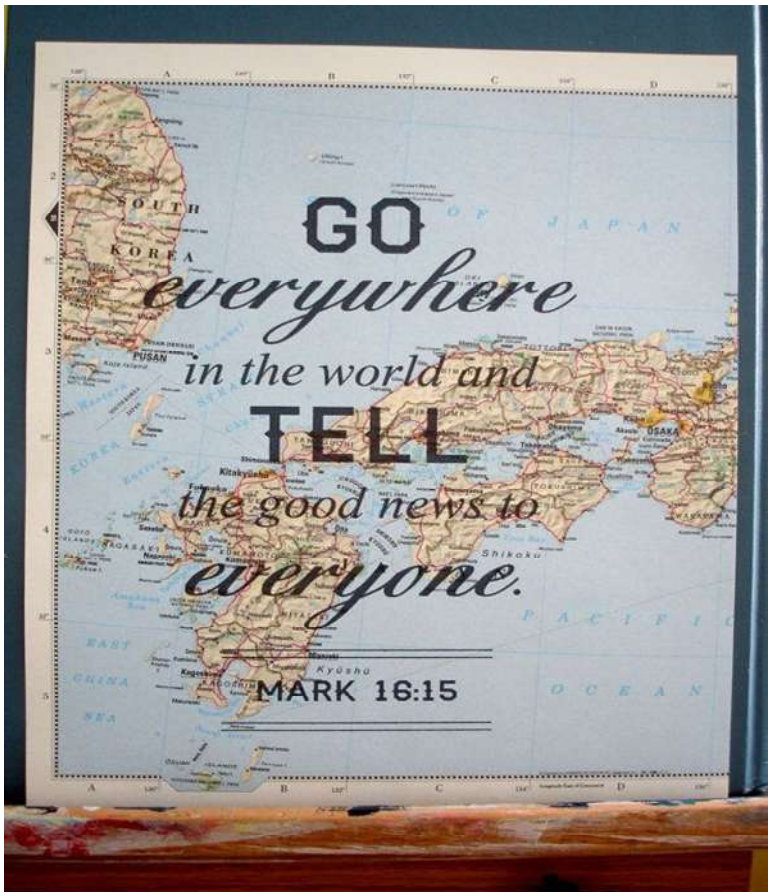

wear
LOVE
everywhere
you go
COLOSSIANS 3:14

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Yr B, ---B25

LITURGICAL THEME- THE FEAST OF THE ASCENTION OF THE LORD

Acts1:1-11; Eph1:17-23; Mk16:15-30



EVANGELIZE

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR B

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Yr B, ---A25
LITURGICAL THEME- THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Acts1:1-11; Eph1:17-23; Mk16:15-30

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the ascension. We are commemorating the moment that Jesus returned to the Father and handed the continuation of his great work over to us, the church. It is the task of the church to spread the news of Gods salvation plan.
Jesus said to the disciples:

Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every nation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.
Mk16:15-20

We as members of the church are to do our part in evangelization by proclaiming and living our faith. Many lay Catholics still think evangelization is task for priests and religious. “Let Father or sister do it.” They say. But it is a task of every baptized catholic to bring new followers to the Lord and help bring home those who have left the faith. We need to learn more about our faith through retreats, surfing web on catholic issues and blogs, reading Christian books or bible, watching T.V. religious programs. This will make one more comfortable in discussion of faith and spreading of it. One can get involved in various programs for evangelization set up by the church or by lay organizations.

O Holy Spirit
Fill us with courage to boldly do our part in harvesting of human souls to your kingdom.

A25


"Find new ways to spread the word
of God to every corner of the world."
-Pope Francis


If ya' ain't got
JESUS
then ya' ain't got
nuttin, buddy!

PENTECOST SUNDAY; YEAR B

Pentecost Sunday, Yr B, ---B26

GOSPEL THEME—PENTECOST SUNDAY—BIRTH OF CHURCH

Acts:1-1, Gal5:16-25, Jn 15:26-27



COME HOLY SPIRIT

SHED A RAY OF LIGHT DIVINE

PENTECOST SUNDAY; YEAR B

Pentecost Sunday, Yr B, ---B26
GOSPEL THEME—PENTECOST SUNDAY—BIRTH OF CHURCH
Acts:1-1, Gal5:16-25, Jn 15:26-27

PENTECOST SUNDAY—BIRTH OF CHURCH

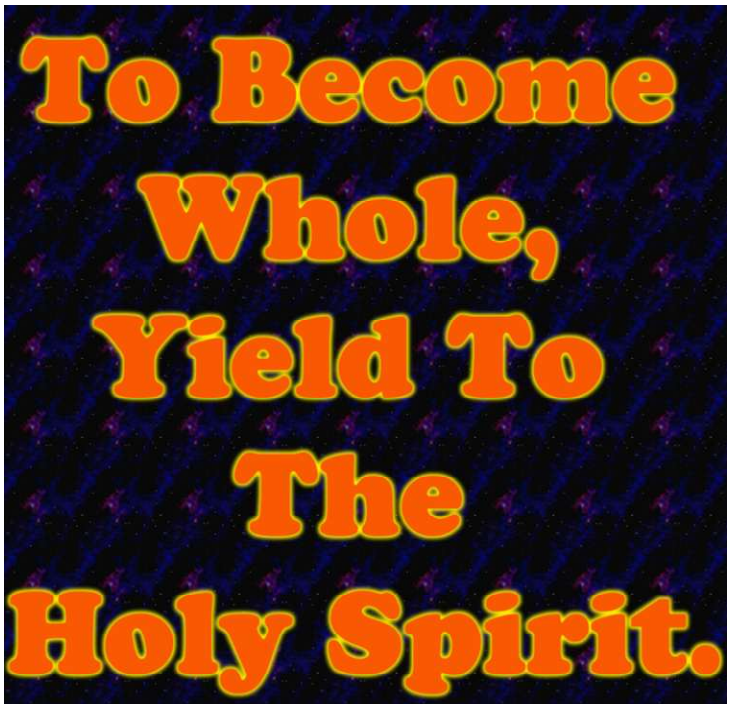
In the Gospel reading this Sunday Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit upon his disciples and set on fire the gift of tongue to spread the good news throughout the world. This is why we celebrate Pentecost known as the birth of the church.

Every person who says and believes that Jesus is lord has the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. Our interactions with the Holy Spirit cause an inner urge to experience the closeness of God, our desire to seek God, to experience God's love and God's power at work in the way we live with others. The Holy Spirit gives us inspirations of God's love within us. The Holy Spirit gives us calls, attractions and insights, those "Ah ha!" moments when we see things in new ways. The Holy Spirit gives us times when we are aware that we are doing what God wants us to do.

- Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

B26


ANOTHER HELPER
HOLY SPIRIT


To Become
Whole,
Yield To
The
Holy Spirit.

TRINITY SUNDAY; YEAR B

Trinity Sunday, Yr B,----B27

LITURGICAL THEME---HOLY TRINITY [FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT]

Duet.4:32-34.39-40; Rom8:14-17; Mt28:16-20



HOLY TRINITY

THREE PERSONS IN GOD

ALL OF EQUAL ESSENCE

TRINITY SUNDAY; YEAR B

Trinity Sunday, Yr B, ---B27
LITURGICAL THEME---HOLY TRINITY [FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT]
Duet.4:32-34.39-40; Rom8:14-17; Mt28:16-20

HOLY TRINITY----TRIUNE GOD----TRINITARIAN GOD

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The feast of the Holy Trinity is a mystery and a mystery is precisely something that one does not fully understand. Our faith tells us that these three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) are indeed distinct and yet together as one God. The teaching of God's three persons in one comes to us from Jesus Christ. It is a teaching found nowhere else in any other religion past or present. It is a totally unique understanding of God. In today's gospel account we hear Jesus commissioning his apostles and sending them out into the whole world to baptize everyone in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is asking his followers to live in the life of the Triune God and share that life with others and this fantastic teaching and commission is Christ's alone.

In our understanding of the Trinity specific roles however are attributed them namely, Father the creator, Son the redeemer and the Holy Spirit as the sanctifier.

May God Bless------- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

B27


Go therefore
and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Matthew 28:19 (NRSV)


Glory be to God
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST; YEAR B

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR B, ---B28
Exodus24:3-8; Heb9:11-13; Mk14;12-1622-26



HOLY EUCHARIST

OUR COMMUNAL MEAL

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST; YEAR B

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR B, ---B28
Exodus24:3-8; Heb9:11-13; Mk14;12-1622-26

HOLY EUCHARIST; THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Eucharist or the Body and Blood of Christ. Eucharist in the church is understood as a communal sacrificial meal offered by the community of believers along with the priest to our lord Jesus for the remission of sins and as an offering of gratitude and thanksgiving.

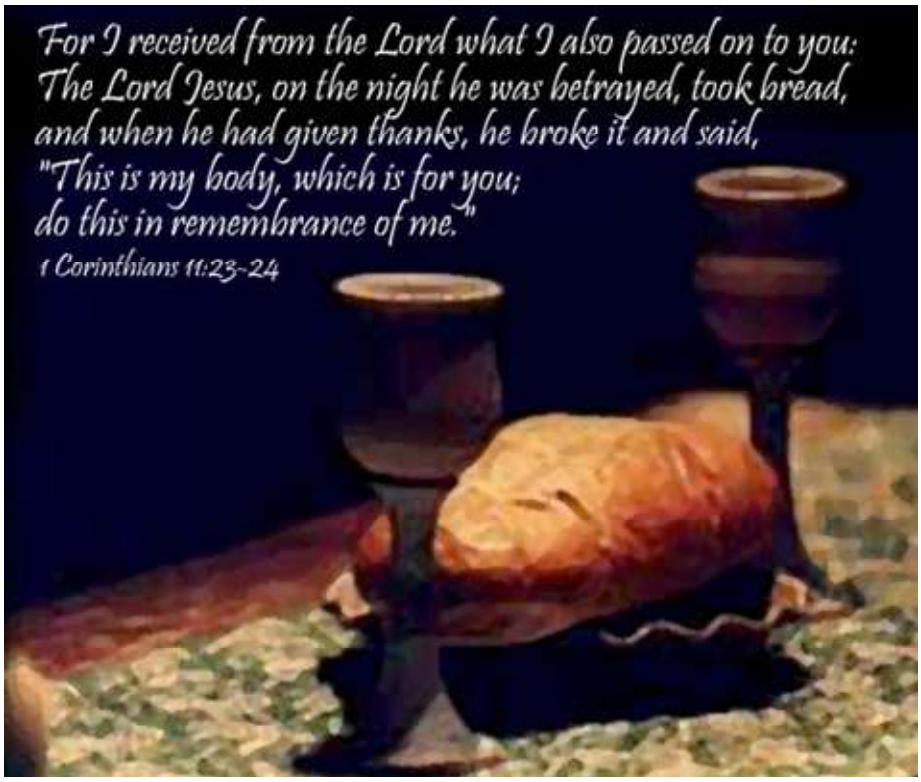
Eucharist is a meal shared by the community in the name of Jesus. Christ instituted the Eucharist at the last supper.

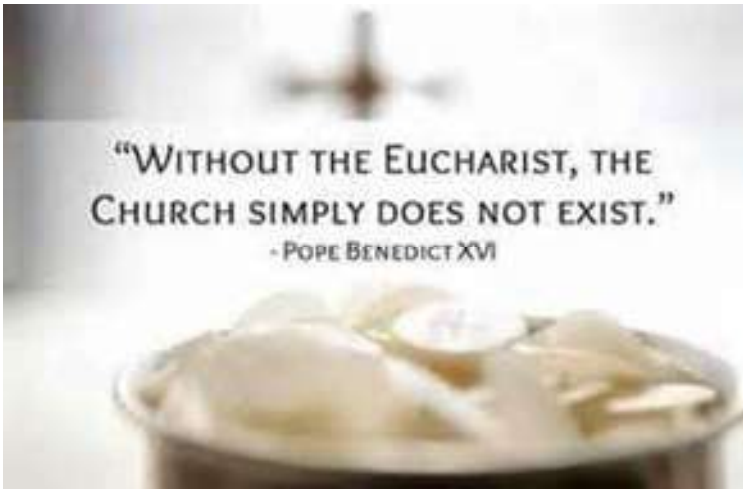
This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
This cup which is poured out to you is the new covenant of my blood.
Lk22:19-20

In this wonderful sacrament we are enabled to become united to Christ through our reception of the Holy Eucharist. Through this sacrament we are able to come as close to him as it is possible to be here on earth. To the outside observer nothing remarkable happens when mass is celebrated. But to a believer this is the holiest thing that could happen. To a believer Christ becomes present on the alter and is consumed by all the participants and they are sent home being fed in the deepest spiritual way to be missionaries in the word.

In catholic faith bread and wine are consecrated and truly become body and blood of Christ. By transubstantiation (literally " change in substance") bread and wine completely change into the body and blood of Jesus. The substance changes but the outward properties remain the same. It is a mystery and must be believed by faith.

B28


For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:
The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,
"This is my body, which is for you;
do this in remembrance of me."
1 Corinthians 11:23-24


"WITHOUT THE EUCHARIST, THE
CHURCH SIMPLY DOES NOT EXIST."
- POPE BENEDICT XVI

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Eleventh Sunday in ordinary time, Year B, ---B29

GOSPEL THEME-WALK BY FAITH IN ALL CHALLENGES

Ezek17:22-24; 2Cor5:6-10; Mk4:26-34



WALK BY FAITH IN ALL

CHALLENGES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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GOSPEL THEME-WALK BY FAITH IN ALL ACCOMLISHMENTS
Ezek17:22-24; 2Cor5:6-10; Mk4:26-34

WALK BY FAITH; ALLOW GOD IN YOU LIFE IN SERVICE OF HIS KINGDOM

A very large part of teaching of Jesus is given in parables. Parables are examples or stories that you can turn over and over in your mind constantly discovering new insights into them. Two parables are shared in the gospel today.
In the first parable the seed is strewn on the land. It grows and is eventually harvested by the farmer. The seed is us and the farmer is God. It is our job to grow to produce a good crop the farmer [God] can harvest.
The other parable is very similar. Here the small seed [mustard seed] grows into a big tree which in turn gives shelter to the birds in the air. Here the tiny seed which represents the followers of Christ which grow into great tree which can give shelter and care to the rest of creation.

With all these God given attributes and talents that we have, it is up to us to nurture these seeds for the betterment of ourselves, our neighbors and the world as a whole doing so by living in a God centered, loving and self-sacrificing life style. With God, small beginnings can have amazing outcomes. So it is with God we walk by faith, not by sight because God is in control when we let go and let God, when we nurture and care for what He has mysteriously planted deep inside us. We will not see instant results, something for which our surrounding culture has little patience because the world only understands immediate productivity. What we will see is the tremendous things that could be accomplished as we walk with God in the fulfilment of his kingdom.


It is the generous giving of
ourselves
that produces the generous
harvest.

B29


We serve God best when
we serve each other.
We love God best when
we love one another.
- Glenn Friedman

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

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GOSPEL THEME---TRUST IN THE LORD

Job38:1,8-11; Ckor5;14-17;Mk4:35-41



HAVE TRUST IN THE LORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twelfth Sunday un ordinary time, Yr B, ---B30
GOSPEL THEME---TRUST IN THE LORD
Job38:1,8-11; Ckor5;14-17;Mk4:35-41

TRUST IN THE LORD

In the Gospel reading we have a story of Jesus calming the sea for the safety of the disciples on the boat. He questions their trust in him. This story is an analogy for the storms of life that all of us face from time to time whether it be illness, loss, pain, separation, hardship, financial stress and so on. Some people endure more than others that may bring certain people to ask God the most telling question "Do you really care"

In cold light of day we know that to use terms such as near or far away to describe God's presence is absolutely useless. God is never near or far away: God is always completely present to us. God is always close, always understanding, always healing, always loving, always protecting. What is near or far is our perception of distance or closeness and with God this does not apply.

One of the problems that arise when we are experiencing storms of life is that we think in terms of bad things happening to us. We see loss, illness, pain and so on as negative things. We perceive suffering as something wholly bad. But when we open the eyes of faith we are able to understand that our sufferings are not actually negative. We come to realise that our suffering is filled with meaning. In short they are redemptive. Faith tells us that the seemingly negative things that happen are part of God's purposes; these strengthen us, they test our love, they give us resolve and they prepare us for heaven. The Lord will awaken and calm the storms of life enabling us to safely enter our harbour which is eternal life.

B30


FAITH IS TRUSTING GOD EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND HIS PLAN.
JCLU FOREVER


trust in the LORD with all YOUR
Proverbs 3:5

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B31

GOSPEL THEME -----FAITH IN GOD

Wis1:13-15;2:23-24; Cor8:7,9,13-15; Mk5:21-43



FAITH IS BELIEVING

WITHOUT ALL THE ANSWERS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B31
GOSPEL THEME -----FAITH IN GOD
Wis1:13-15;2:23-24; Cor8:7,9,13-15; Mk5:21-43

FAITH IN GOD

The virtue of faith and the necessity of faith are the dominating themes of today's readings. In the gospel today Christ performs some healing miracles and requests faith in Him.

Faith is our personal response to a God who continues to reveal himself to us and invites us to recognize his love, holiness and beauty. Let us take a leap of faith today in total submission to God's will and allow Him to love us and lead us in a letting go kind of way, for where God Guides, God provides.

Life is a Journey with God, a walk of faith for a lifetime, sticking with him through good times and bad times. This journey will have its trials and tests, its hard times and dark times, but if the light of God lives in our heart, we'll never have to lose our way or feel alone. Standing in faith to receive God fully into our hearts is a set up for a glorious life full of joy and peace as well as a reward of eternal life in heaven.

"So that your faith might not rest on man's wisdom, but on God's power"

Cor 2:5

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Faith is having
the courage to let
God have control.
Daily Dose

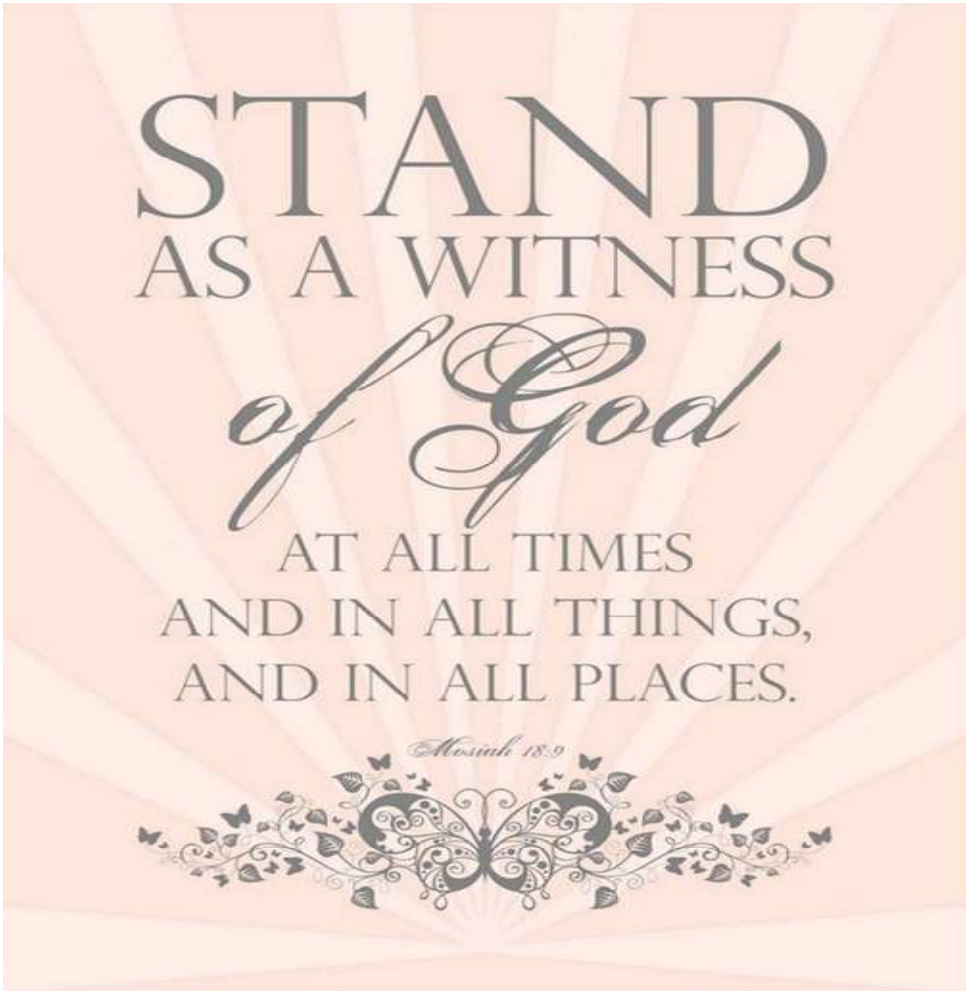

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, -B32

GOSPEL THEME-FAITH, OBEDIENCE, SERVITUDE

Ezek2:2-5;2Cor12:7-10;Mk6:1-6



FAITH, OBEDIENCE, SERVITUDE

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time, ---B32
GOSPEL THEME-FAITH, OBEDIENCE, SERVITUDE
Ezek2:2-5;2Cor12:7-10;Mk6:1-6

GOSPEL THEME---FAITH, OBEDIENCE, SERVITUDE

In the gospel reading today Jesus is so disappointed when he comes to teach in the synagogue at his hometown of Nazareth and finds only scorn. "Familiarity brings despair." He is a carpenter, son of Mary and Joseph. They turned against him in bitter hatred and eventually put an end to his career by hanging him on a cross.

This experience of resistance exists even today when the church is challenged grossly by the powers of the world for the teachings and good works it is doing. The challenge that Jesus faced two thousand years ago is alive even today to all his followers as we stand for values of truth, Justice and love.

We need our faith to grow as the readings of today tell us. When need to attain an elevation of spiritual knowledge and the understanding our faith. This, in turn, will bring us to the realization that God is manifesting Himself all around us, strengthening us and giving us power to challenge the secular world to the way of living that is not according to the word or will of God. We are to speak up to issues of abortion, euthanasia, sacredness of marriage, sexual promiscuity and all issues that affect the teachings of Christ.

This ordinary world of ours is full of God's presence and God's promise. We need only to open our eyes. God can work wonders through us provided we trust in his love and power.

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Let your FAITH
be Bigger than your FEAR!
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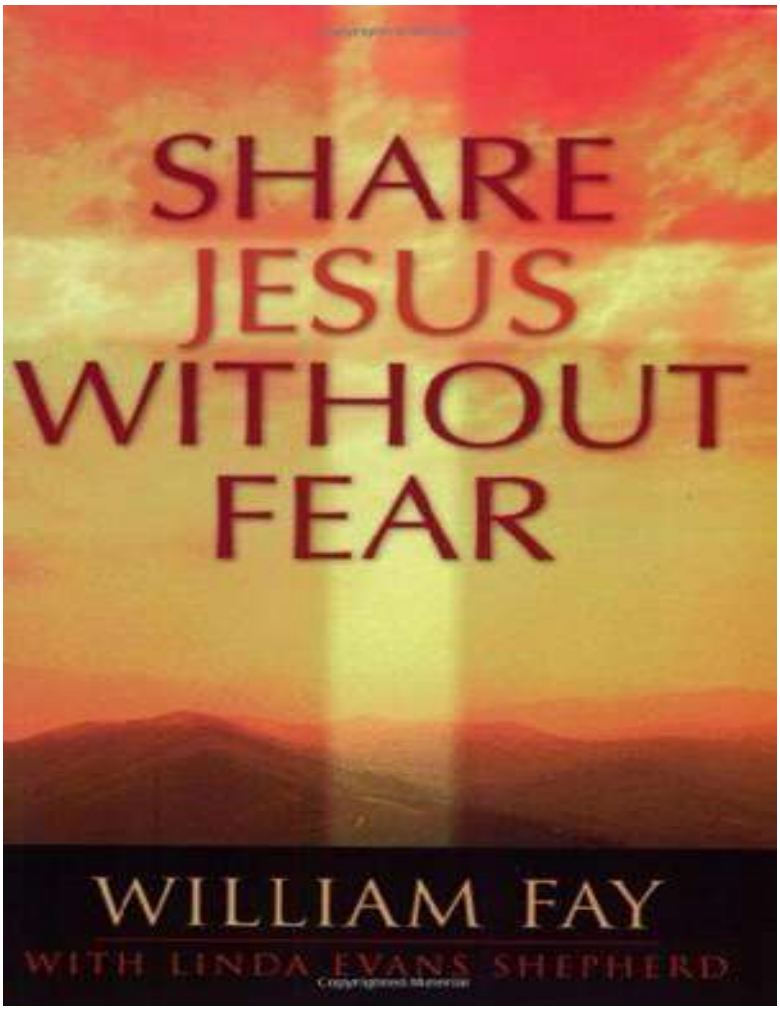

Great strength
comes from
Faith in God.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B33

LITURGICAL THEME---EVANGELIZE

Amos7:12-15; Eph1:3-14; Mk6:7-13



EVANGELIZE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

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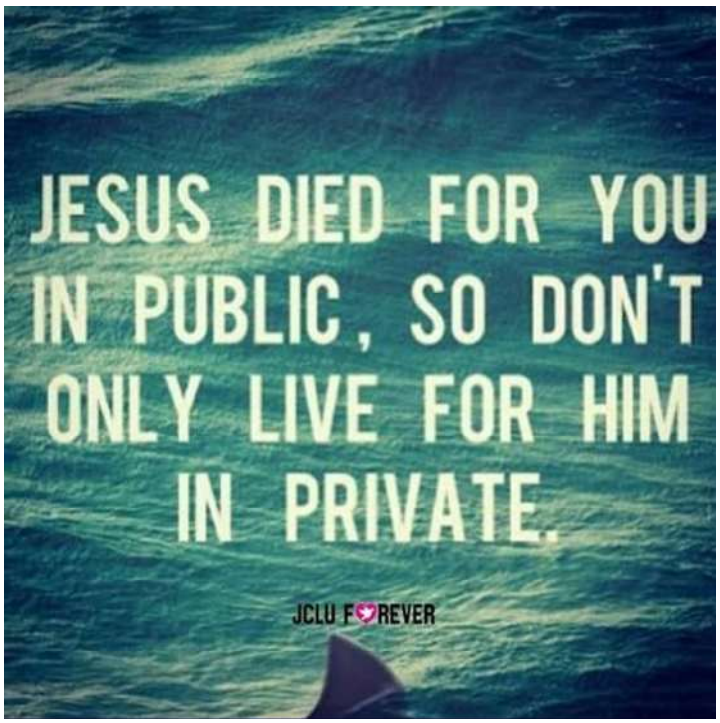
In the gospel reading today Jesus sends his disciples out to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom of God. These disciples were everyday ordinary people; nothing special about them. They were instructed to live simply, carry little luggage and just proclaim the word and move on.

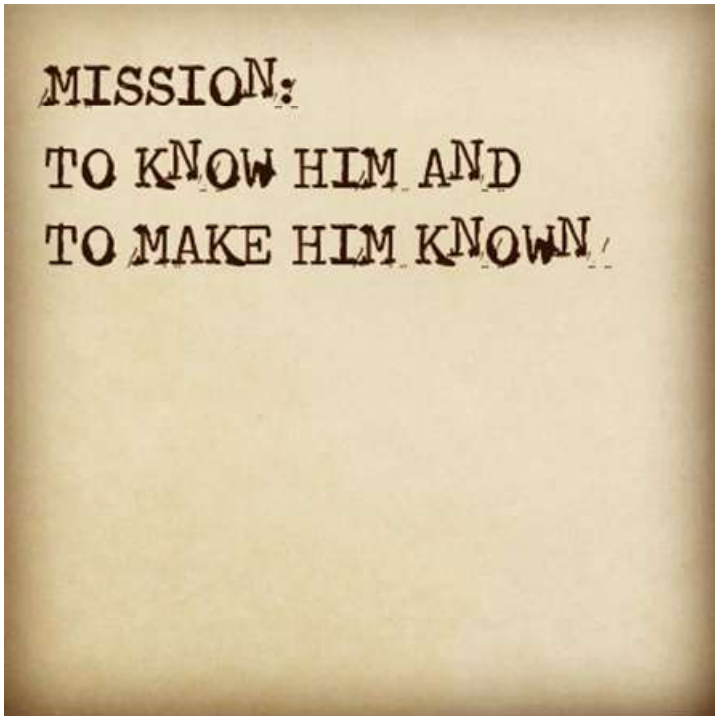
Each one of us in our communion of faith is special to God. We have a divine purpose; a God given purpose. Each one of us in our own way stand in the shoes of the apostles and we bear with those apostles God's commission; we have to share in Christ's mission. We can bring good news to others, others who are awash in bad news. We can drive out the demons of self-rejection, of inferiority, of lack of belief in themselves. Many of whom we know or will yet know are emotionally or spiritually sick. They feel degraded; they feel rejected. We can anoint them with what the bible calls "the oil of gladness", the healing balm of God's love for them.

So the mission of the apostles is also our mission and just as Christ's power and love went with them so, too, will Christ's power and love accompany us. Always remember this is God's project; not ours.

The new evangelization we hear so much about is all about how we live among those we live with and the way we love among the association we have with those around us so that the light of Christ will shine and spread the world over.

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JESUS DIED FOR YOU
IN PUBLIC, SO DON'T
ONLY LIVE FOR HIM
IN PRIVATE.
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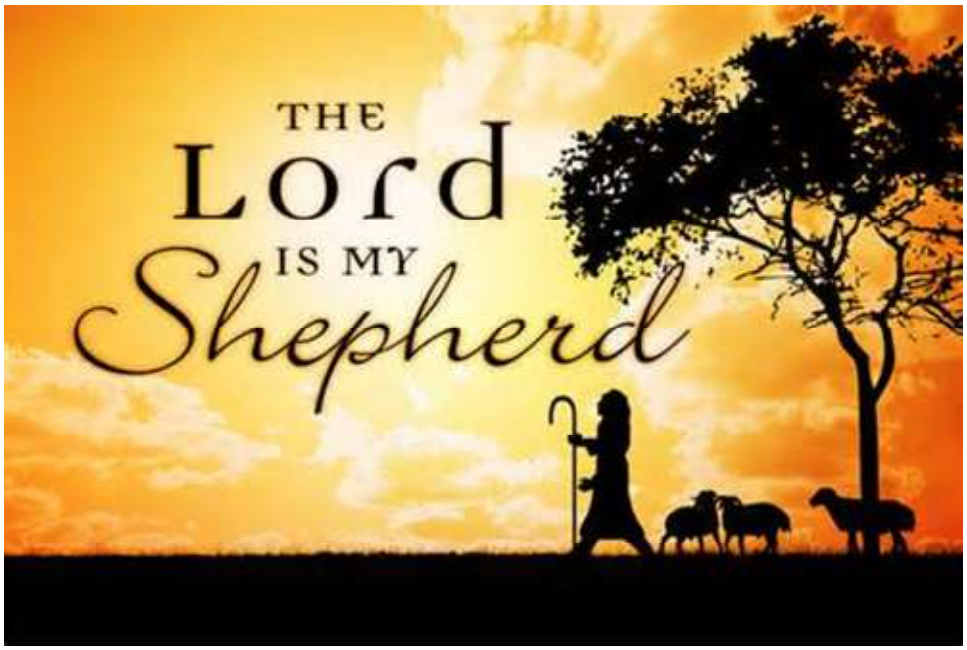

MISSION:
TO KNOW HIM AND
TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B34

LITURGICAL THEME—THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Jer23:1-6; Ephes2:13-18; Mk6:30-34



GOD IS OUR SUPPORT IN OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B34
LITURGICAL THEME—THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD
Jer23:1-6; Ephes2:13-18; Mk6:30-34

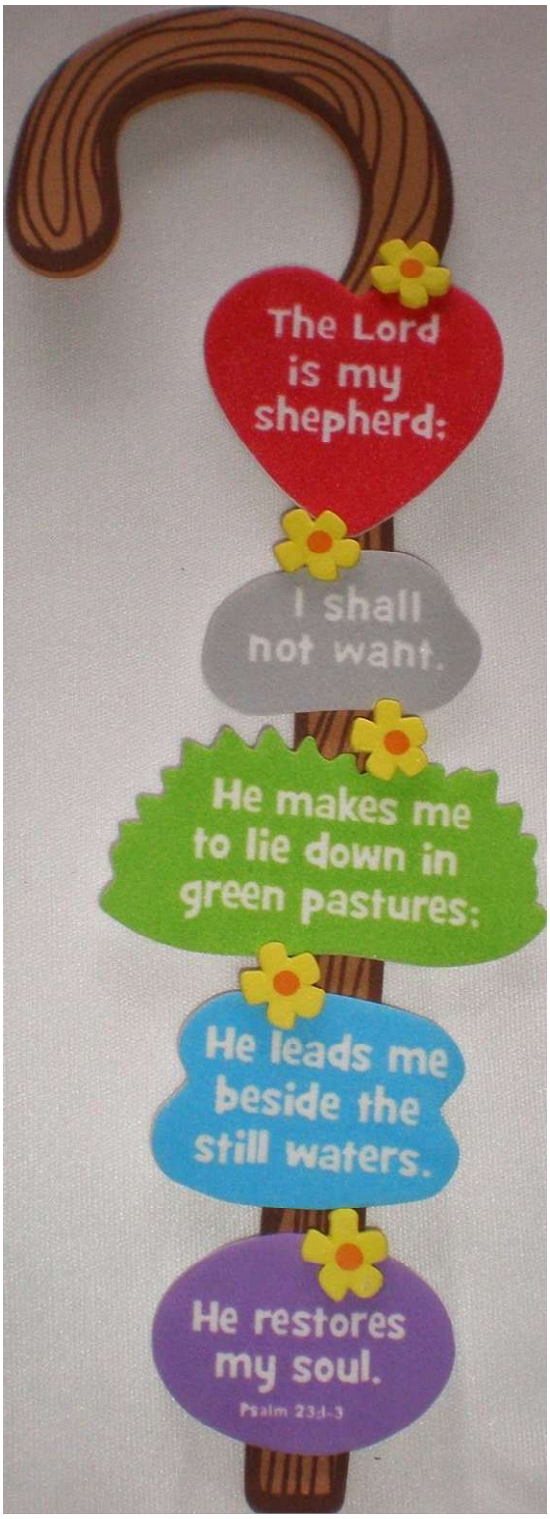
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Holy Bible constantly reminds us of the loving unbroken care of God towards human persons. The image of God as a shepherd of his people shows us the care and concern of God in Jesus. We have the popular images of Jesus the good shepherd carrying sheep over his shoulders, or we have the smiling Jesus sitting under a tree with a lamb on his lap. An image of Jesus as a good shepherd is reassuring us that he is always our support through our Journey through life. It does not take many years of life experience to realize that life is not all green pastures and quiet waters; in every life there are times when we find ourselves in the valley of the shadow of death. We will go through trials, wilderness seasons and times of mourning. It is beyond comforting to know our shepherd is with us. When the shepherd is amidst his sheep it has a calming effect on the flock. Our shepherd pulls us close to himself through his love and kindness and it is that closeness that gives us great comfort. Our shepherd is always there with us to bring support to our lives. We are not expected to go through this life alone and apart from the support of our God

We also need a shepherd to direct us. We have one. The Lord is our shepherd. God's provisions for his sheep are spiritual, emotional and material. He knows that we need all of these things and His promise is that if we seek Him and His Kingdom then all these things will be added to us (Mt6:25-34)

May we be drawn, like a humble lamb, to trust the good shepherd who watches over us with total love.

B34


The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul.
Psalm 23:1-3

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time; Yr B; ---B35

LITURGICAL THEME—THE LORD FEEDS US AND ANSWERS OUR NEEDS

2Kings4:42-44:Eph4:1-6; Jn6:1-15



THE LORD ANSWERS OUR NEEDS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time; Yr B---B35
LITURGICAL THEME—THE LORD FEEDS US AND ANSWERS OUR NEEDS
2Kings4:42-44:Eph4:1-6; Jn6:1-15

THE LORD FEEDS US AND ANSWERS OUR NEEDS

The hand of the lord feeds us, the psalmist says; the lord answers our needs. The Lord satisfies all our needs. The Lord satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Here we might consider: What actually are our needs?
Food, shelter and water are our needs because without them we would die. We also need truth, beauty, love and care as well. A person adequately fed and sheltered but deprived of love will wither away.

We do also have needs of our soul and THE NEEDS OF OUR SOUL ARE PRIMARY. God himself fulfills that need with his continual love for us. Whether we feel it or not our deepest desire is for the Lord because **God is all love**, is our creator and he continually cares for us. People with no God in their life desire needs of materialistic worldly nature and as soon as a need is satisfied another need does succumb them. There is a continual void and often loneliness in their life and they continually try to satisfy that need with things of the material world. It is important to nourish our soul with God's love that is constant, unconditional and everlasting. This is reassuring and gives us a sense of peace, joy and contentment. It is obvious that we should regularly communicate with our Lord through prayer with emphasis of reminding us the unconditional love and care God has for us and be thankful for all the graces and blessing we receive from Him.

"Get intimate with God and accept Him into your life as your best friend"

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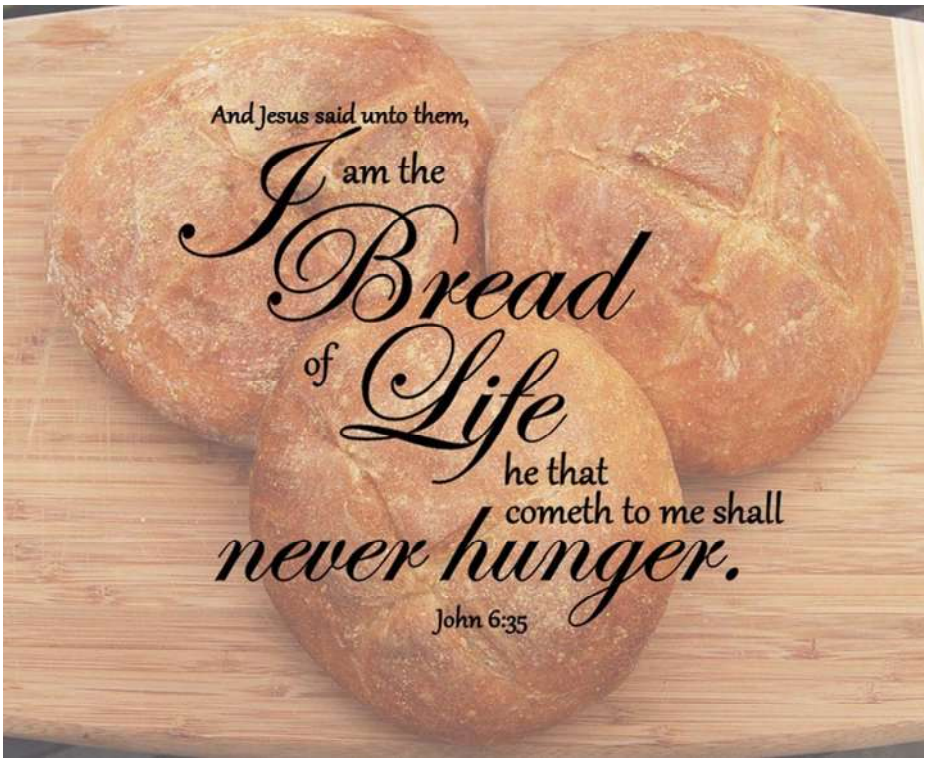

GOD wants me to
share this message to you ,
& i hope you will also share this to others ..
"Everyday God thinks of you"
"Every hour God looks after you"
"Evry minute God cares for you"
"because every second HE LOVES YOU"
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time,Yr B, ---B36

GOSPEL THEME---BREAD OF LIFE

Ex.16:2-4,12-15,31a; Ephes4:17,20-24;Jn6;24-35



ACCEPT JESUS WHO WISHES TO LIVE WITHIN YOU

FILL YOURSELF WITH HIS VERY PRESENCE

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time,Yr B, ---B36
GOSPEL THEME---BREAD OF LIFE
Ex.16:2-4,12-15,31a; Ephes4:17,20-24;Jn6;24-35

BREAD OF LIFE

Today's liturgy and the word of God presents us with Jesus as the bread of life. In the New Testament Jesus calls himself the bread of life and tells us that those who believe in Him and eat Him will live forever. Jesus presents himself as the person who wants to be part of us. He calls us to look for food that is spiritual which would nourish our souls. He instructs the people that they are not to concentrate for food that perishes but calls us to look for food that is spiritual and endures forever.

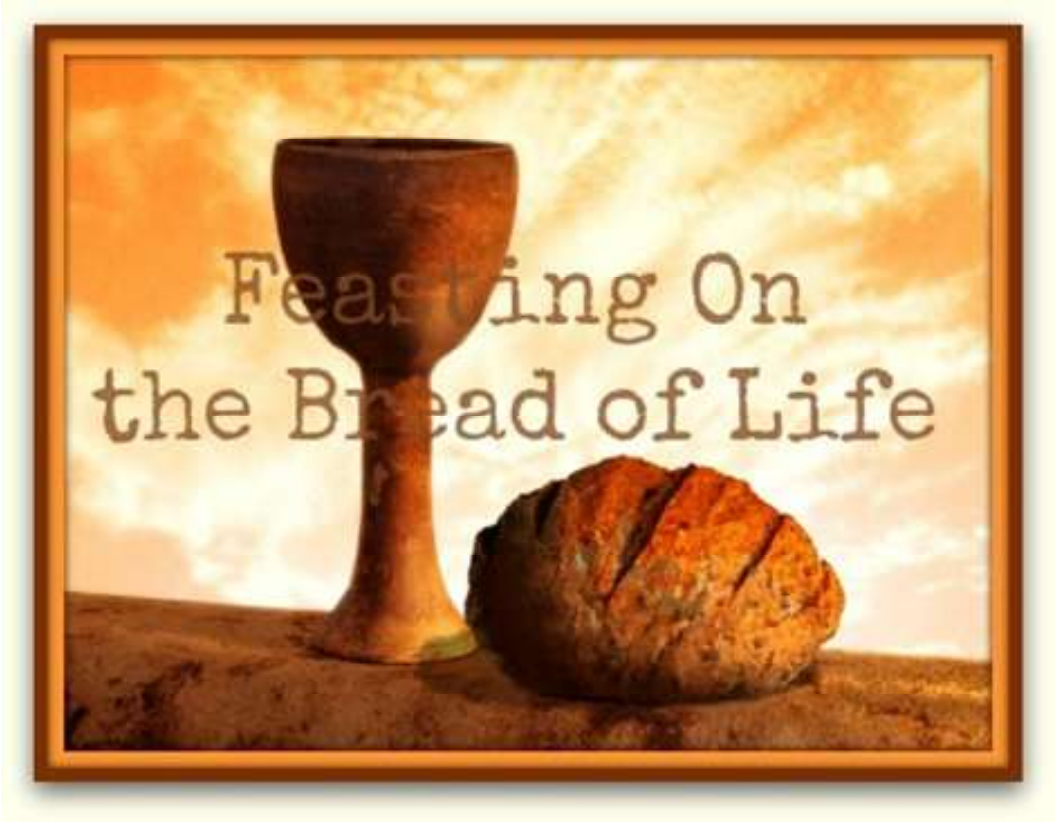
When Jesus says he is the bread of life, we generally think of the Eucharist. With the words, Jesus is the bread of life, what is primarily meant is that Jesus is the source of life. If we follow Him we will know the experiences of a life of full truth, of love, of compassion, of friendship, of justice, of peace--------Jesus tells us

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never hunger and he who believes in me will never thirst" Jn 6;35

What is the core conversion, the biggest change of all that our Blessed Lord is seeking within us? It is nothing less than to accept the God who wants to live within us. Christ is the Son of God who comes from His Father in heaven to live within us, asking us to receive Him in Body and Blood. He came seeking not only our obedience but desires to be up close and personal with us, seeking to live within us.

Give us this day, O Lord, our daily bread, the love you give each day that we may share its substance in the spiritually starving world around us. End our hunger and fill us with your very presence and love that we may bring you to others and others to you.

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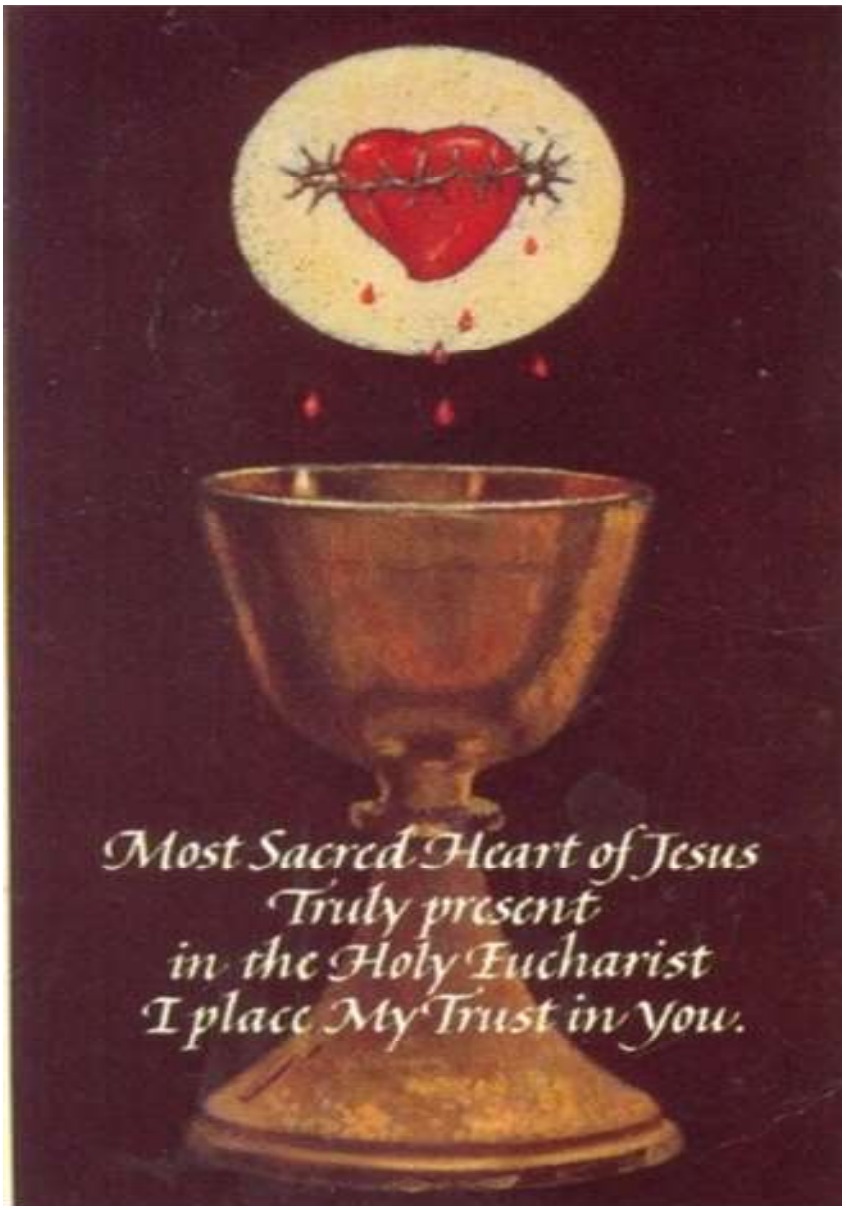


NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B37

LITURGICAL THEME—BREAD OF LIFE

1 kings19:4-8;Eph4:30-5:;Jn6:41-51



I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B37
LITURGICAL THEME—BREAD OF LIFE
1 kings19:4-8;Eph4:30-5:;Jn6:41-51

BREAD OF LIFE

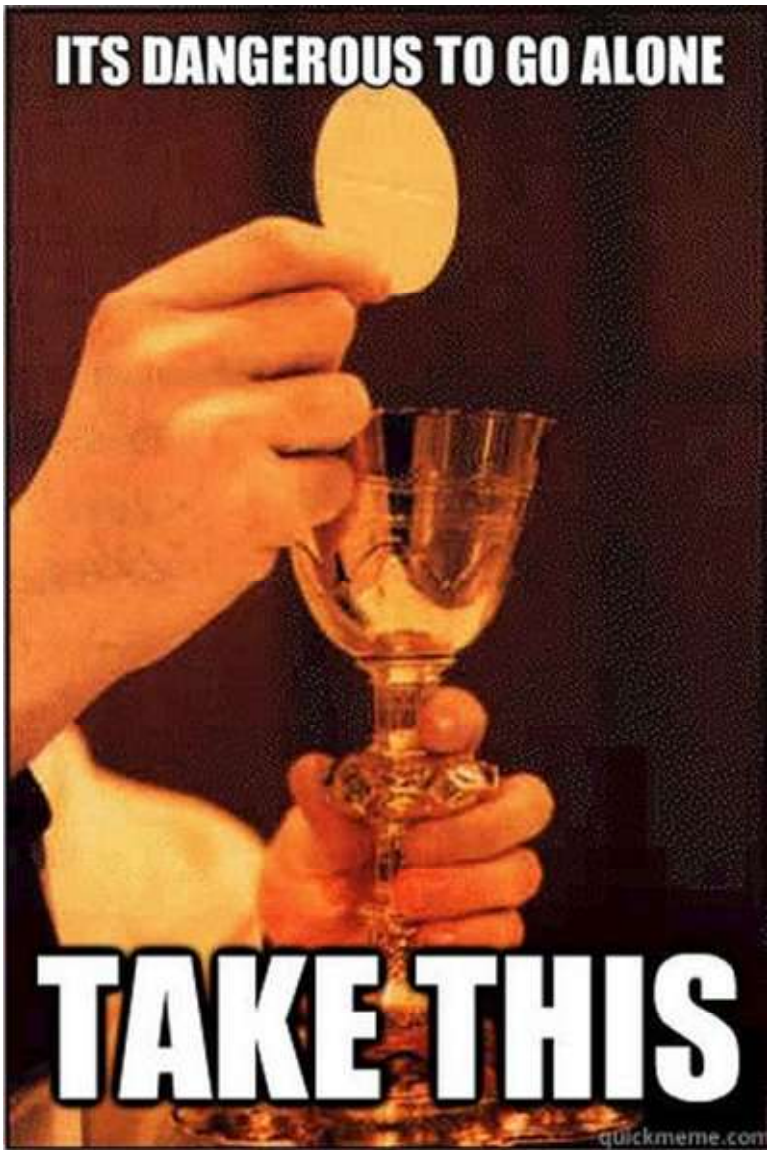
Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the sixth chapter of John's gospel on the theme of Jesus the bread of life. *"I am the bread of life"* proclaims Jesus. He loves us so much that he could not bear to leave us and so every Mass he unites himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist offers Himself in the form of bread and wine and we take and eat it and become one with Jesus.

We ask the grace from Jesus that our Eucharistic celebration may become truly an experience which helps us to be transformed into a community of love. We need to become a people reaching out in love to all those in need around us. We as living members of the church must ourselves become life giving bread for others.

Our challenge is to become a true follower of Jesus. Our faith and trust in him and his word must override our faith and trust in the world. What has the world given us compared with what Jesus has given us? The world wants us to live for the moment: Jesus offers us eternal life. The world is nonstop motion trying to achieve success; Jesus offers us peace beyond understanding. The world says it is all about me; Jesus shows us that if we give of ourselves, we gain life in abundance.

We hear in this Sunday's psalm the words "taste and see the goodness of the Lord." May we personally develop an intimate relationship with Jesus, truly partake in the sacraments of the church and strive for a holy life exemplifying Christ's love in our daily contacts.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B38

GOSPEL THEME—EUCHARIST

Pro9:1-16; Ephes5:15-20; Jn6:51-58



THE EUCHARIST

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B38
GOSPEL THEME—EUCHARIST
Pro9:1-16; Ephes5:15-20; Jn6:51-58

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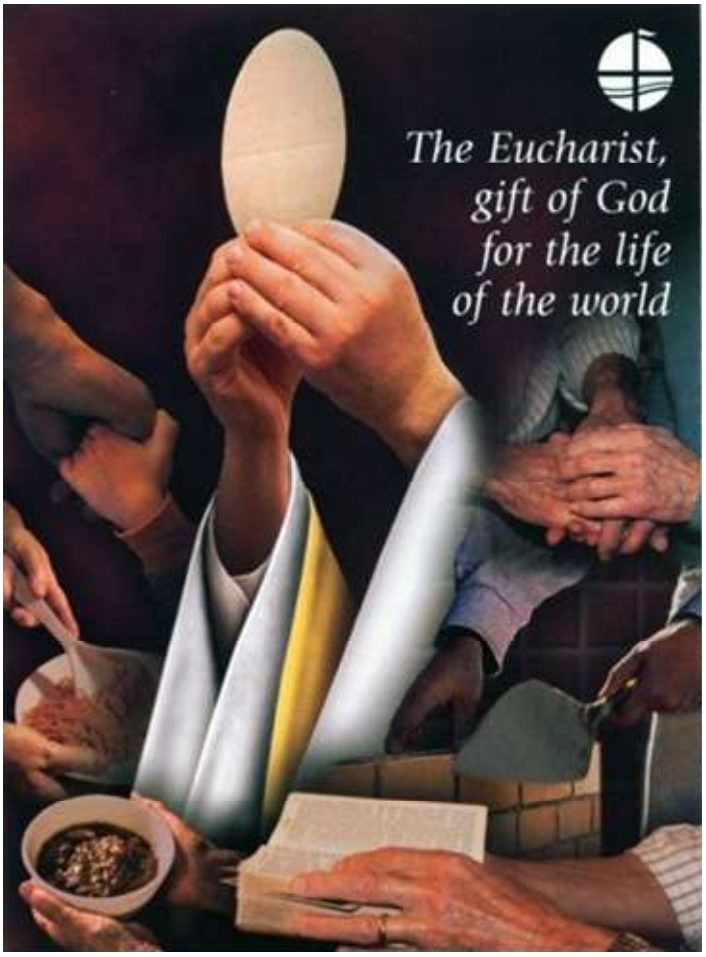
Today's reading represents the climax of the lengthy bread of life discourse in chapter six of John's gospel. Jesus reinforces the statement

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you"
Jn6:53

Let us look into ourselves and see whether we are in full communion with God through the Eucharist. His presence is not only physical or moral or spiritual but is sacramental. The other sacraments give us grace; the Holy Eucharist gives us not only grace but is the center of all the church has and does. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of our faith." It is in that moment when we receive the Eucharist our soul is in ecstasy because Christ is truly in us.. In eating the bread and drinking from the cup we are proclaiming our deepest desire to be totally identified with Jesus, with his way, with his mission to build the kingdom.

As we offer the Mass and receive the Eucharist, let us develop a respect and awe for the presence of our Lord. God dwells in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament of the alter.

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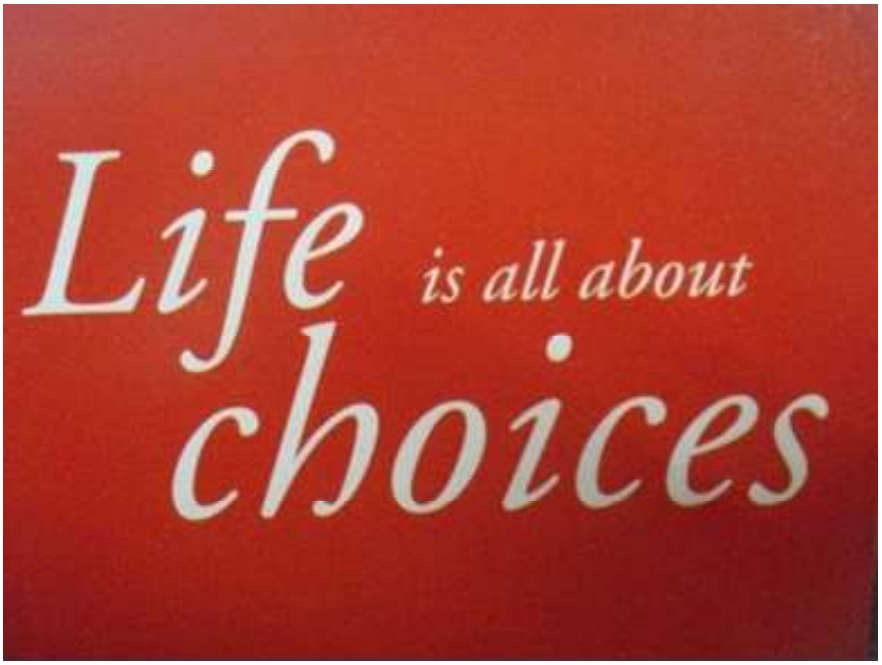


TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty first Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B39

LITURGICAL THEME—THE CHOICE IS OURS

Jos24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Ephes4:35-5:2,21-32; Jn6:23,60-69



God gives us
freedom of choice

CHOOSE WISELY YOUR THOUGHTS,CONCLUSIONS AND ACTIONS

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty first Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B39
LITURGICAL THEME—THE CHOICE IS OURS
Jos24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Ephes4:35-5:2,21-32; Jn6:23,60-69

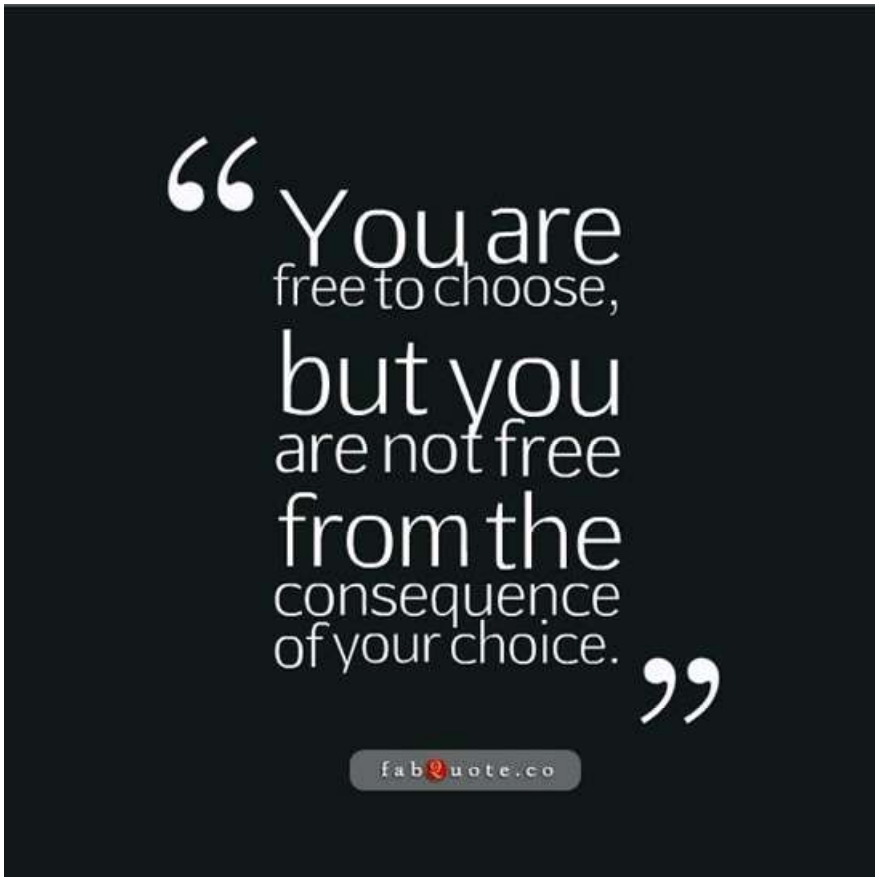
THE CHOICE IS OURS

Today's readings prompt us to share some thoughts about choices, decisions and commitments. The lord has given us the freedom of choice. Freedom, we can say, is a spring board from which we can make choices of divine goodness, but it can also become a tilted plane on which to slide towards the abyss of sin and evil. Whatever we choose we better make sure we do it with sincerity of heart for we cannot serve two masters.

Jesus challenges us to remain faithful to one God. There are many in the world that worship other gods such as power, money, pleasure, comfort, security and self-interest and new trends such as abortion, euthanasia, premarital sex, gay marriage, etc. We need to decide to follow the way of the Lord. That means that in many situations we are called to stand apart from those elements of society where all morality is subjected to the glorification of the individual. "Do what pleases me." They admit no rules regarding right and wrong. Everything depends on the person's desires. For them there are no values such as fidelity, honesty and basic respect. The enlightened individuals of this ilk profess that majority are participating in the new immoral trends, it is acceptable and they ask us to join them in its participation or acceptance.

Do make wise choices in your journey of life so that they are according to the will of God.

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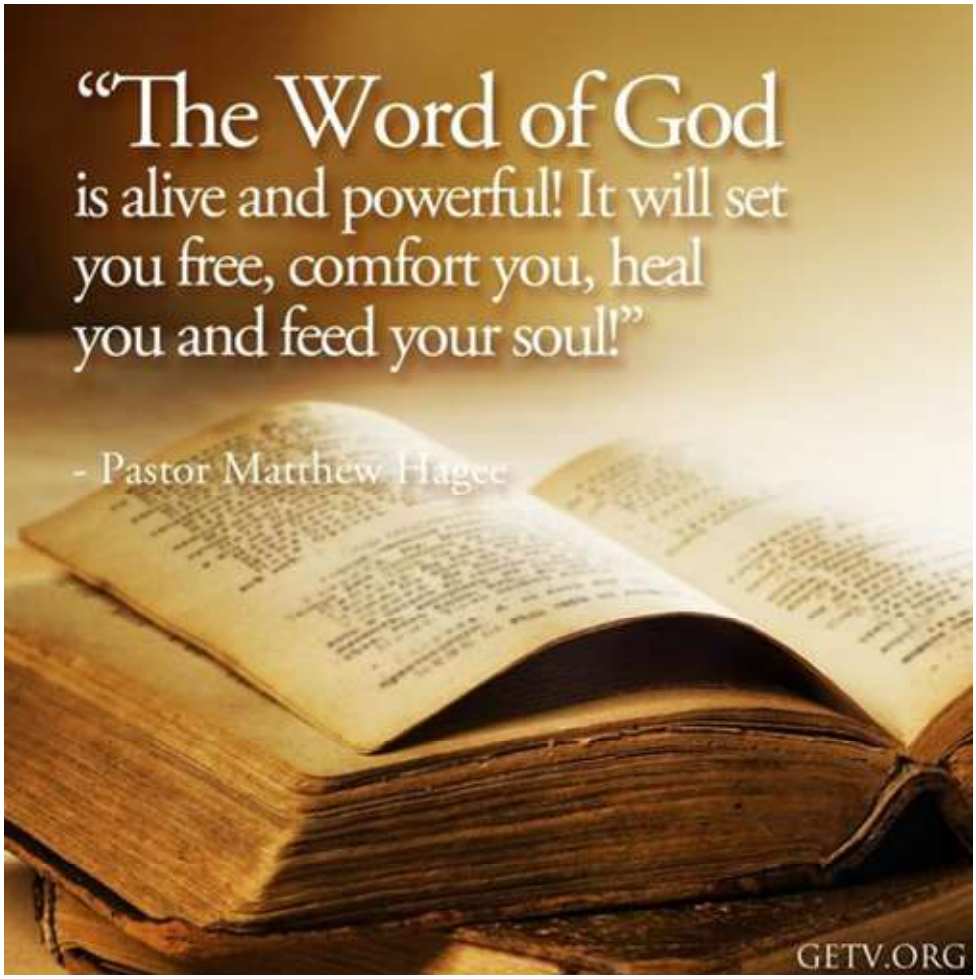

“You are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice.”
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B ---B40

LITURGICAL THEME—BE DOERS OF THE LORD

Deut4:1-2,6-8; James1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk7;1-8.14-15,21-23



EMBRACE THE WORD OF GOD

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B ---B40
LITURGICAL THEME—BE DOERS OF THE LORD
Deut4:1-2,6-8; James1:17-18,21-22,27; Mk7;1-8.14-15,21-23

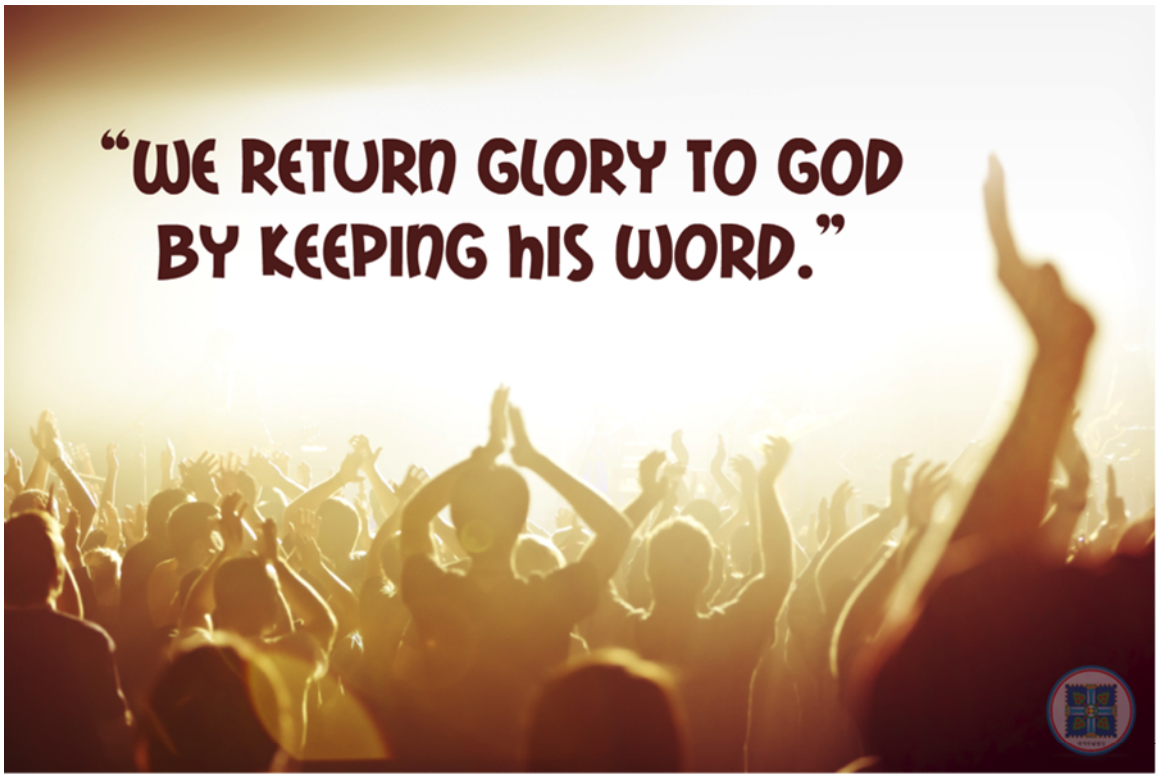
BE DOERS OF THE LORD

During today's gospel reading we hear how the Pharisees and some scribes question Jesus as to why his disciples ate without washing their hands. In those days their traditions demanded that all kinds of traditional rules be followed regarding washing and way of living.

Very often morals of society and way of living of society are set up by human traditions. Tradition is a belief or behavior passed down within a group or society with symbolic meaning or special significance with origins in the past. An example in the Jewish society is the requirement of circumcision in males. Another tradition from the past was kings having concubines and unics. Today many households have their rules of no whistling in the house, not wearing a cap at meal time, expectance of dress codes for various occasions, etc.

Jesus responds by saying it is more important to obey the commandments of God than hold on to human traditions. We are called to be doers of the word of God. We are not called to be doers of human pleasures and traditions that rob the grace of God from our souls.

B40



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty third Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B41

GOSPEL THEME—HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING WELL

Is35:4-7; Jas2:1-5;Mk7:31-37



HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING WELL

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty third Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B41
GOSPEL THEME—HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING WELL
Is35:4-7; Jas2:1-5;Mk7:31-37

HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING WELL

In the gospel reading today Jesus miraculously heals a man who is deaf and who has an impediment in his speech. Astonished beyond measure those who were present said, “he has done everything well” (Mk7:37).

Indeed God has done everything well. Everything God does is not only good but also is done well. Who among us has not been amazed at God’s greatness when we look upon a rainbow, a sunset, Niagara Falls or waves of the ocean? Think about the great detail we find in a butterfly, or think about how scientists have never found any two snowflakes that have the same pattern! What a creative and loving God we have! He has placed this entire creativeness around us for us to enjoy and appreciate and realize who they came from. So do take time to observe nature and its complexity. You will begin to realize how awesome our creator God is and how much he loves us.

As fire can give out nothing but heat and is incapable of giving out cold; and as the sun gives out nothing but light and is incapable of giving out darkness, so God is incapable of doing anything but good, for he is infinite goodness and light. He is sun giving endless light, a fire producing endless warmth. “He has done things well.”

Do take time reflect the greatness and beauty of our loving God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

B41


EVERYTHING HAS
BEAUTY, BUT NOT
EVERYONE SEES IT.
- CONFUCIUS


So I'll stand
with arms high and heart abandoned
in awe of the One who gave it all.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty fourth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B42

GOSPEL THEME—EMBRACE YOUR FAITH

Is50:5-9;Jas2:14-18; Mk8:27-35



EMBRACE YOUR FAITH

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty fourth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B42
GOSPEL THEME—EMBRACE YOUR FAITH
Is50:5-9;Jas2:14-18; Mk8:27-35

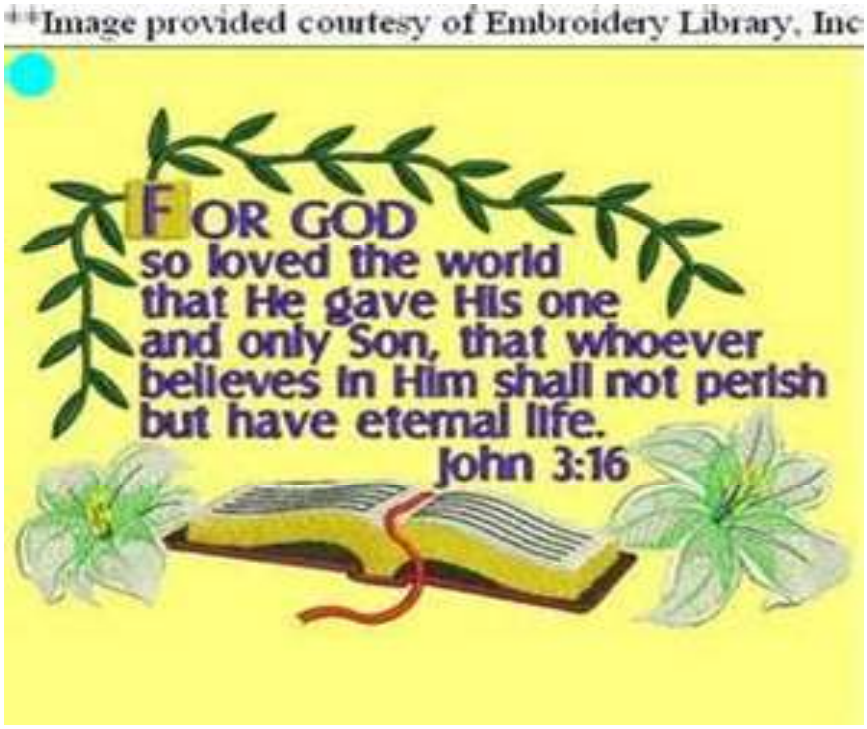
ENBRACE YOUR FAITH
In the gospel reading today Jesus asks "Who am I". The disciples had a different impression of him as being a **worldly messiah** or savior for their nation Israel. They were confused when told of that the future of Christ involved him being martyred as our **divine messiah.**

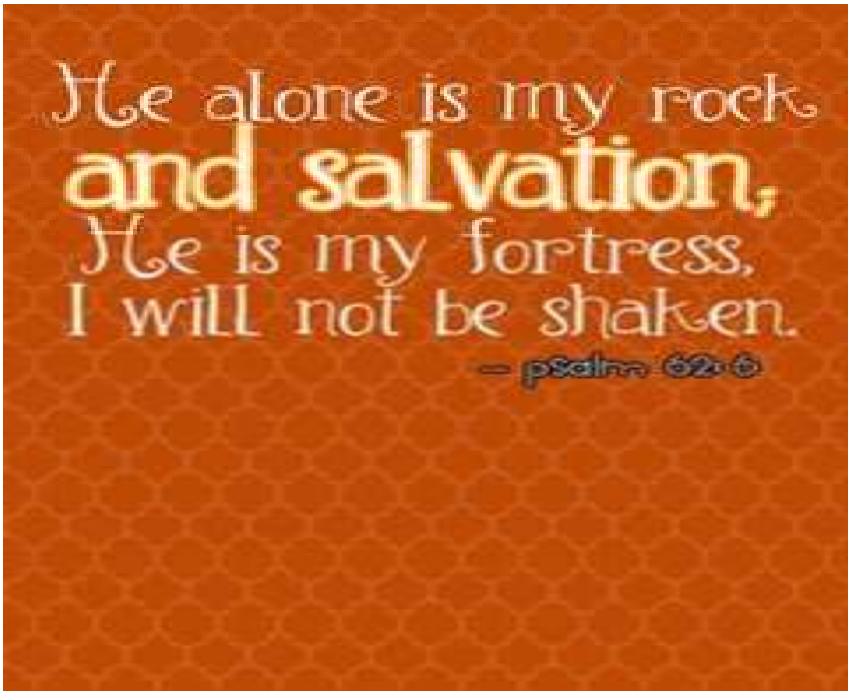
With regards to our faith we say the creed at every mass. We proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God who has come to earth in divine flesh, was crucified, died and was buried. On the third day He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead. He is the second person in our Trinitarian God-- the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Christ Jesus is God's self-expression made human so that we can see Him, know Him and love Him as one of us. The church established by Christ and his disciples is a great vessel for our faith involvement in partaking of the sacraments and us living a life according to his will.

The message of the gospel today is for the courage to live our faith. We are called upon today to follow Christ, TO EMBRACE OUR FAITH, to share our faith and when it is needed to suffer for our faith. In this global world there are those who are doubtful or reject the concept of a God. There are also those that are extremists in the world that live by the sword and wish to exterminate our faith. We do hear often in our newscasts of persecution of Christians in the Middle East, Africa and other parts of the world. We are obligated to embrace the cross of Christ by refusing to back down from our faith. We need to help those that do experience persecution. We also need to share our faith with those in doubt or denial so that they may change their mindset.

B42


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FOR GOD
so loved the world
that He gave His one
and only Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish
but have eternal life.
John 3:16


He alone is my rock
and salvation,
He is my fortress,
I will not be shaken.
– psalm 62:6

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty fifth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B43

GOSPEL THEME---SERVICE—DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

Wis2:12,17-20; Jas3:16-40,3; Mki9:30-37



DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty fifth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B43
GOSPEL THEME---SERVICE—DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
Wis2:12,17-20; Jas3:16-40,3; Mki9:30-37

DO ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

In the Gospel today Jesus predicts for the second time his suffering death and resurrection. But the disciples do not understand what he is talking about and instead were busy considering who was the greatest among them; who would be the leader. Each was looking for respect from the other with the desire for self-recognition. Jesus calls the twelve together and says to them

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all"

Who are the best people at work? Who are the best people in our family? Who are the best people in our society? Christianity is not a popularity contest. It is a contest of service. The only glory and honour we need to be concerned with is that which we give to God. Do all for the glory of God. Pride has no place in our service; humility and unselfishness is a necessity of life in our service of God's kingdom. True humility lies in the understanding that everything is a gift; and everything is meant to be given back in service of others.

This is the way blessed mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote a prayer for her sisters. People are often unreasonable, irrational and self centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you spent years creating others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. The final analysis it is between you and God. It is never between you and them anyway.

B43


WAKE UP & SAY
LORD, TODAY
I'M GOING TO
SERVE YOU
NOT MYSELF
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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty sixth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, --B44

GOSPEL THEME---DISCIPLESHIP

Numb11:25-29; Jas5:1-6; Mk9:38-43,45,47-48



DO GOOD IN COOPERATION WITH OTHERS

FOR

GODS GLORY

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty sixth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B---B44
GOSPEL THEME---DISCIPLESHIP
Numb11:25-29; Jas5:1-6; Mk9:38-43,45,47-48

DISCIPLESHIP

In the gospel reading today the twelve disciples regarded other persons who were casting out demons in the name of Jesus as rivals. But Jesus rebukes them and warns them not to stop such people. Jesus proclaims

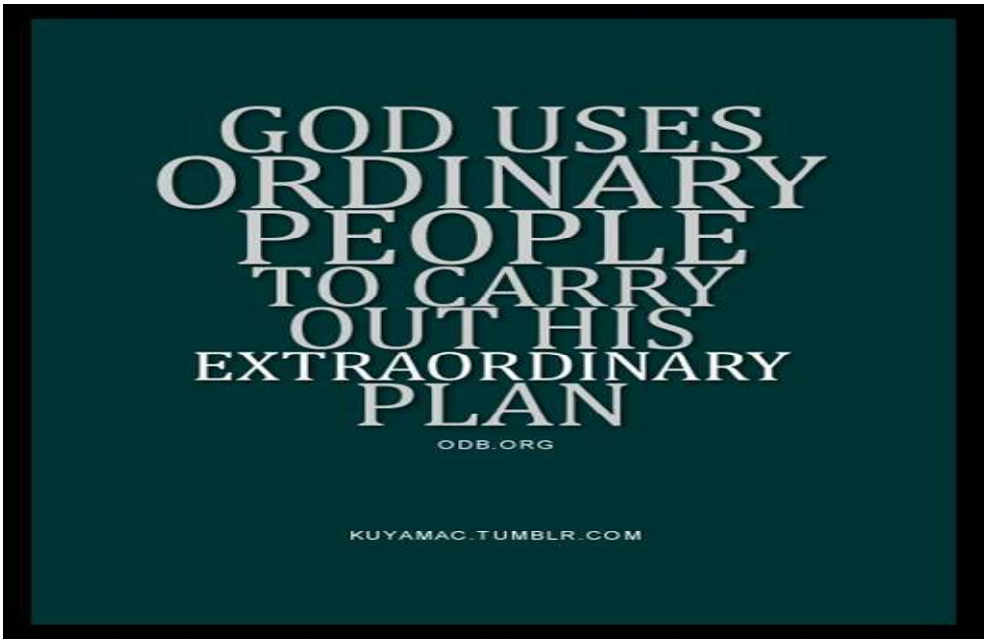
"Anyone who is not against us is for us"
Mk:40

The church has no monopoly on God's work or God's love or on God's power to heal and reconcile. The work of the kingdom is not confined only to the baptized, although it is certainly their special work. Outside the Catholic Church there are thousands who are doing the work of God in a spirit of total sincerity and commitment. Some of them are Christians of other denominations; some are Buddhists, Hindus, Jews or Muslims; some are atheists or agnostics or secular humanists or nothing in particular. Wherever we see God's work being done we should give our support and be ready to work with such people. This principle evokes a very broad spectrum of defining discipleship

The world is saturated with the spirit of God. We need to open our eyes to the good that others are doing to savor the presence of the spirit around us. At the same time we need to recognize that the spirit is moving and active in our immediate community and our own individual families.

Today's reading leads us to this simple prayer---May we be open to the working of the spirit in our lives and in our world.

B44


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LITTLE THINGS DONE IN CHRIST'S NAME ARE GREAT THINGS.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty seventh Sunday in ordinary time,Yr B, ---B45

LITURGICAL THEME—THE SACREDNESS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Gen2:7ab,8b,18-24, Heb2:9-11,Mk10:2-16



MARRIAGE

A CONTRACT FOR LIFE

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty seventh Sunday in ordinary time,Yr B, ---B45

LITURGICAL THEME—THE SACREDNESS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Gen2:7ab,8b,18-24, Heb2:9-11,Mk10:2-16

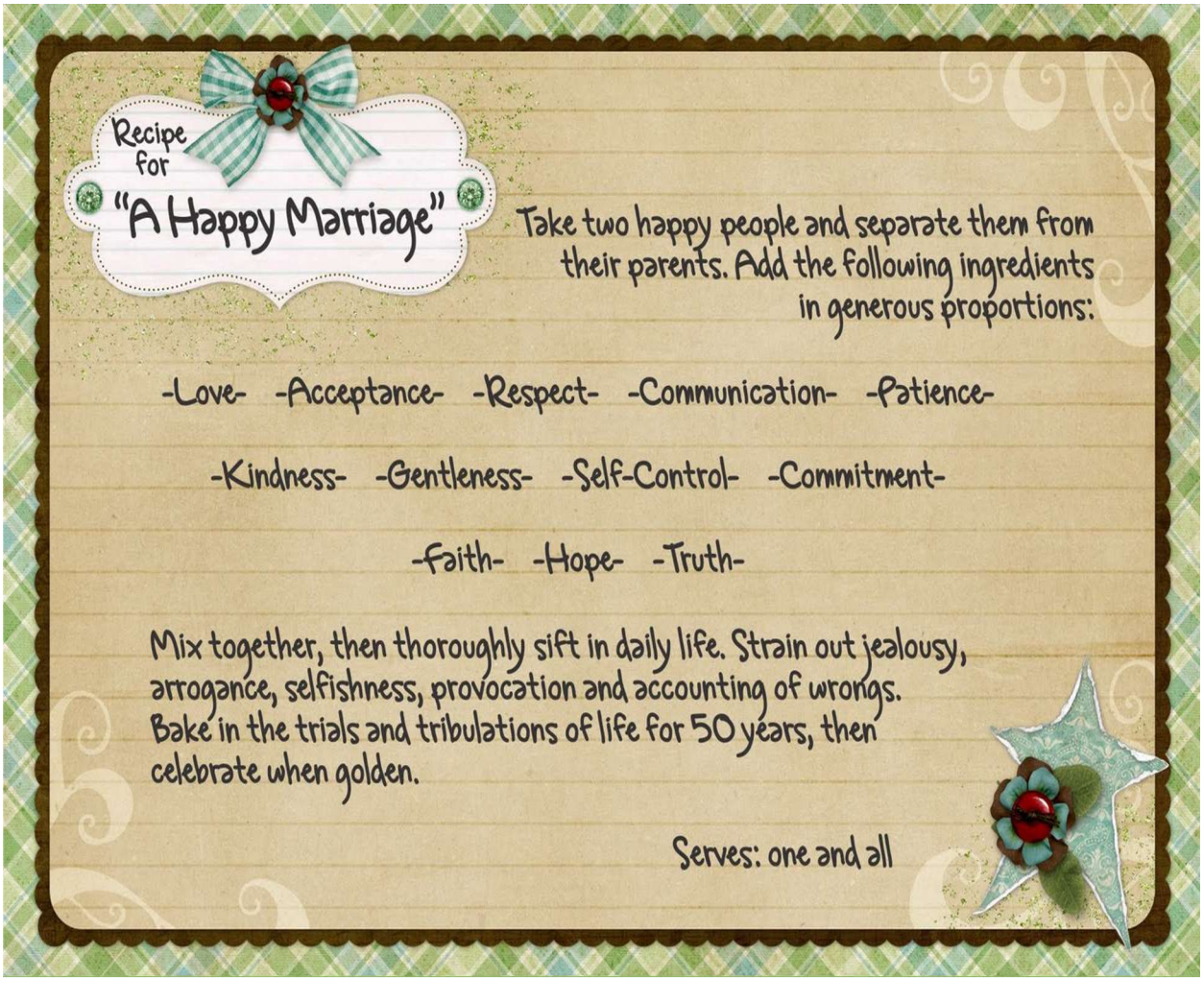
THE SACREDNESS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Holy Catholic Church teaches us that the Sacrament of marriage is an undissolvable union contracted by mutual consent between one man and one woman, in lawful manner, by which they are obligated to live together all the days of their life. Marriage is not something that was invented by man. Instituted by God himself, it has been present since the dawn of history, since the creation of the first man and woman. Marriage for church means undivided loyalty. It is a union of self-giving and not "what is it for me?" It is about "how can we serve each other?". The only one who will be really happy are those who have sought and found out how to serve. Selfishness is the reason for the decline in the number of husbands and wives.

"So they are no longer two, but one in flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate" Mt19:6

According to Scripture readings the lord does not approve of divorces. He does not approve of common law relationships and he does not approve adultery.
In our modern secular society divorces are more common than the common cold. One does hear alarming statistics on divorce. One third of all marriages are ending up before the divorce judge. Studies show that husband and wife who pray together have above average chance of staying together. Public worship and private study and prayer over the scriptures strikes me as a good marriage insurance.

B45


Recipe for
"A Happy Marriage"
Take two happy people and separate them from their parents. Add the following ingredients in generous proportions:
-Love- -Acceptance- -Respect- -Communication- -Patience-
-Kindness- -Gentleness- -Self-Control- -Commitment-
-Faith- -Hope- -Truth-
Mix together, then thoroughly sift in daily life. Strain out jealousy, arrogance, selfishness, provocation and accounting of wrongs. Bake in the trials and tribulations of life for 50 years, then celebrate when golden.
Serves: one and all

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Twenty eight Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B46
THEME ---WORLDLY ATTACHMENT
Wis7:7-1b; Heb4:12-13; Mk10:17-30



GIVE GENEROUSLY

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;YEAR B

Twenty eight Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B46
THEME ---WORLDLY ATTACHMENT
Wis7:7-1b; Heb4:12-13; Mk10:17-30

ATTACHMENT TO WEALTH AND WORLDLY POSSESSIONS

In today's gospel passage a rich young man approaches Jesus and asks about what it takes to have eternal life (life beyond death). Jesus declares that *"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to be saved."* He uses a strong metaphor to emphasize the difficulty of paying proper attention to God when one is encumbered by attachments and distractions involved with possessions.
The clear implication is that the amount of one's possessions is not nearly as dangerous as the degree of one's attachment to them. To be liberated from the drugging influence of possessions is to be ready to put the needs of others before ones comfort and convenience. It is Saint Augustine who said that from the Christian prospective the surplus of the wealthy belongs to the poor.

Once there was a wealthy fellow nicknamed "Fishhooks." He put his hands in his pockets so seldom one might think fish hooks were waiting there to attack him. And so his nick name. He did no evil, but he did little good. He was stingy. One could hardly call him Christian according to Jesus' yardstick. There is I fear much of the fish hooks in each of us.

Run this test by yourself. When collection comes for the poor, do you give the same amount you gave five years ago? Do you give your money reluctantly? Do you think that while ten dollars is of no value in the supermarket, it's an extraordinary sum in church? If you say yes of any of these questions, this gospel may have your name on it .

B46


It is
More Blessed
to Give
than to Receive.
Acts 20:35
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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty ninth Sunday in ordinary time, YR. B, ---B47

GOSPEL THEME------A CALL TO SERVICE

Is53:4,10-11; Heb4:14-16; Mk10:35-45



SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Twenty ninth Sunday in ordinary time, YR. B, ---B47
GOSPEL THEME------A CALL TO SERVICE
Is53:4,10-11; Heb4:14-16; Mk10:35-45

A CALL TO SERVICE

During today's gospel reading disciples John and James ask Jesus for the honour of sitting at the right and left side of His heavenly throne. They have desire for authority, honour and greatness. Jesus responds,

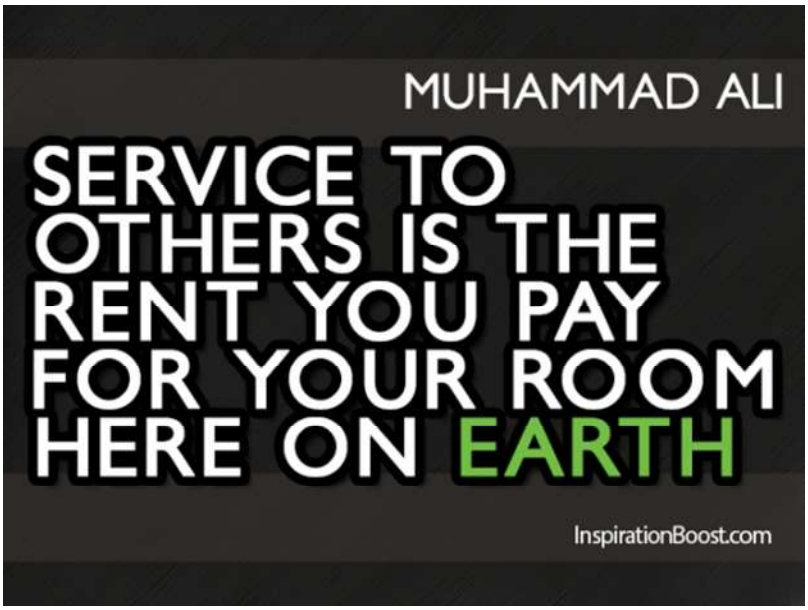
"To be great one must become a servant;
To be first one must be servant of all"
Mk 10: 43 ,44

Greatness is not given nor does it come by chance. Greatness has something to do with how one shapes his or her soul. Greatness comes to those whose hearts are filled with compassion, who have extraordinary generosity, who live their lives in self-sacrificing service to others. Greatness flows from great hearts, from greatness of soul, most of the time in great adversity. In their suffering they learn the spirit of generosity. Greatness is not in what we have or what we can get from others but in what we can give of ourselves to others. Greatness has more to do with service than it does with prominence, position, power or privilege.
In the gospel Jesus teaches **that** **the real pathway to honour and glory is service** and becoming a servant.

AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE CALLED TO FOLLOW CHRIST WITH ATTITUDE OF SERVICE TOWARDS OTHERS

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LET US NOT
love with words
BUT WITH
actions and truth
1JOHN 3:18

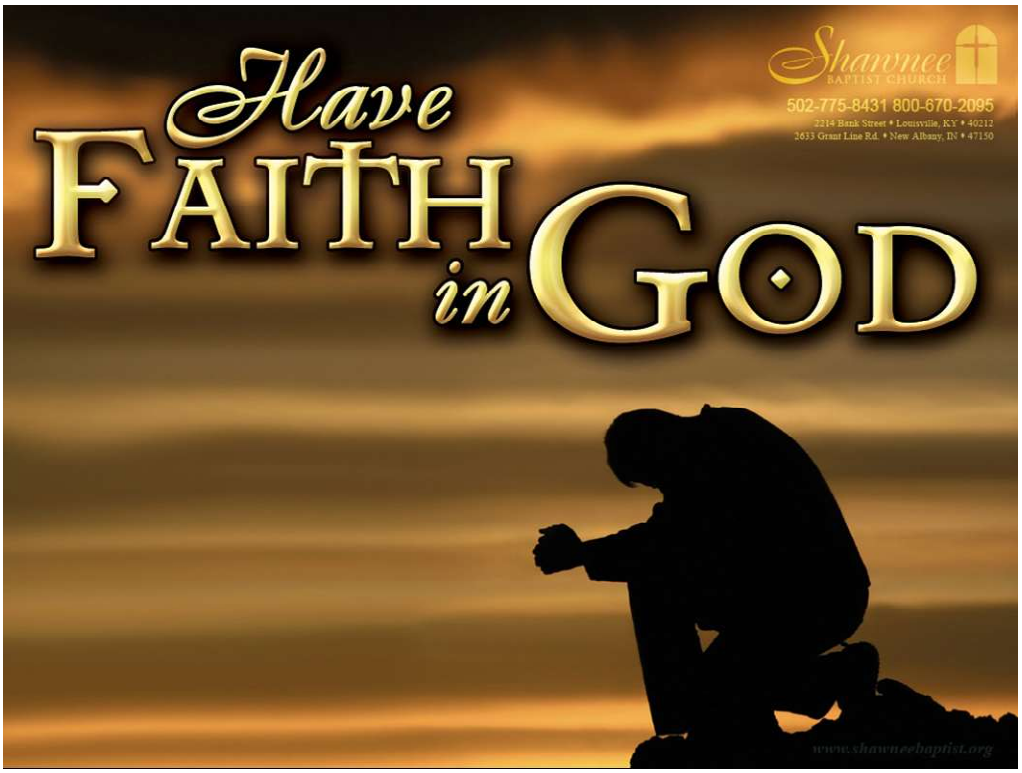

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B48

GOSPEL THEME---FAITH—BELIEVE AND GET FILLED WITH CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Jer31:7-9; Heb5:1-6: Mk10:46-52



WALK IN FAITH

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B48
GOSPEL THEME---FAITH—BELIEVE AND GET FILLED WITH CHRIST'S PRESENCE
Jer31:7-9; Heb5:1-6: Mk10:46-52

FAITH---BELIEVE AND GET FILLED WITH CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Today's gospel has the last miracle recorded in the gospel of Mark. Jesus brings sight to a blind man Bartimaeus. This miracle speaks of spiritual blindness and the real meaning of Christ's presence on earth to the followers of Jesus. This episode or miracle is a summary requirement of Christian life and pilgrimage. And that is

WHILE PHYSICAL SIGHT IS DESIREABLE, SPIRITUAL SIGHT IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR OUR SALVATION.

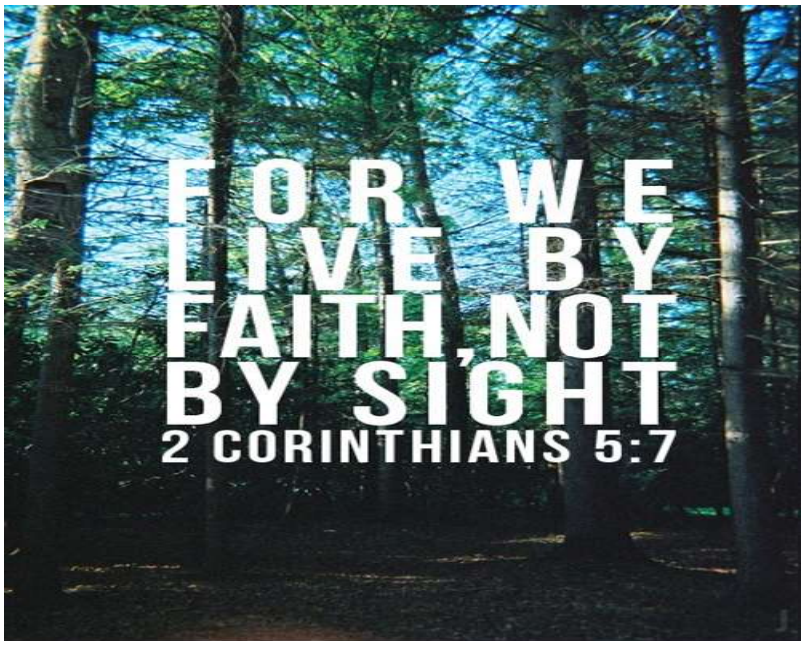
We need the mercy of God to enlighten us, give us the true vision to see ourselves as we are and to accept the mercy and life of God to fill our emptiness.

Let us pray that in today's gospel, where Christ asks all to believe in him, that the calling will touch the heart of those who have been spiritually blind, so that they may find strength in Christ to walk away from what destroys the faith.

Faith is beyond intellectual belief. Faith is a lived relationship with Jesus.
For atheists or non-believers, they follow the old line that teaches "seeing is believing." For true Christians ''believing is seeing."

We need to remain solid in faith and continually grow in wisdom and understanding so as to enjoy peace, tranquility and hope within us. By having strong faith, living a life according to God's will and following the commandments of our lord we will at the end of time meet our lord face to face and be rewarded with eternal life in heaven. .

B48


FOR WE
LIVE BY
FAITH, NOT
BY SIGHT
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7


FIX OUR
EYES ON JESUS,
THE AUTHOR
AND PERFECTER
OF OUR FAITH.
HEBREWS 12:2

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirty first Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B49

LITURGICAL THEME----SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Rev7:2-4,9-11; 1jn3:1-3; Mt5:1-12A



REJOICE

YOUR REWARD IS IN HEAVEN

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirty first Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B49
LITURGICAL THEME----SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
Rev7:2-4,9-11; 1jn3:1-3; Mt5:1-12A

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

We are celebrating today all the saints, not just canonized saints, but all those who enjoy the happiness of heaven and we hope our loved ones, relations and friends are among the saints of heaven who now enjoy the happiness promised by the beatitudes in the gospel today(Matt5:1-12).

God calls us all to holiness. We all belong to God's family and God is the father of us all. Holiness is making that reality in our lives. However most likely none of us, by the time we die, will be saints ready for heaven. But we believe that if we are not ready, we will have opportunity in purgatory after death to be purified, to admit our need for God, to admit that only He can help us and to make amends for sins committed if we have not already done so. The most beautiful description of purgatory is "a hospital where we learn to love and forgive".
During November we pray especially for those who are still being purified in purgatory because we believe our prayers can help them.

We believe the church as being in three states, the church here on earth, the souls in purgatory and the saints in heaven. We believe that we are all united, the living, the souls in purgatory and the saints in heaven, around Jesus' cross and resurrection. This is the communion of saints that we profess our faith during the Apostles Creed at Mass.

"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting"

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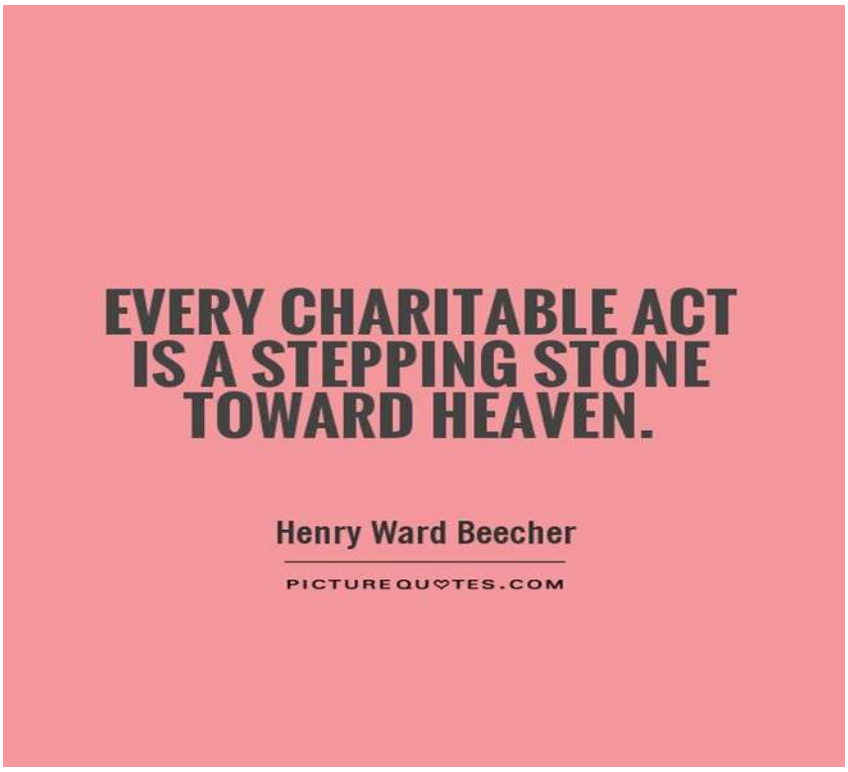

Matthew 5:8
Blessed
are
the
pure
in
heart:
for they shall see God.
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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirty second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B50

LITURGICAL THEME----- CHARITY ------ PROVIDENCE OF GOD

1Kgs17;10-16; Heb9:24-28; Mk12:38-44



CHARITY

DO GIVE OF YOURSELF UNSELFISHLY

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirty second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B50

LITURGICAL THEME----- CHARITY ------ PROVIDENCE OF GOD

1Kgs17;10-16; Heb9:24-28; Mk12:38-44

CHARITY-------PROVIDENCE OF GOD

In the gospel reading today a widow gives her last two coins in form of charity not from surplus but from want. Blessed be the widow who placed complete trust in the Divine providence of God. She had trust that God will provide all her needs.

The great fallacy of our age is that money can solve our problems. It is the job of advertisers to convince us that we can buy happiness, and the advertisers have done well. The fact that those that have been blessed with material success, the happiest are those who trust God and not in their wealth. The radical message in today's readings is that we must place our confidence in God rather than our material possessions.

God, the creator of all, is responsible for all the blessings we enjoy. Life in this world was given to each of us as an undeserved free gift. We have unequal physical talents, features and abilities, plus diverse spiritual and intellectual gifts as well. They vary a lot from person to person, but all have in common is that they all come as free gifts from God. How do we reciprocate these gifts?

Do give of yourself unselfishly

"God loves a cheerful giver"

2 Cor9:7

B50



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirty third Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B51
LITURGICAL THEME---COMMIT TO GOD
Dan12;1-3; Heb10:11-14,18; Mk 24-32



BE COMMITTED TO THE LORD

AT ALL TIMES

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR B

Thirty third Sunday in ordinary time, Yr B, ---B51
LITURGICAL THEME---COMMIT TO GOD
Dan12;1-3; Heb10:11-14,18; Mk 24-32

COMMIT TO GOD

Today's gospel anticipates the apocalyptic dramatic events that will take place at end of times. It will be a time of suffering. The sun will be darkened, the moon will not be giving to light, the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of heaven will be shaken. So the question is "how scared should we be?" The answer is really another question. "How committed to God are we?" If we are committed to the Lord we have no reason to fear the end of time. We know this. In fact, every day we pray for strength to REMAIN COMMITTED TO GOD NO MATTER CRISIS WE FACE. We do this every time we say the LORDS PRAYER. Remember the prayer ends with ***"and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."*** What we are saying "Don't allow us to be tempted to leave you Lord. Protect us from the evil that can destroy us. Help us to be holy, set aside for you".

It is not easy to be holy. We live in a society that promotes self-indulgence---- "what is it for me". The Lord knows we can withstand evil. He gave us free will. We can choose to be separate, to be holy and to be His. He gives us his grace. He gives us both desire and ability to see where he can be found and where his image is absent. We cannot allow the self-indulgence of society to convince us that we have no choice but to join in the evil.

We do not fear the end of time. Nor do we fear the end of our own time, our death. What we do fear is giving in to the world of self- indulgence and rejecting God. Now that is scary.

B51


Commit to Him
your ways, trust
Him and He will
make your
righteousness shine
like the dawn

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING; YEAR B

Feast of Christ the King, Yr B, ---B52
Daniel7:13-14; Rev1:5-8; Jn18:33b-37



HIS DOMAIN IS AN EVERLASTING ONE

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING; YEAR B

Feast of Christ the King, Yr B, ---B52
Daniel7:13-14; Rev1:5-8; Jn18:33b-37

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Today is the feast of Christ the King, a reminder to us that the world is under the judgement of Christ. Today's celebration of Christ the King marks the end of the church's liturgical year. This feast reminds us that our faith teaches that, at the end of time, Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. In 1925 Pope Pius XI made the feast of Christ the King part of the church calendar year with intention of reminding Christians that their first alliance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven, not the earthly ruler or head of state

The feast was set with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus and put God first in our lives.

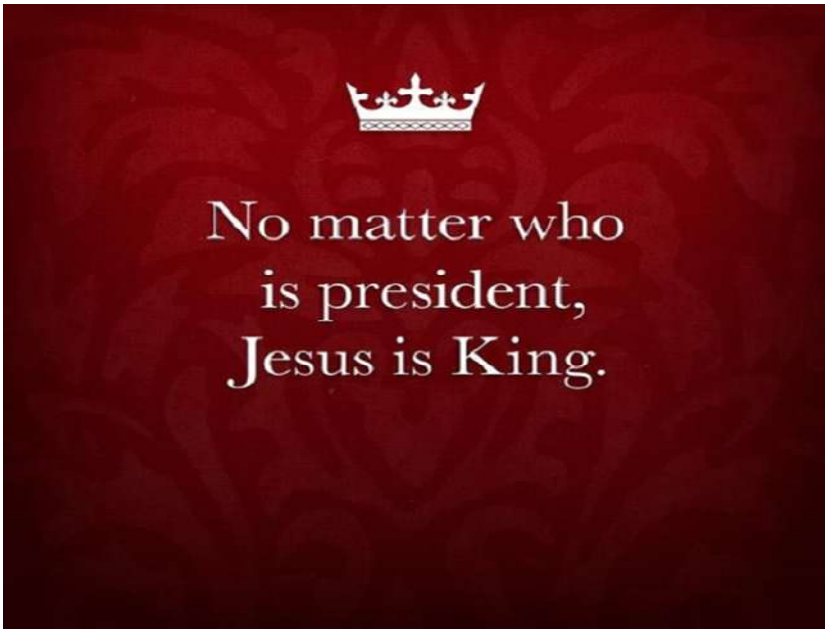
Christ the king

"Christs kingship is one of humility, service and compassionate care"

"His domain is an everlasting one"

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I stand in awe of You,
JESUS MY KING
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No matter who
is president,
Jesus is King.

SUNDAY GOSPEL

THEME

REFLECTION

INSPIRATION

YEAR C

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---C1

First Sunday of Advent, Yr C, GOSPEL THEME-----BE PREPARED

Jer33:14-16; 1 Thes3:12-4:2; Lk21:25-28,34-36



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BE PREPARED

BE ALERT

BE WATCHFUL

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
First Sunday of Advent, Yr C, ---C1
GOSPEL THEME-----BE PREPARED, BE ALERT, BE WATCHFUL.
Jer33:14-16; 1 Thes3:12-4:2; Lk21:25-28,34-36

BE PREPARED, BE ALERT, BE WATCHFUL.

Today we begin the season of advent and with this we begin a new liturgical year. As we begin another liturgical year, the church uses texts that call us to watchfulness and be prepared. Jesus gives us fair warning at the end of today's gospel account. The last part of the gospel states:

"Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly care. The great day will suddenly close in on you like a trap. The day I speak will come upon all who dwell on the face of the earth, so be on the watch. Pray constantly for the strength to escape whatever is in prospect and to stand secure before the son of God"

The season of Advent is a four week prechristmas season of reflection, a time of examination, a time when we look ahead with expectant hope for the Son of God's coming to us. At the final Judgement our destiny depends on the fabric of our lives, the contents of our relation to others and our relationship with God.

Here in the season of Advent let us live by faith, walk in hope and are renewed in love so when Jesus comes at the end of time to be our judge, we shall not only know him,but come to him as a friend.

C1


Repent
think differently;
change your mind,
regretting your sins,
and changing your conduct,
for the Kingdom of God
is at hand.
Matthew 3:2 amp


Get Right
With God
Today!
You Aren't
Assured
Tomorrow!
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Second Sunday of advent, ---C2
LITURGICALTHEME—PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
Barach5:1-9; Phil1:3-6,8; Lk3:1-6



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Second Sunday of advent, Yr C ---C2
LITURGICALTHEME—PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
Barach5:1-9; Phil1:3-6,8; Lk3:1-6

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Advent is a time of joyful anticipation. In the gospel reading the message of John the Baptist is to prepare the way of the coming of Christ, to make straight the winding and to make smooth the rough ways. We need a "baptism of repentance", a cleaning from the old ways of darkness and a commitment to a new way of living. We need to challenge the wisdom of the world and follow the ways of the Lord.

Repentance and conversion are conscious acts of our will. They are free choices made with deliberation. They are not religious feelings or moods. They are not nice, warm, glowing mystical feelings which come upon us before flickering candles in our churches. Repentance and conversion are will acts made in cold light of reality and in hard choices in our everyday lives.

We are in preparation mode, preparing not just for the many beautiful facets of the celebration of Christmas with its various customs but are also preparing ourselves for the lord. We do this through repentance, forgiveness and acceptance of God's love in our lives.

May our valleys be filled and our mountains and hills leveled. May our winding roads be straight and the rough roads of our lives made smooth so the messiah may dwell in our lives unimpeded.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

C2


Repentance
is a change of direction
in thought and behavior


"Yesterday will be your tomorrow
Unless you change today."

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Third Sunday of Advent, Yr C, ---C3
LITURGICAL THEME—REJOICE SUNDAY
Zephanian3:14-18a,; Phil4:4-7; Lk3:10-18



REJOICE

GOD IS WITH US

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION
Third Sunday of Advent, Yr C, ---C3
LITURGICAL THEME—REJOICE SUNDAY
Zephanian3:14-18a,; Phil4:4-7; Lk3:10-18

REJOICE SUNDAY—GOD IS WITH US.

The third Sunday of Advent we cross the midway point of Advent season. As we prepare ourselves by doing repentance and working on betterment of our spiritual life, the message is of joy expectation in the celebration of Christ's birthday.

The celebration today and the readings acknowledge many distractions and challenges of our faith that might intimidate us. We cannot become discouraged. Never lose sight of that Immanuel---God is with us. Even in our deepest struggles Jesus is with us and his presence should bring us joy. When God is with you and in you how can you keep from singing for joy.

It is so easy and natural to start looking for the joy in the things of the world. While happiness is an emotion; emotions come and go. They are fickle .Happiness and joys are two different things. Happiness is state of mind. Joy is the predominant feature of acceptance of God's unconditional love and us reciprocating it. As St Paul says---

'To rejoice in the Lord; find joy in knowing you are in Him and He is in you. He is in you always, even in the midst of the afflictions which are suffering you"

If you don't have Jesus our lord God living in your life, ask Him into your life today. Joy is continuous as long as you don't let it leak out.

C3


GOD
HIMSELF
WILL BE
WITH YOU
ALWAYS
REVELATION 21:2-4


Delight yourself
in the Lord
and He will give you
the desires of your
heart.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Fourth Sunday of Advent; yr C; ---C4
LITURGICAL THEME—ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS
MICAH5:1`4; Heb10:5-10; Lk1:39-44



ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS

IN YOUR LIFE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Advent; yr C4

LITURGICAL THEME—ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS

MICAH5:1`4; Heb10:5-10; Lk1:39-44

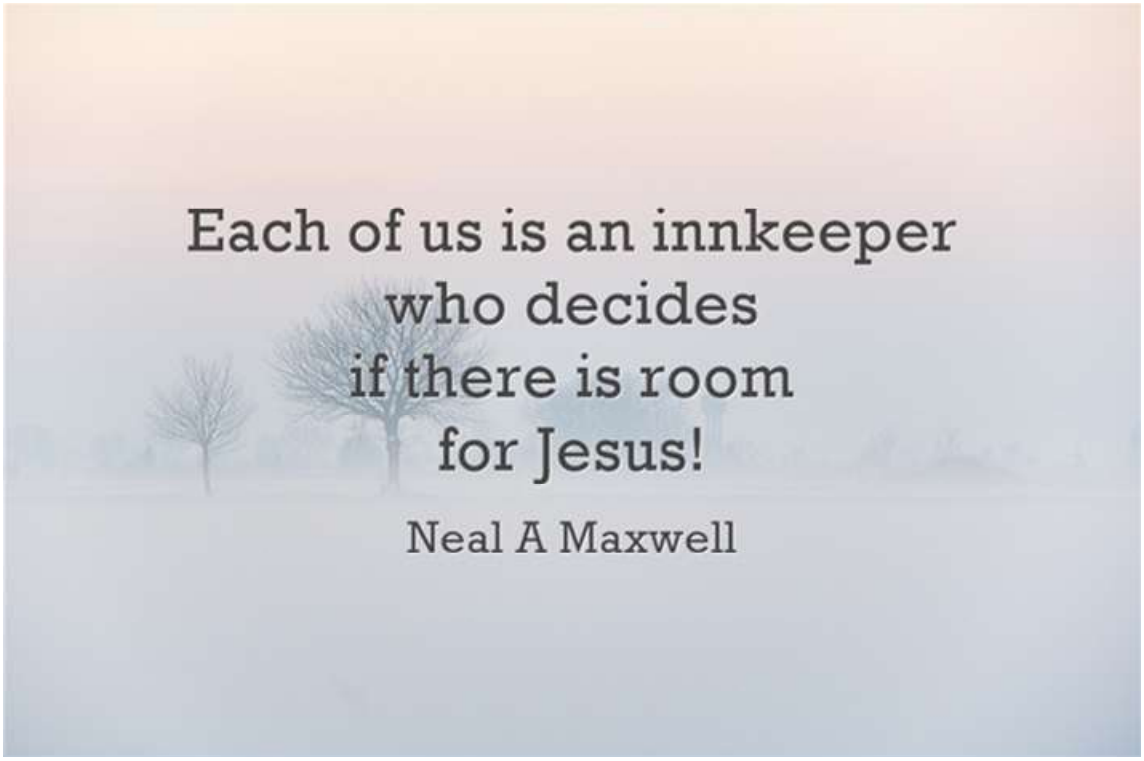
ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS

Advent has been a sober season; we have been doing a bit of spiritual spring-cleaning. Many of us have already taken advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation [confession]. But in the last week the tone of advent has changed. It has stepped up a gear. Now is the time to express some of this joy in the anticipation of the celebration of Christ's birthday.

The Gospel account for the fourth Sunday of Advent is about two pregnant women. Elisabeth who was already in the sixth month of pregnancy to give birth to John the Baptist is visited by Virgin Mary, pregnant to give birth to Jesus. The visit is a form of support to Elizabeth for she conceived at an older age.

So what does the story of Mary and Elizabeth have to do with us? Well Mary was carrying within her the Christ child. We too, carry within us the presence of Christ. Mary models who we are or who we should be. We are to accept the presence of Christ in our lives, go to church regularly and receive the Holy Eucharist regularly. Not only that, but we are to carry within us the presence of Christ not just for our sake, but are to share Him with others. We bear Christ within us that we may bring Him to others in the world around us. We are to carry the presence of Christ to all those who labour heavy burdens, to all those who are frightened, who have been intimidated by life and who need our help. They are our cousins, just as Elizabeth was Mary's cousin. They may not be old and infirm; they are anyone and everyone who needs our loving attention, our caring for them, our love.

C4


Each of us is an innkeeper
who decides
if there is room
for Jesus!
Neal A Maxwell

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Holy Family Sunday, Yr C, ---C5

Liturgical Theme—Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach3:12-14; Collosians3:12-26; Lk2:41-52



JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

THE HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Holy Family Sunday, Yr C, ---C5
Liturgical Theme—Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sirach3:12-14; Collosians3:12-26; Lk2:41-52

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH.

Today's celebration is about the Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is a Holy family that we ourselves are to try to model and exemplify.

What it means to be a family is undergoing a redefinition in our culture. No longer is the term "family" applied strictly to a household with mom, dad and children living together in the same home at the same time. As a matter of fact what is known as the nuclear family is now in the minority. We have now various arrangements found in single parent families, in families which the parents are of the same gender, and in families in which one parent is simply living with a boyfriend or a girlfriend.

A desirable holistic family is integrated, not fractured; other centered, not self-centered; lives in forgiveness; affirms the uniqueness of each of its members; builds up instead of tears down; is mindful of God and not neglectful of His presence and love. A family that prays together stays together.

"May we live with Christ in a happy and Holy family "

C5



Our Family

Is a circle of strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together

forever

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Yr C, ---C6

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph3:2-3,54-6; Mt2:1-12



JESUS REVEALING HIS DIVINITY

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Yr C---C6

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph3:2-3,54-6; Mt2:1-12

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

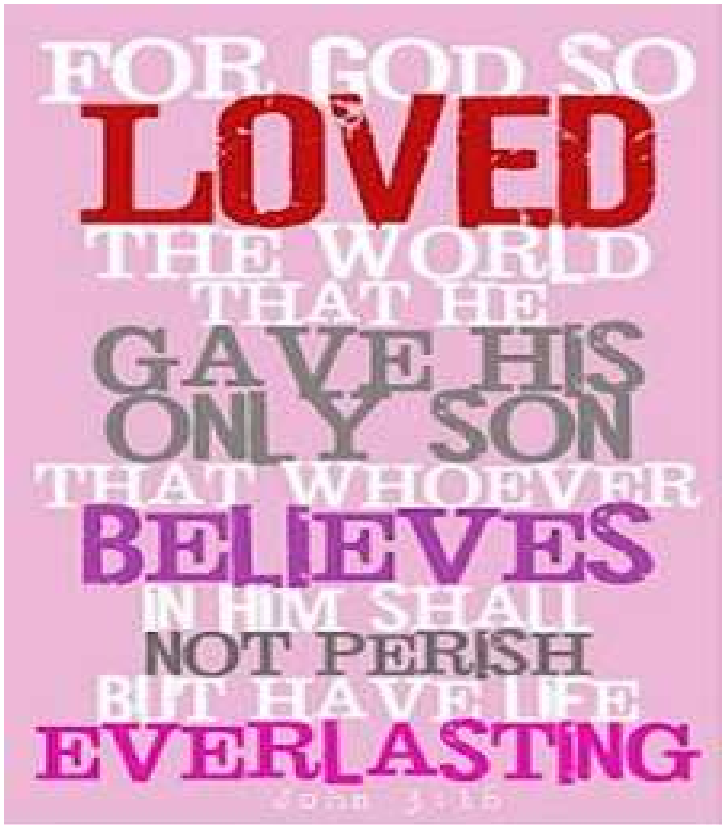
The word Epiphany means manifestation or appearance of the lord where Christ reveals His divinity. The manifestation is so significant that it has accorded its own feast in the Roman liturgy which is celebrated shortly after Dec 25th. [Early January]

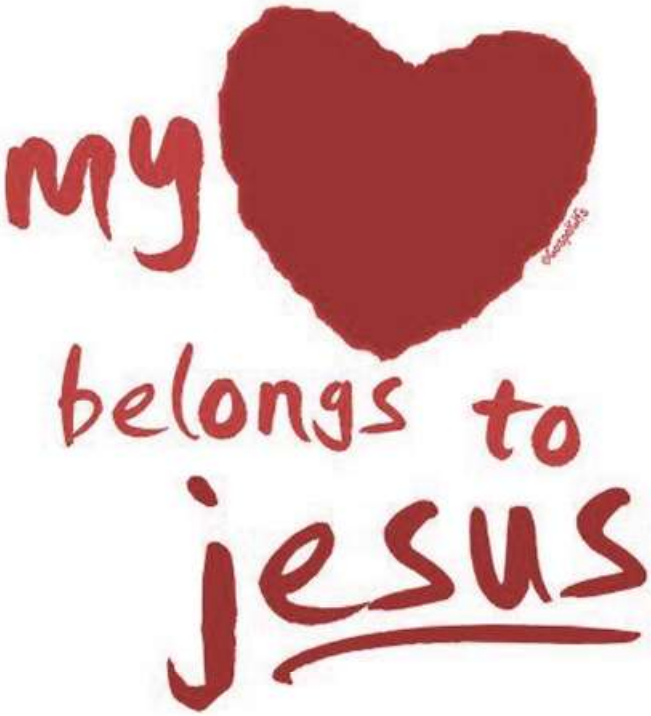
In the Christmas scene all has been quite humble; a donkey ride to a dusty town south of Jerusalem. Hotel rooms all booked up. Giving birth in a stable and laying the baby in an animal fed trough instead of a cozy cradle. Into this scene of obscure poverty suddenly bursts an exotic from far up land. Dignitaries or magi in dress uniform lavish the newborn with expensive gifts that seem out of place in the humble surroundings.

There are several important things to note about these prestigious visitors. They are Gentiles not Jews. From the very beginning of His human existence then, Jesus is clearly not just the Jewish messiah who has come to deliver the people from foreign oppression. No, He is the universal king, the ruler of all, who has come to tear down the hostile wall dividing Jew from gentile, nation from nation.

If you ever wondered what the word “Catholic “means, here we have it. Derived from the Greek words meaning “according to the whole”, it means that Christ did not come to establish some local religious sect for a select few, one “cult” among many. No, the church He founded is “Catholic” or universal, spread over the whole world, welcoming the whole human race into one nation, one family, under one king.

C6


FOR GOD SO
LOVED
THE WORLD
THAT HE
GAVE HIS
ONLY SON
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES
IN HIM SHALL
NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE LIFE
EVERLASTING


my
belongs to
jesus

BAPTISM OF THE LORD; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---C7

Baptism of the Lord, yr. C, Jan 10th 2016

Is42:1-4,6-7; Acts10:34-38; Lk3:15-6-22



BAPTISM OF JESUS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD; YEAR C

SUNDAY RELECTION
Baptism of the Lord, yr. C, ---C7
Is42:1-4,6-7; Acts10:34-38; Lk3:15-6-22

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Celebration of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmas season. Today according to the Latin Calendar is our day to put aside our Christmas celebration for another year. It's time to take down the Christmas tree and decorations, to stop singing Christmas carols and return to ordinary lives. On Monday we begin the Liturgical season of ordinary time.

Today, in the gospel reading there is reference of John the Baptist baptising Jesus in the waters of Jordan. The biggest day for baptism is the one we hear in the gospel today; the baptism of Jesus. What happens at the moment when Jesus was baptised by John? In the face of this humble act of love on the part of the Son of God being baptised, the heavens open and the Holy Spirit visibly manifests in the form of a dove, while the voice from high expresses the pleasure of the Father. God the Father attests the divinity of the Son at the moment of Jesus' baptism saying from the clouds above

"Thou art my beloved Son; with Thee I am well pleased"
Lk3:22

When Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist, this was the event that marked the official beginning of the Lords ministry on earth as Christ the redeemer. Baptism of Jesus was the beginning of Christ's public ministry.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C8

GOSPEL THEME—JESUS BRINGS JOY AND SHARES JOY WITH OTHERS

Is62:1-5; Cor12:4-11;Jn2:1-11



JESUS BRINGS JOY

&

JESUS SHARES JOY WITH OTHERS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C8
GOSPEL THEME—JEUS BRINGS JOY AND SHARES HIS JOY WITH OTHERS
Is62:1-5; Cor12:4-11;Jn2:1-11

JESUS BRINGS JOY AND SHARES HIS JOY WITH OTHERS

In the gospel today we see Jesus, his mother and his disciples at a wedding at Canna. Jesus performs his first miracle by changing water into wine at the request of his mother. The message today is very clear; Jesus brings joy and he shares the joy of others. He wants that our religion is meant to be a joy-filled experience. The miracle of today is to reveal a God in Jesus who is so generous the he sometimes scares us by his outgoing love. His generosity is overwhelming and sometimes it is difficult for us to comprehend. The immeasurable generosity of Jesus we do acknowledge as Christians is in the giving of His life on a cross for us. "The Father did not spare his own Son, but Gave Him for us for our salvation." How much more generous can He get.

May we also strive to be generous and charitable. May those who are rich in this present world not be arrogant so as to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Resolve to be rich in good deeds and to be generous and willing to share.

"Whoever sows generously will also reap generously"

Let us be thankful for all the blessings and graces we receive from the Lord and pray that we may persevere our living faith as shinning lights.

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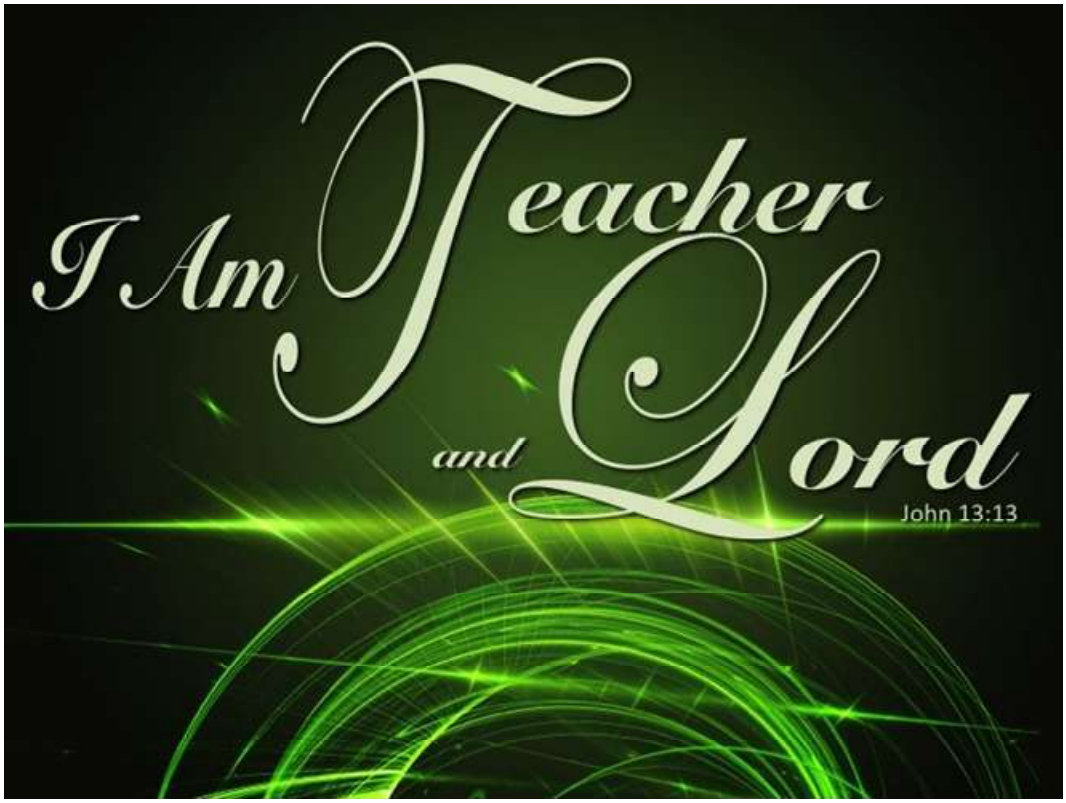
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Third Sunday inn ordinary time, Yr C, ---C9

GOSPEL THEME—FOLLOW JESUS``TECAHING

Neh8:2-6,8-10; Cor12:12-30; Lk1:1-4;4:14-21



ABIDE BY THE TEACHING OF JESUS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Third Sunday inn ordinary time, Yr C, ---C9
GOSPEL THEME—FOLLOW JESUS``TEACHING
Neh8:2-6,8-10; Cor12:12-30; Lk1:1-4;4:14-21

FOLLOW JESUS` TEACHING

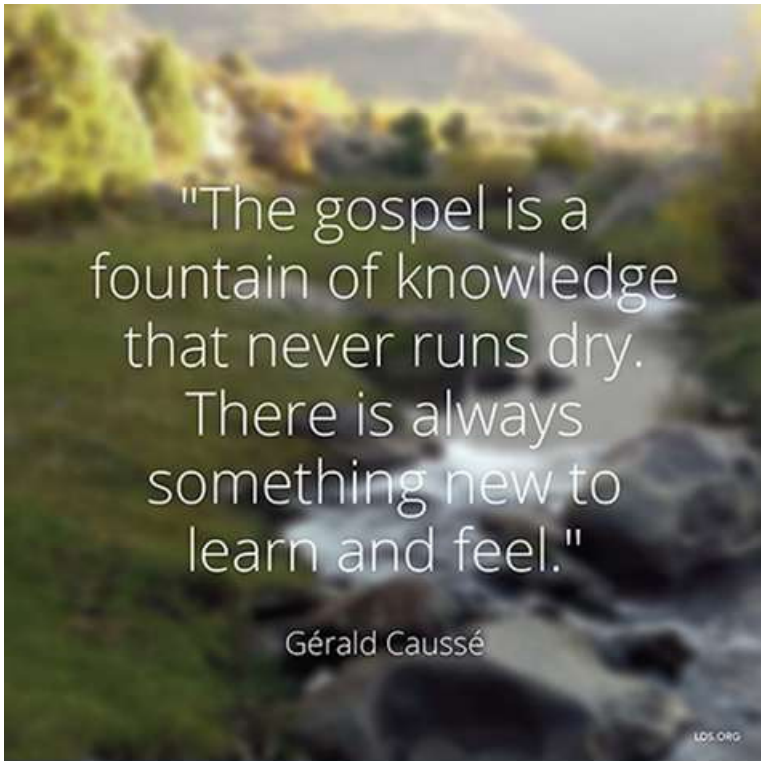
In the Gospel today Jesus teaches in his home town synagogue his mission but the listeners don`t understand everything or perhaps they understand nothing at all. Jesus affirms that he is the long awaited Messiah and they are to rejoice in it. The message was one of hope, of healing and of liberation. The rejection of Jesus by the town folk was indeed shocking. They looked for a political kingdom and not a spiritual kingdom.

Faith in Jesus Christ means trusting Him and following His teaching. An excellent way of reshaping our faith and life around the teaching of our Master is by reading the scriptures. The bible, you see, isn't so much as a creed to be accepted as it is a task to be accomplished. We, with Christ can be out there in the reality of our world making His vision come true. We can be giving good news to the poor, liberty to those held in slavery of addictions and compulsions. We can be the light of knowledge and vision to those who are blinded by the world`s darkness and all that is evil.

May we live a life of active spirit of God within us, follow the Lord`s teaching and become a beacon of light that spreads the Lord`s message of good Christian living.

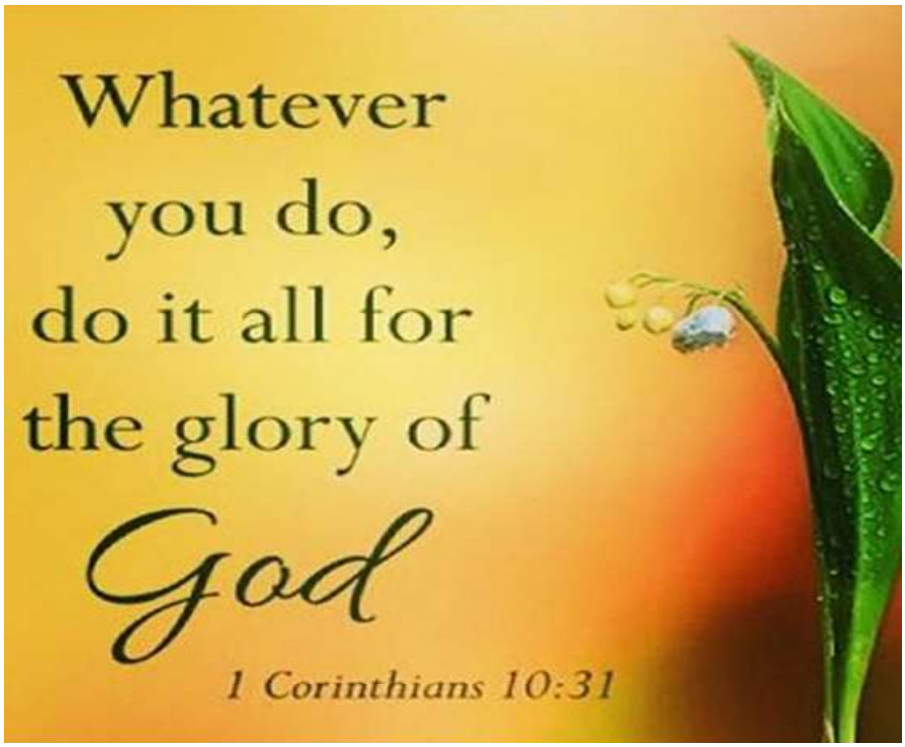
Proclaim the Lord`s message and those that reject it,
pray for them.

C9


"The gospel is a fountain of knowledge that never runs dry. There is always something new to learn and feel."
Gérald Caussé
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Fourth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C10
GOSPEL THEME- GLORIFY THE LORD IN ALL THINGS
Jer 1:4-5,19-9; 1Cor12:31-13:13;Lk4:212-30



GLORIFY GOD IN ALL THINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fourth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C10
GOSPEL THEME- GLORIFY THE LORD IN ALL THINGS
Jer 1:4-5,19-9; 1Cor12:31-13:13;Lk4:212-30

GLORIFY THE LORD IN ALL THINGS

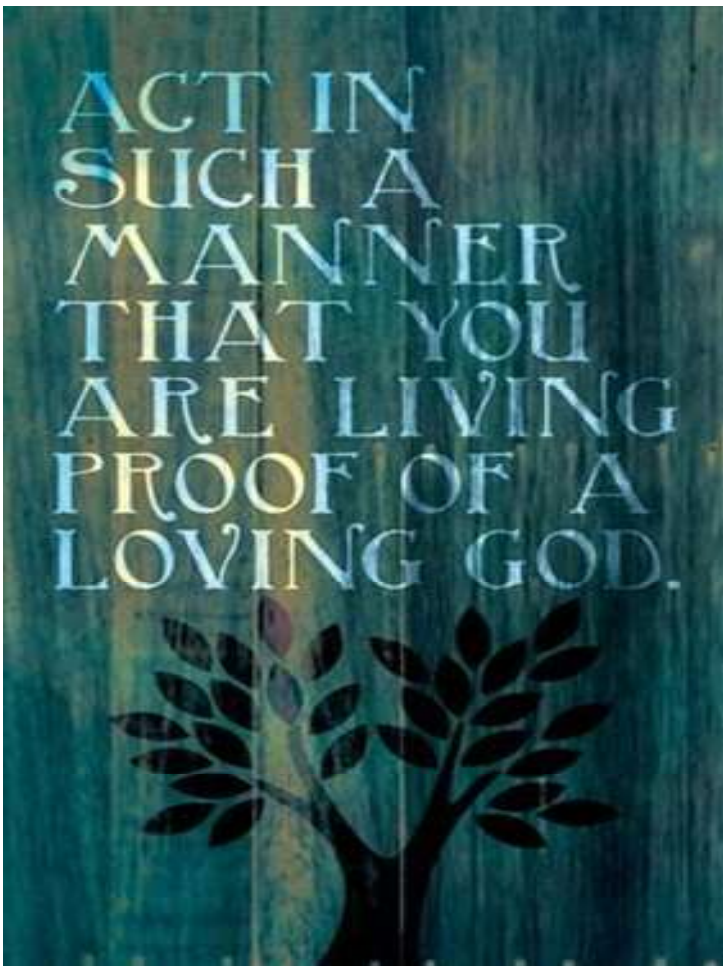
In the Gospel we hear of Jesus being rejected by people in his own town. In the eyes of the people in His hometown He did not meet their standards. Because they knew Him since His childhood, He was nothing special to them. How judgemental and bias the human nature can be at times.

In our daily Christian lives, we must always be aware of our thoughts, our words and our actions. Do we misjudge and condemn others as the villagers judged and condemned Jesus? Do we discriminate against others because of their color, their race, their nationality, their education, their gender, their age or the way they dress? None of these judgements should we have precedence as all souls are equal in the eyes of God. To manifest divine love towards others, we must be prepared in humility to make ourselves little so others may be raised. We must be prepared to serve so others may be served. We must be prepared to honour others as we would like to be honoured.

Let us take time to assess our personal status. Are we gladly serving versus demanding service? Are we humble versus being proud? Are we giving love versus expecting to receive it? Are we at the giving end of charity versus taking advantage of receiving it? These are holy reflections. May our hearts feed upon them so that our actions are always to glorify the Lord in all things.

"Give yourself to God in sacrifice and you will be used for love"

C10



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C,--C11.

LITURGICAL THEME—LOVE GOD—GET INTIMATE WITH JESUS

Isaiah6:1-2a,3-8; 1Cor15:1-11;Lk5:1-4



LOVE GOD

GET INTIMATE WITH JESUS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fifth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C11
LITURGICAL THEME—LOVE GOD—GET INTIMATE WITH JESUS
Isaiah6:1-2a,3-8; 1Cor15:1-11;Lk5:1-4

LOVE GOD---GET INTIMATE WITH JESUS

This Sunday we are presented with Isaiah, Paul and Peter. All three are chosen by God. Each, in their humility, regrets that he is too human and too sinful to fulfill God's choice. Isaiah says, how I can, a man of unclean lips living among people of unclean lips to proclaim the Lord. Paul adds that he was called even though he has persecuted the church. Peter is quite aware of his humanity. He is a fisherman without any education. He is stubborn. He is a braggart. He lacks courage. But God still calls them and gives them the ability to be the greatest of Prophets and Apostles.

Wow! What powerful reading we have heard from the scriptures. The readings make us think twice of how we would behave if we suddenly found ourselves in the Divine Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of us would like to think if Jesus suddenly appeared to us we would run toward him and hug Him. Our words would probably be "finally Jesus, I waited so long for you" or "Oh Jesus, I love you".

If our response would not be such we need to in prayer, scripture reading and church attendance learn to love God, and get intimate with Him. We do also need to appreciate His true presence in the Eucharist. Do get intimate with Jesus and by your thoughts, words and actions spread his love to all in the world.

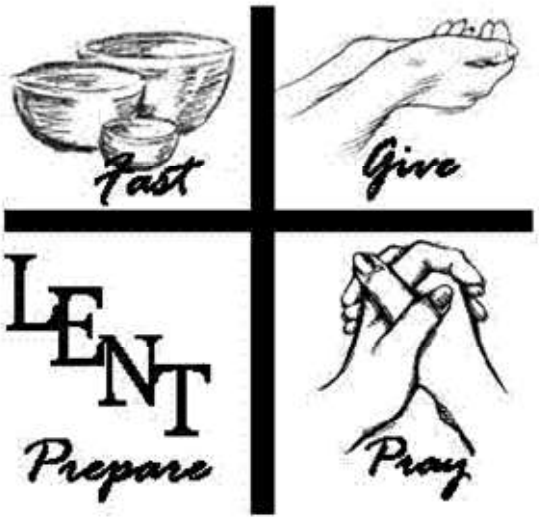
"To fall in love with the lord is the greatest romance"

C11


SPENDING TIME WITH
GOD, PUTS EVERYTHING
ELSE IN PERSPECTIVE

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
First Sunday of Lent, Yr C, ---C12
LITURGICAL THEME—SEASON OF LENT
Duet.26:4-10; Rom10:8-13;Lk4:1-13



FORTY DAYS OF LENT

"A time for reflection and transformation"

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
First Sunday of Lent, Yr C---C12
LITURGICAL THEME—SEASON OF LENT
Duet.26:4-10; Rom10:8-13;Lk4:1-13

SEASON 0F LENT

In the Gospel today Jesus goes into the desert for forty days to pray before he commences his public ministry. There Jesus was encountered by Satan numerous times but there he refuses to listen to the tempter. Jesus remains to the mission of the Father to redeem the world through his life, suffering and death on the cross.

We are now into the great season of Lent. It is important for us to realize that our life is a journey, a movement toward God and to prepare ourselves to receive him fully. During the season of Lent, the church invites us to examine our lives to repent our sins and to do penance. By means of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the faithful obtain strength they need to overcome the sinful tendencies. Lent is a time of sober reflection reassessment and rededication of our lives to God. We review our lives, seek forgiveness, do penance and recommit ourselves to Christ.

CONCENTRATE LENTAL LIFETYLE MORE SO BY:

PRAYER

Prayer is not always a pleading and asking from God. Prayer is a conversation with God. Prayer not only helps us to relate with God but gives immense peace and tranquility with our lives. Do focus your prayer as a high powered fertilizer for developing direct and intimate relationship with God.

FASTING

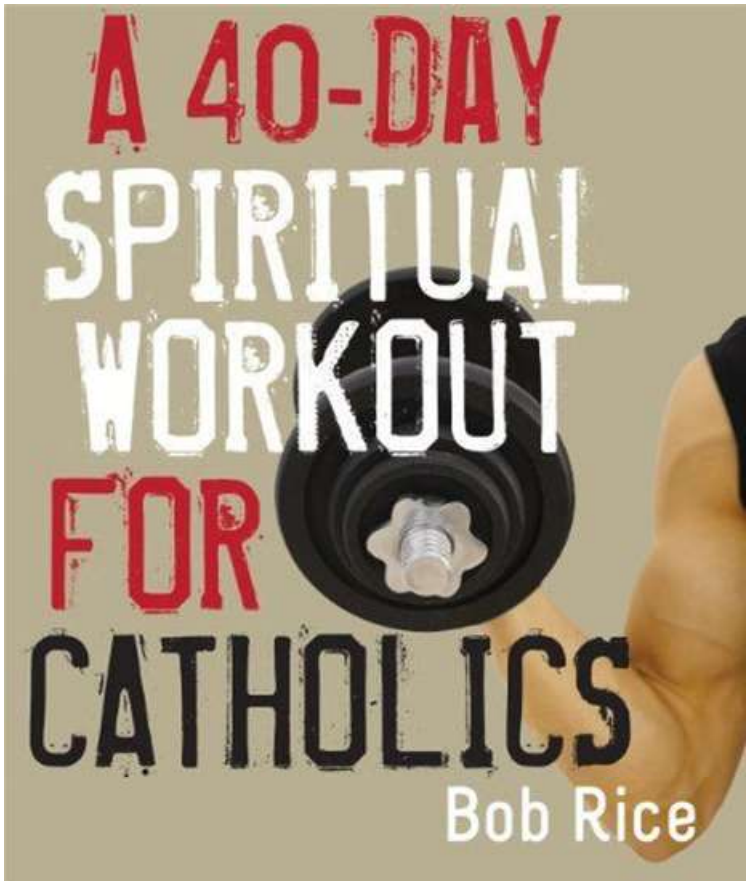
Fasting is a spiritual way to truly humble yourself in the sight of God and result in a more intimate relationship with Christ. Fasting can transform your prayer into a richer and more personal experience.

ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving is a necessary part of Christian life. Donate money and goods for the poor and perform other acts of charity.

"Lent is a time to put alleluias away and to fast, give and pray"

C12



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Second Sunday of Lent, Yr C, ---C13
GOSPEL THEME—TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST; OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN
Gen15:5-12, 17-18;Phil13:17-41; Lk9:28b-36



TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

Jesus seen in his glory in dazzling white

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Second Sunday of Lent, Yr C, ---C13
GOSPEL THEME—TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST; OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN
Gen15:5-12, 17-18;Phil13:17-41; Lk9:28b-36

TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST; OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN

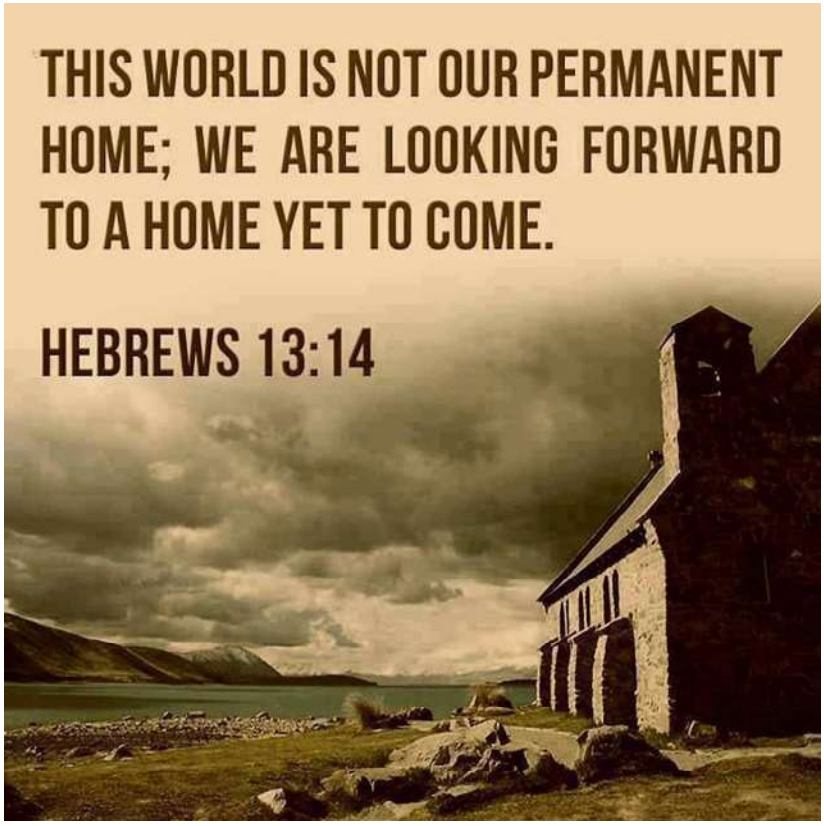
During today's gospel reading we hear that Jesus went up the mountain to pray with three Apostles, Peter, John and James. While on the mountain, the appearance of the face of Jesus changed and his clothing became dazzling white. Then Moses and Elijah appeared and started talking to Jesus.
Peter and the two disciples witnessed the Glory of Jesus. They witnessed, as far as it is humanly possible to see with human eyes, the brilliance that comes with the transforming glory, the glory that awaits those who believe and follow the ways of the Lord.

Knowing that our citizenship is heaven, our present goal in life should be to prepare ourselves for what awaits us. Our preparation should consist of embracing holy virtues that will benefit us for eternity. Should we not be shinning in love toward all men versus closing our eyes to the wars, the division that goes on in this world? Should we not be showing charity towards the poor versus accumulating an overabundance of wealth that will be left when we depart from this world? Should we not be sharing the good news with all those with whom we come in contact instead of being indifferent to our faith? There is much we can do, if we are willing, to accumulate credits that will be applied toward our heavenly reward.

As we enter the second week of Lent, in the tradition of the Catholic Church, we are called to continue to examine our hearts and to repent of any sins that may offend our Lord Jesus. The examination of conscience is to prepare us for the celebration of Easter Sunday, the glorious resurrection of Christ.

Be always ready for the spiritual reward of life hereafter

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THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR PERMANENT HOME; WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A HOME YET TO COME.
HEBREWS 13:14

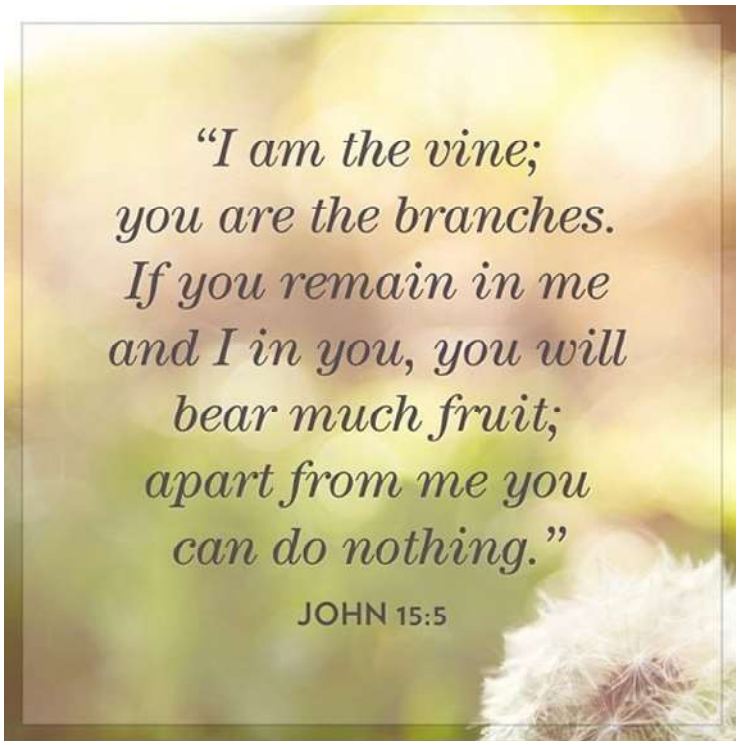
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Third Sunday of Lent, Yr C, ---C14

LITURGICAL THEME—TIME TO REPENT AND BEAR FRUIIT

Ex3:1-8a, 13-5; 1 cor1o:1-6, 10-12:Lk13:1-9



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TIME TO REPENT AND BEAR FRUIT

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
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Ex3:1-8a, 13-5; 1 cor1o:1-6, 10-12:Lk13:1-9

TIME TO REPENT AND BEAR FRUIT

As we enter the third week of Lent we continue our journey to repentance in preparation for the approach of the feast of Easter. Today's scripture contains a warning for us to make the best use of the time that we have on earth. What is the quality of our years? How do we make the best use of the time that God has given us? We are each a fig tree planted by the Lord to bear fruit. He Gardens us; He nurtures us; He Cares for us with word, Sacraments and the grace to see his presence in others. But we must produce. We are living in God's time, not our time. How well are we using this time that is the challenge of today's gospel reading. We must fight evil, do good, repent and bear fruit as the gospel says or we will suffer eternal death.

Repentance and forgiveness, as we know, is the purpose of Lent. The church is constantly calling its people to repent and confess their sins but it does so with increasing urgency at this time of year. We are all aware that we are sinners; we all know that we fall short and frequently fail to live up to the teaching of Christ. We recognise we are far from perfect and that we often flout God's laws. We know that we need God's forgiveness. In the great season of Lent these things are brought home to us in a special way. As we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter we become more conscious of our failings and our need for forgiveness. It is for this reason that this time of Lent we resolve to take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation [confession].

Let us be like that fig tree and respond to a bit of digging around our roots and the application of fertilizer resulting in repentance, forgiveness and willingness to do better. Let us flourish and bring forth abundant fruit and so to take our rightful place in the world as true children of God.

Bear fruit for God--Act boldly in the name of the lord

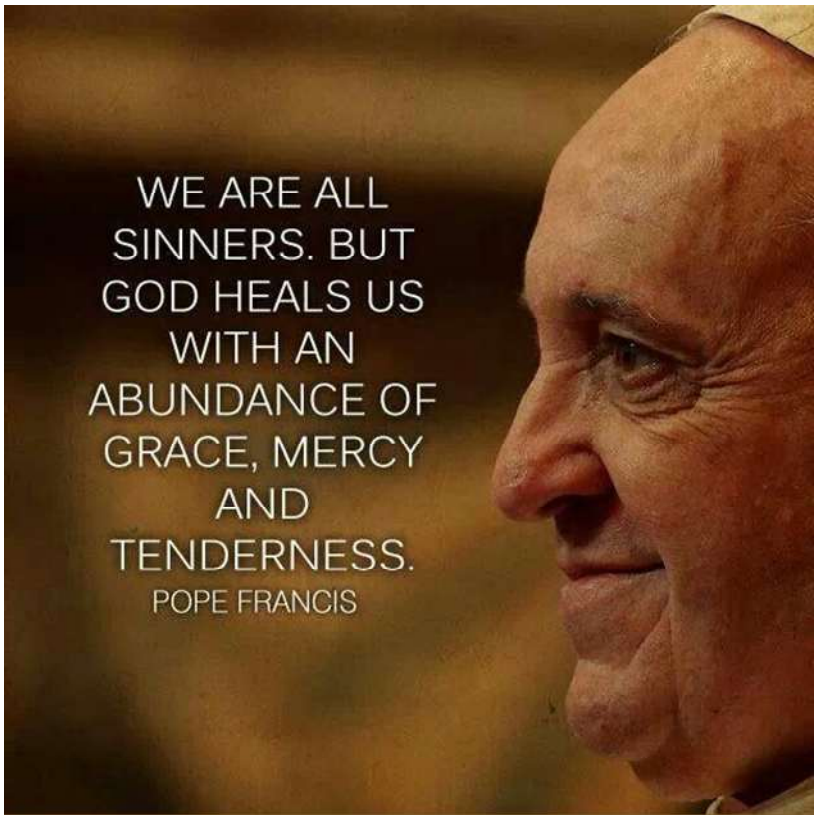
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THE
FRUIT
of the
SPIRIT
is
LOVE, JOY
PEACE, PATIENCE
kindness, GOODNESS, faithfulness
gentleness, and
SELF-CONTROL.


.... a Bad Tree Cannot Bear Good Fruit...
- Jesus

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Yr C, ---C15
LITURGICAL THEME—PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON
Josh5:10-12,2; Cor5:17-21; Lk15:3, 11-32



JESUS LOVES, CARES AND FORGIVES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Yr C, ---C15
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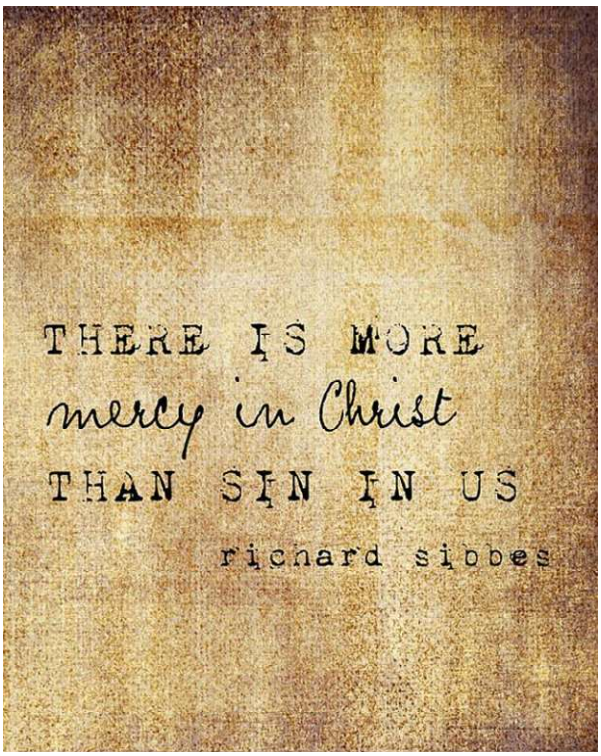
PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Today as we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent we are called upon to renew ourselves and experience the loving invitation of our Lord to be renewed in him. There is a great search for happiness and fulfilment in life here and now. This search for happiness and fulfilment is symbolized by the image of the young son in our gospel parable today who went away with all his inherited wealth in search of happiness. He tried to find happiness by satisfying every desire of his, no matter whether moral or immoral. But he did not know that true happiness is not within one's own self. He changes heart and returns to his father who receives him with joy.

Perhaps in the present day situation when we look for change and a new life, we visualize ourselves to be like the prodigal son living immorally and need for returning to the Father. There, in such a situation, we have someone waiting for us with open arms to welcome us and receive us. No matter how far sinners move away from the Lord's house the loving heart of the Lord always follows them whispering gently in their ears *"come home, I want you. I am waiting for you."*

"Thank you Jesus for your love, care and forgiveness"

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

Sunday Spiritual Thought, Yr C,---C16.

LITURGICAL THEME—YOU ARE FORGIVEN—SIN NO MORE

Isaiah43:16-21; Phil3:8-14; Jn8:1-11



JESUS IS MERCIFUL AND FORGIVING

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Yr C, ---C16
LITURGICAL THEME—YOU ARE FORGIVEN—SIN NO MORE
Isaiah43:16-21; Phil3:8-14; Jn8:1-11

YOU ARE FORGIVEN---SIN NO MORE

Today's gospel shows God's mercy in action. The Pharisees and scribes bring to Jesus a woman who has betrayed her husband and family by committing adultery. Placing her before Jesus they demand strong action and according to Law of Moses such women are stoned to death. Jesus responds

"Let the one without sin throw the first stone"

And to the adulterous woman

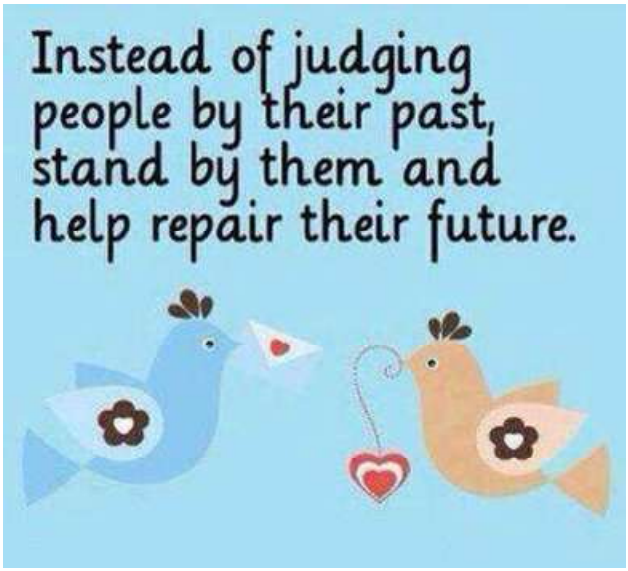
"From now on do not sin again" Jn8;1

The gospel of today places before us an episode that emphasises the need to examine ourselves and avoid passing any judgement on others. Next time you find yourself pointing a finger of accusation at someone look at your hand and do notice the other three fingers are pointing accusingly at yourself. What the master teaches us in this famous gospel is we need mercy and forgiveness in our lives. It teaches that rehabilitation rather than capital punishment be the most significant plank in our criminal justice system. Jesus teaches us that life is precious. In our present time prolife movement needs to be active. We must struggle for life womb to tomb.
Jesus comes to bring mercy and forgiveness and he wants us to be ambassadors of mercy as well as forgiveness. Mercy means to have a heart for the person who suffers.

Imitate Jesus' love by putting mercy and forgiveness in action

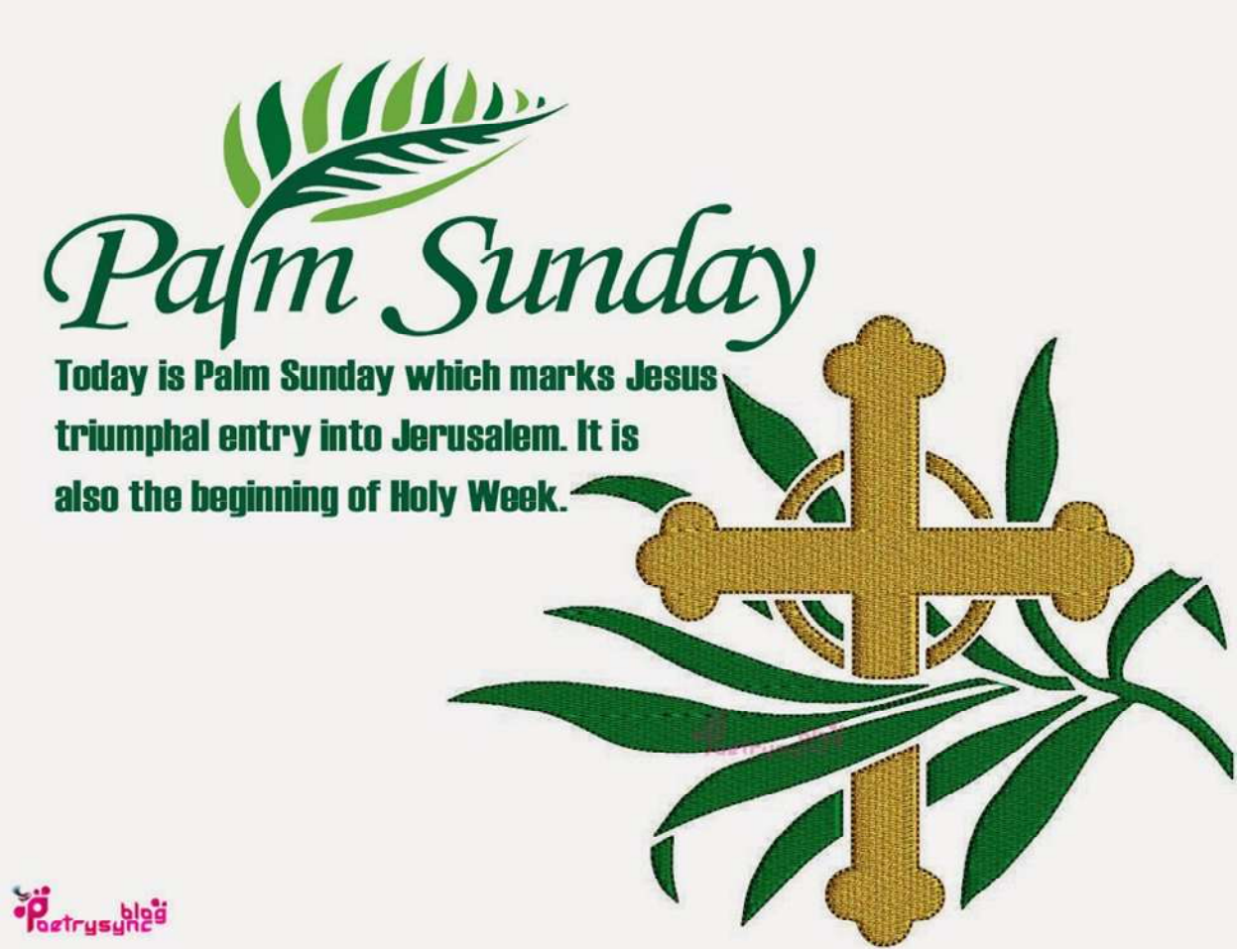
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Counting other peoples sins
does not make you a saint.


Instead of judging
people by their past,
stand by them and
help repair their future.

PASSION{PALM} SUNDAY; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Passion Sunday, Yr C, ---C17
LITURGICAL THEME—PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORDS PASSION
Isaih50:4-7; Phil2:6-11; Lk22:14-23,56



Christians remember the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery: His death and resurrection

PASSION[{PALM} SUNDAY; YEAR C

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Isaih50:4-7; Phil2:6-11; Lk22:14-23,56

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

This Sunday the church is celebrating Palm Sunday which is known as Passion Sunday to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross. Palm Sunday reminds the faithful of the glorious and triumphal entry to Jesus to Jerusalem. As Jesus entered into Jerusalem the crowds greeted him with shouts of joy and proclaimed him as messianic king. Palm Sunday readings present us Jesus with glorious triumph of a king and this combined with his humility and suffering.

In the present day celebration worshippers enact entry of Jesus into Jerusalem waving blessed palm branches and singing songs of celebration. The gospel of today gives us the passion narratives of Jesus namely and the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus. The faithful should hold the palms in their hands during the procession and during the reading of the passion at mass and keep them in their homes as an outward expression of their faith.

While Jesus was proclaimed as king of the people during the entry into Jerusalem, on the following Friday people were shouting "crucify, crucify Him. Why that sudden change of heart? It was because people were expecting a messiah for the worldly kingdom on earth. Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. Kingship consists of love that is willing to sacrifice for others. Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion is about the following contrast; Kingship of splendour and fame versus a kingship of service for others. Jesus who is Lamb of God, who is without sin, died for the sins of the world.

"Jesus on the cross cried out again in a loud voice and gave up his spirit"
[Gospel]

Jesus out of love for us humbly emptied himself taking the form of a servant

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Holy Week
&
the Triduum
Palm Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Holy Thursday
Good Friday
Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday
Read more....

EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Easter, Year C, ---C18
THEME—RESURRECTION FO THE LORD
Acts10:34,37-43; Ps118;Col3:1-4;Jn20:1-9



CHRIST IS RISEN

EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Easter, Year C, ---C18
THEME—RESURRECTION FO THE LORD
Acts10:34,37-43; Ps118;Col3:1-4;Jn20:1-9

CHRIST IS RISEN

Today we celebrate the most significant event in the history of the world; the resurrection of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. This unique occurrence has personal significance in everyone because it means that each one of us is now enabled to rise to new life.
We understand that it is the resurrection of Jesus that is the hallmark of every true Christian. Without this belief one can't even begin to call themselves Christian. So this Easter day we have a lot to rejoice in. We rejoice that Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. We rejoice that Jesus rose from the dead for us on the first Easter day. We rejoice that one day we too will follow him into the life of heaven

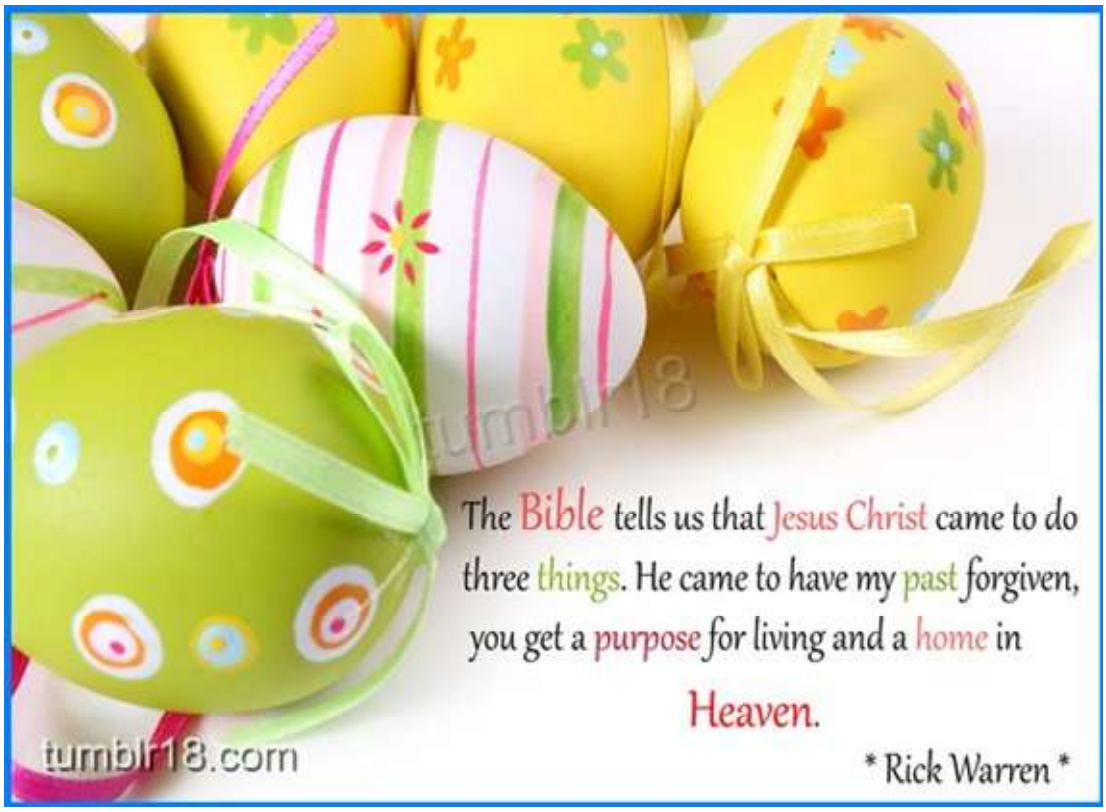
The high point in God's plan for us was the resurrection. Easter is the greatest celebration of the church. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is life beyond the grave. Jesus' resurrection reminds us that there is more to us that meets the eye, that we have an immortal soul. Although our body will return to dust, our soul will live forever with God.

What is the purpose of life? What is our goal in life? Where is your heart in your life? Life has only one ultimate goal, to prepare for the next life, and if you are not preparing for your own resurrection you are like a train that has been derailed.

"This is the day the Lord has made: Let us rejoice and be glad"

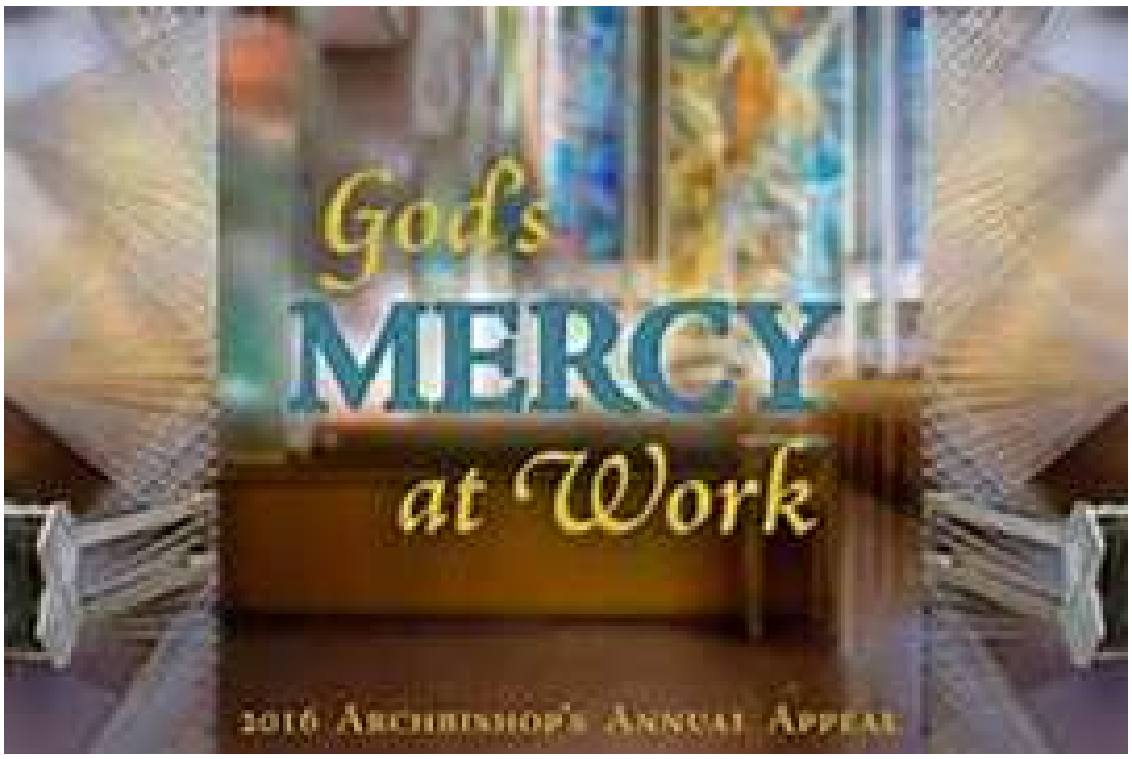
EASTER IS THE GREAT CELEBRATION OF VICTORY OF LIFE OVER DEATH

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The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to do three things. He came to have my past forgiven, you get a purpose for living and a home in Heaven.
* Rick Warren *
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Second Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C19
LITURGICAL THEME---DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Acts5:12-16; rev1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn20:19-31



JESUS IS ALL MERCY , COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY RELECTION
Second Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C19
LITURGICAL THEME---DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Acts5:12-16; rev1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn20:19-31

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday; the second Sunday of Easter season. It was named by Pope John ll. Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. The feast focuses the light of the risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world.

In the 1930's our Lord Jesus requested through St. Faustina in one of her apparitions that a feast of Divine Mercy be established and solemnity celebrated in his church the first Sunday after Easter every year.

Our dearly beloved Pope Saint John Paul ll wrote his last and final statement from his death bed that he prepared to be read on (Divine Mercy Sunday), which come to be read the day after his passing. In it he expressed to the world the great importance and urgency to understand and accept our lord's incredible gift of Divine Mercy. He said to the world:

" As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness and fear, the Risen Lord offers his love that ponders, reconciles and reopens hearts to love. It is love that converts hearts to peace"

How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Third Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C20
LITURGICAL THEME—LOYALTY TO THE LORD JESUS
Acts5;27b-32,40b-41;Rev5:11-14;Jn21:1-19



BE AN AMBASSADOR OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

f Easter, Yr c, ---C20
LITURGICAL THEME—Loyalty to the Lord Jesus
ActsS:27b-32,40b-41;rev5:11-14;Jn21:1-19

LOYALTY TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Today's three readings have a common denominator: they all speak of loyalty to the Lord Jesus. Christ's resurrection from the dead immediately caused controversy brought on by those who sought to to suppress the event. This was done by the Pharisees and Sanhedrins.That controversy continues even in ourown time some 2000 years later. There are those in our times who for their own various reasons want to discredit the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The leaders of ISIS torture and put to death Christians who, like the apostles are witnesses to the resurrected Christ. In our own country these days we know of those who strive to keep Christian message out of public sight and hidden away as mere private opinion.

The words "we are witnesses of all" apply to you and me just as much as they applied to the disciples of Jesus. We too are disciples. What Jesus said and did with them he says and does with us. All Christ's disciples stand together in the same place as Christians who witness the risen Christ. We need to go about our daily lives without entering into arguments or debates with others over religious beliefs. Debates are useless; few of them are really won. Christian witnessing is more than just winning debates. The most effective way of witnessing is found in the way we quietly live our lives. It is found in the values we hold and live by. Just think of those people have most influenced you.

You probably don't remember too much what they said but you certainly remember their characters and who they are as persons. That's what effective witnessing is all about. The way you treat others and how you speak about them is witnessing. The way you relate to others is witnessing. What you say about cultural values is witnessing -

May we be loyal to our risen Lord, pursue the values as taught by Him and thus shine in the world as witnesses of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

0 come Emmanuel, give us strength for loyalty and courage to radiate your presence to the waiting world.

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"When we put
God first,
all other things
fall into their
proper place."

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C21
LITURGICAL THEME---GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
Acts13:14-14,43-52; Rev7:9,14b-17; Jn10:27-30



JESUS IS ALWAYS OUR SUPPORT IN OUR

JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C21
LITURGICAL THEME---GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
Acts13:14-14,43-52; Rev7:9,14b-17; Jn10:27-30

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

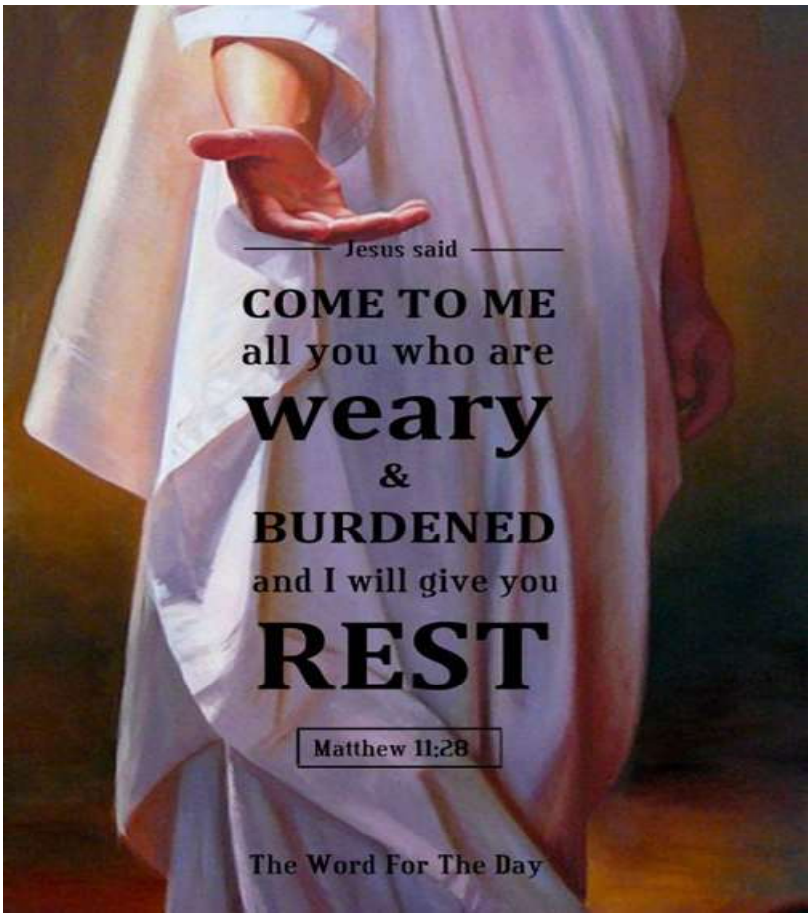
Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Today's gospel passage emphasises the sacrifice of Jesus of his own self indicating that he is a good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The scriptures tell us of the extraordinary love God has for us as in Jesus in the form of a good shepherd.
The image of the good shepherd was perhaps the favourite early Christian image of our savior and has a long tradition in the history of God's people. We have the popular pictures of Jesus the good shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders, or we have a smiling Jesus sitting under a tree, with a lamb on his lap. The image of a shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion.
A shepherd in general did not walk behind the flock beating them with a stick to keep them moving. He walked in front of them, seeking out a safe path to food and water and shelter and the sheep gently followed him, because they recognized his voice, and they trust him. Jesus tells us that this is the kind of good shepherd he is.He leads and we follow.
As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray to the Lord that we may be his good sheep, listening attentively to his voice and follow his example of self-giving love.

We walk in the valley of darkness, but we fear no evil, for we follow in faith the call of the shepherd who was "sent for our hope and strength"

The Lord id my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

Psalm 23

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Jesus said
COME TO ME
all you who are
weary
&
BURDENED
and I will give you
REST
Matthew 11:28
The Word For The Day

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C22
LITURGICAL THEME—SERVE WITH LOVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM
Acts14:21b-17; Rev21:1-5a; Jn13:21, 31-39a,34-35



SERVE WITH LOVE GOD'S KINGDOM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C22
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Acts14:21b-17; Rev21:1-5a; Jn13:21, 31-39a,34-35

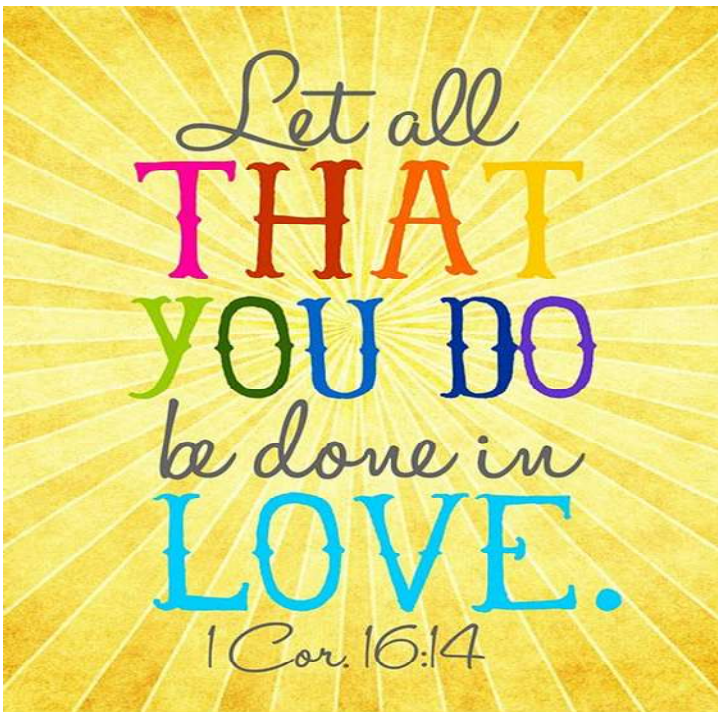
SERVE WITH LOVE IN GOD'S KINGDOM

"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another"
Jn 13:34

The theme that dominates the readings of today is love and service of others and finding meaning in that service. Our true living comes by opening ourselves to God and to the world by becoming persons open to his will. The DIVINE COMMAND is to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. The word love implies a reaching out to others in a caring attitude for their well-being, irrespective of whether there will be a similar response by the other. Love is the basis of Christian discipleship and the motivation of Christian action. The more one puts out, the more one will receive in turn. One needs to break out of the confining envelope of our selfishness----If we stop hoarding our time money and energy, the bigger will the payoff be for our own Christian selves.

Christianity is not just Christ in you
but
Christ living his life through you

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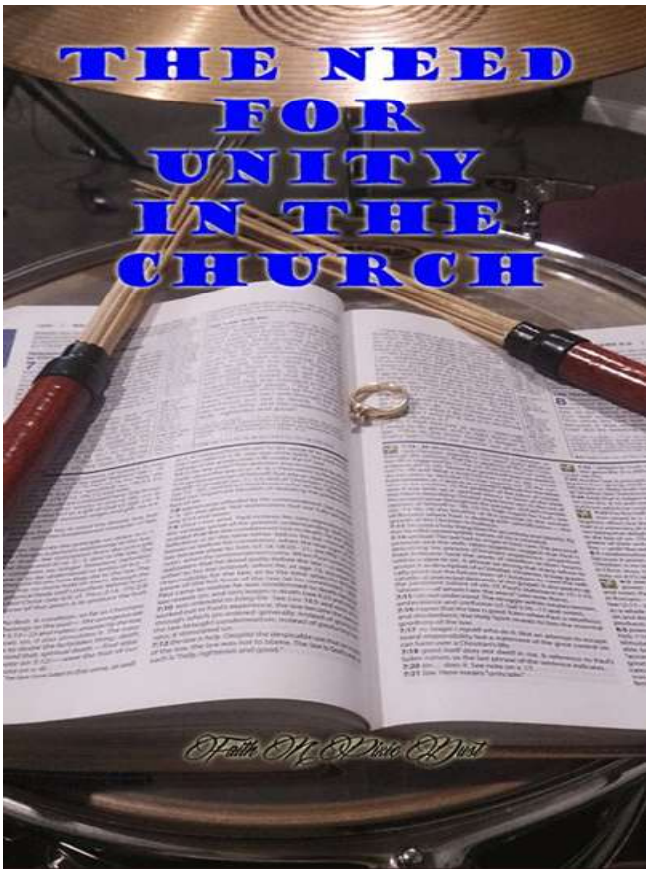


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT Sixth Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C23

LITURGICAL THEME—WALK THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT IN UNITY

Acts15:22-29; Rev21:10-14,22-23; Jn14:23-29



LET US WALK THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT IN UNITY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Yr C, ---C23
LITURGICAL THEME—WALK THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT IN UNITY
Acts15:22-29; Rev21:10-14,22-23; Jn14:23-29

WALK THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT IN UNITY

Today's celebration we are called to do all things in the spirit of Christ. To walk in Christian spirit involves the embracing of certain characteristics. The first and the most important is the TRIBUTE OF UNITY, [ALL MEMBERS BEING OF ONE SPIRITUAL MIND]. Through unity, there is harmony. Through harmony, there is strength. Through strength, there is perseverance of the living faith.

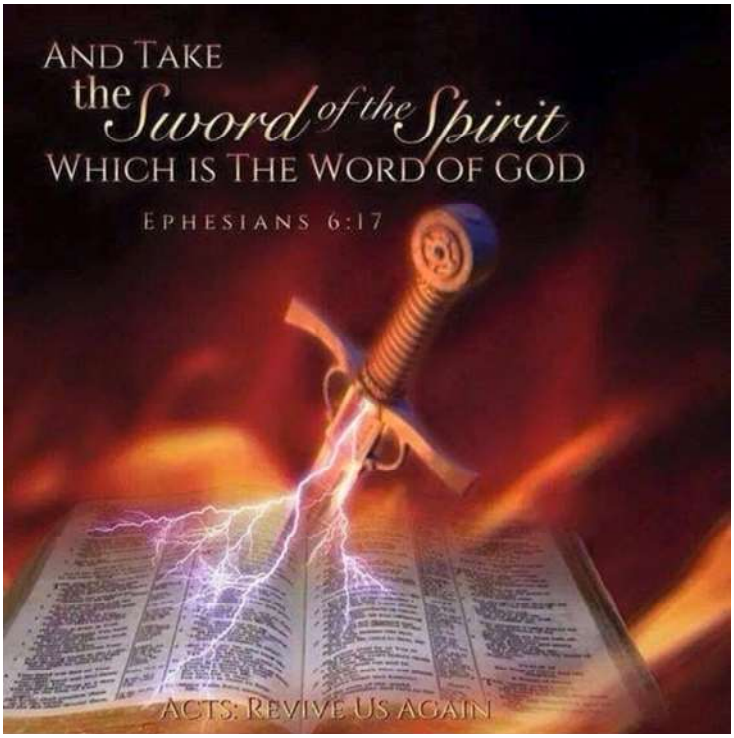
An exemplary model of disunity is for those who cling on to mixed feelings regarding abortion, birth control, cloning, euthanasia, capital punishment, etc. Regarding all these controversial issues by accepting the final decision of the Holy Catholic Church, one finds peace of mind. The peace of Christ comes to us when we obediently submit ourselves to God's divine will through the authority of the church. Then, we are blessed with divine peace; we are no longer are troubled or have mixed feelings that we once had; they fade away.

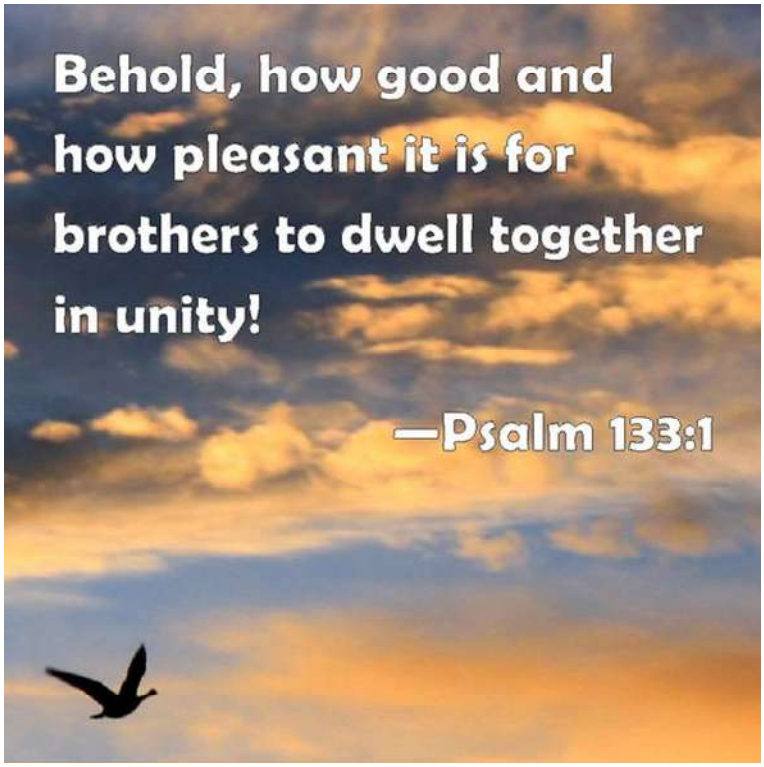
"When we walk in the s3pirit of Christ, we shine in the fruit of the spirit. These are love, joy, peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"

Gal5:22-3

As a true Christian, without the spirit of Christ, we would be spiritually dead

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AND TAKE
the Sword of the Spirit
WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD
EPHESIANS 6:17
ACTS: REVIVE US AGAIN


Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!
—Psalm 133:1

ASCENSION OF THE LORD; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Yr C, --C24

Acts1:1-11; Ephes1:17-23;
Lk21:46-33



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ASCENSION OF THE LORD; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Yr C, ---C24

Acts1:1-11; Ephes1:17-23;

Lk21:46-33

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENCION ON THE LORD

The feast of the Ascension is one of the great feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar and commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus to heaven. Ascension day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter. However, some Roman Catholic provinces have moved the observance to the following Sunday. It is one of the universally celebrated feasts ranking with feast of Passion (Good Friday), Easter and Pentecost.

For forty days after the resurrection [Easter], Jesus had been appearing to many of his followers and spoke to them about the kingdom of God. The message of Ascension is important. The message for the disciples was that they will be empowered with the Holy Spirit so they can be witnesses of the lord to the ends of the earth. The number of disciples is not limited to the eleven who remain to Christ. All who believe in Him are called to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the world. That includes us; we need to get into action and spread the good news of our faith and the reward of our redemption into heaven.

In the Gospel Luke describes the Ascension as follows

"And he led them out until they were over against Bethany; and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up to heaven."

Lk 24: 50-52

The Ascension of Jesus is professed at every mass in the Nicene Creed

"He[Jesus] ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and dead; whose kingdom shall have no end."

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The task of evangelizing is not only the leaders of the church. Preach the good news by word and example.

PENTECOST SUNDAY; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Yr C, ---C25

Acts2:1-11; Rom8:8-11;Jn14,15-16,23b-26



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love

PENTECOST SUNDAY; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Yr C, ---C25

Acts2:1-11; Rom8:8-11;Jn14,15-16,23b-26

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Pentecost means fifty ---the fiftieth day after resurrection of Jesus [Easter] and is the church's birthday.

"And when the days of Pentecost were drawing to a close, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues, even as the Holy Spirit prompted them to speak"

Acts2;1-4

At Pentecost, in an occurrence in the upper room in Jerusalem, the apostles were renewed from within being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. That would give them courage to go out and boldly proclaim that "Christ has died and is risen." This is how the church was born and from the day of Pentecost she has not ceased to spread the good news "to the ends of the earth."

Many Christians, especially those who have been influenced by the individualistic culture, live as if the church is useful but unnecessary. They seem to believe that as long as they have personal relationship with God, everything else is secondary. But Pentecost is a vivid illustration of the truth that is found throughout scripture: the community of God's people is central to God's work in this world. Thus Pentecost invites us to consider our participation in the fellowship, worship and mission of the church. It is time to renew our commitment to live an essential member of the body of Christ, using our gifts to build the church and share the love and justice of Christ with the world.

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The Holy Spirit
changes your heart
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2 Corinthians 3:3

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPRITUAL THOUGHT---C26

LITURGICAL THEME----FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Proverb8:22-37; Rom5:1-5; Jn16:12-15



FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY; YEAR C

LITURGICAL THEME----FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY---C26
Proverb8:22-37; Rom5:1-5; Jn16:12-15

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Today we contemplate the greatest mystery of all, the Blessed Trinity, the source of all that was, is and is to come. Today we celebrate the revelation that there is three persons in one God---Father, Son and Spirit. This was revealed by God himself in the person of Jesus. Jesus taught us that he came from the Father. He taught that the Father is the creator and sustainer of all things and he taught that He loves us. When he returned to the Father[Ascension} Jesus bequested to us the Holy Spirit who would guide and protect the church keeping it free from errors in matters of faith.

The Blessed Trinity is the highest model of our Christian life. Three distinct persons, yet one God; each person living in harmony and perfect unity with the others. The three persons of the Trinity have their own roles and function but there is no disunity only perfect harmony.

The doctrine of Trinity was not formulated within the church until the fourth century at the counsel of Nicea, a gathering of bishops of the church in 325 A.D. The Trinitarian doctrine states that there is one God in three persons [Father, Son, Holy Spirit]. The three persons are distinct yet are one in substance, essence or nature. All co-equal, co-eternal.

We cannot fully understand how the three persons, though really distinct from one another are one and same God because this is a Supernatural mystery. Divine mysteries by their very nature are far above the power of human understanding and even when revealed and accepted in faith, they remain obscure during our life on earth. In heaven there will be a fuller understanding of these mysteries.

For Catholics today, the Holy Trinity remains a focus of our private daily prayer and our public worship at Mass. When we make the sign of the cross, we pray “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” When we baptize, we do so with the same Trinitarian formula. Throughout Mass we recite our belief in the Trinity. We pray in the Gloria. We profess it in the Creed.

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Father
ETERNAL LOVE
He created us to know His love
Son
ETERNAL MERCY
He died for us to reveal the Father's love
Holy Spirit
ETERNAL POWER
He descends upon us to give us new life

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT---C27

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST,

Gen14:18-20; Cor11:23-26; Lk9;11b-17



HOLY EUCHARIST

This is my body

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION----C27

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST,

Gen14:18-20; Cor11:23-26; Lk9;11b-17

CORPUS CHRISTY—SOEMNITY OF THE BODY A BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today we are celebrating the feast of the body and blood of Christ. This special feast is celebrated as a community in remembrance of Jesus who gave his life for our salvation and commanded us to celebrate the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist in his memory. In 1264 pope Urban V commenced its observance by the universal Catholic Church. The solemnity of the body and blood of the Lord was established to promote respect and reverence for the Eucharist.

During the Last Supper in his ministry on earth Jesus said

"I am the living bread that come from heaven. Whoever eats the bread will live forever; and the bread that I give is my flesh for the life of the world"

Jn6:51

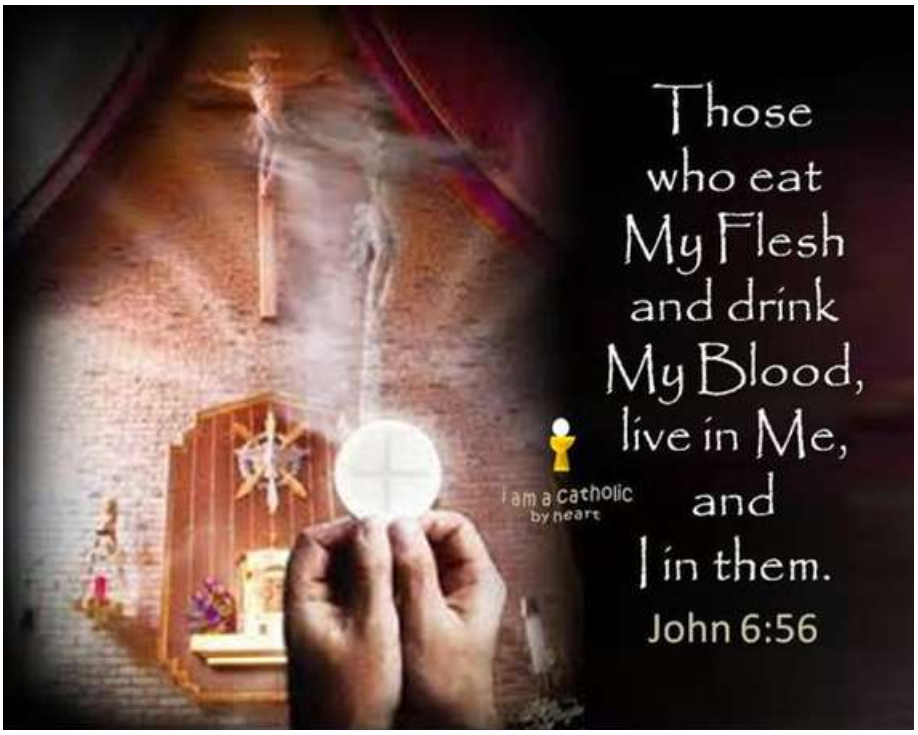
Jesus told that he would be physically present in the sacrament of the Eucharist and will be with us till the end of time. Jesus is present to us at the Eucharist and is shared by the church community. As we break the bread at the Eucharistic table we ask the grace to be worthy of the Lord's mystery and be his instruments to bring his unity and charity to the world.

The community dimension of celebrating of the Eucharist is often missing. We tend to see "going to Mass" very much in individualistic terms. Eucharist is a communal celebration where we share in the one bread. A priest only presides and leads the community in the offering of the sacrifice.

Our faith tells us that Christ is made present by TRANSUBSTANTIATION namely the entire substance of bread and wine are changed into body and blood of Christ----the mode of Christs presence is spirit-like; somewhat as the soul is to the body. Catholics do believe in the divine presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In receiving the Eucharist [Body and Blood of Christ] one must be in the state of grace [no mortal sin]

EUCHARIST---THE SACRAMENT TO BE ADORED

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Those
who eat
My Flesh
and drink
My Blood,
live in Me,
and
I in them.
John 6:56
I am a catholic
by heart

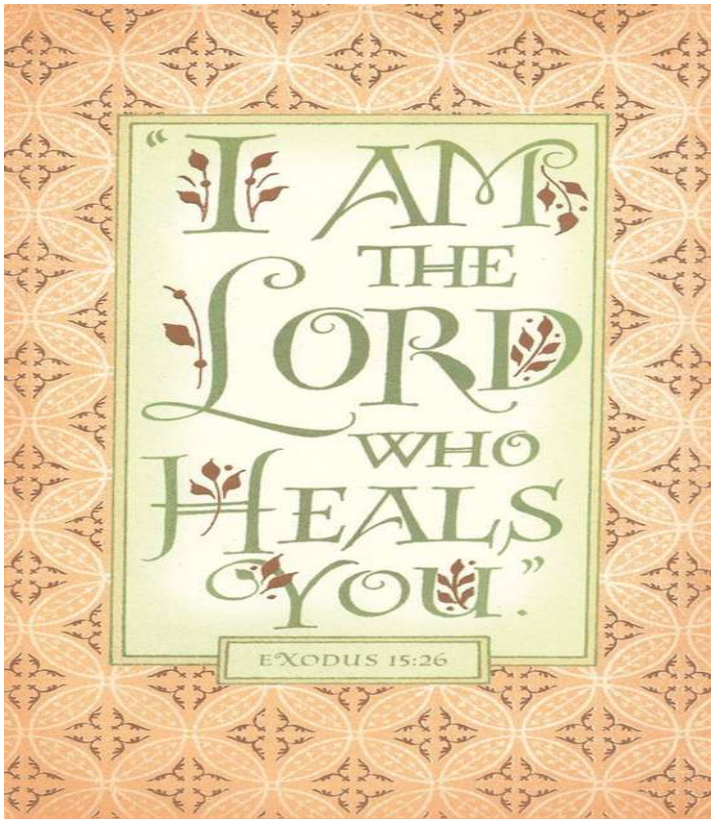
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Tenth Sunday in ordinary time, ---C28

GOSPEL THEME—THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD

1Kgs17;17-21A,22-26; Gal1:11-19; Lk7:11-17



THE LORD IS MERCIFUL

&

COMPASSIONATE

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Tenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C28
GOSPEL THEME—THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD
1Kgs17;17-21A,22-26; Gal1:11-19; Lk7:11-17

THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD

Jesus in his public life performed many miracles including countless healings. This Sunday's readings all speak of raising someone from the dead. In the gospel reading where he entered the town of Nain, Jesus raised the son of a widow from the dead. The passage in the gospel reveals a God who is merciful and all powerful and full of compassion.

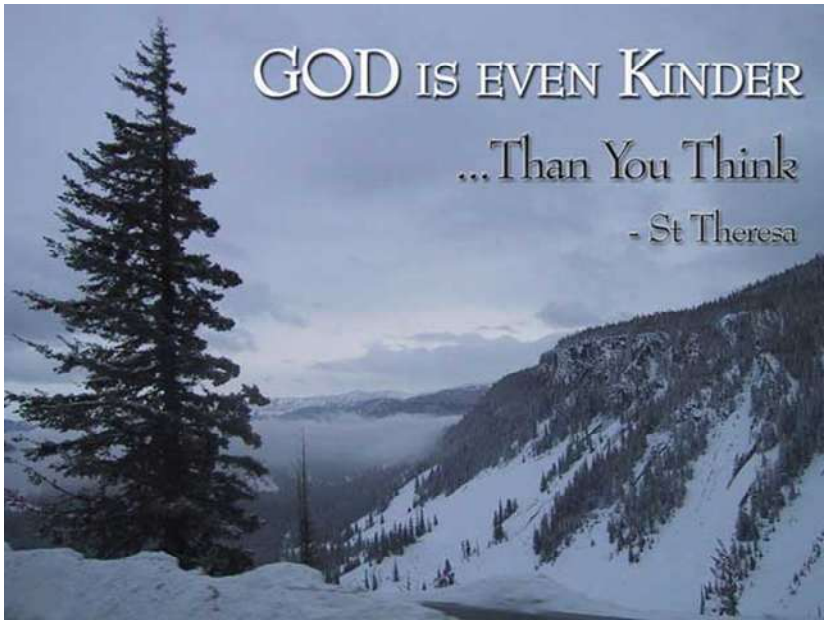
Compassion is having sympathy, empathy, fellow feeling care, sensitivity, mercy, tolerance, kindness and charity to a person or situation with a strong desire to alleviate the situation or suffering. The opposite would be indifference and in cases cruelty.

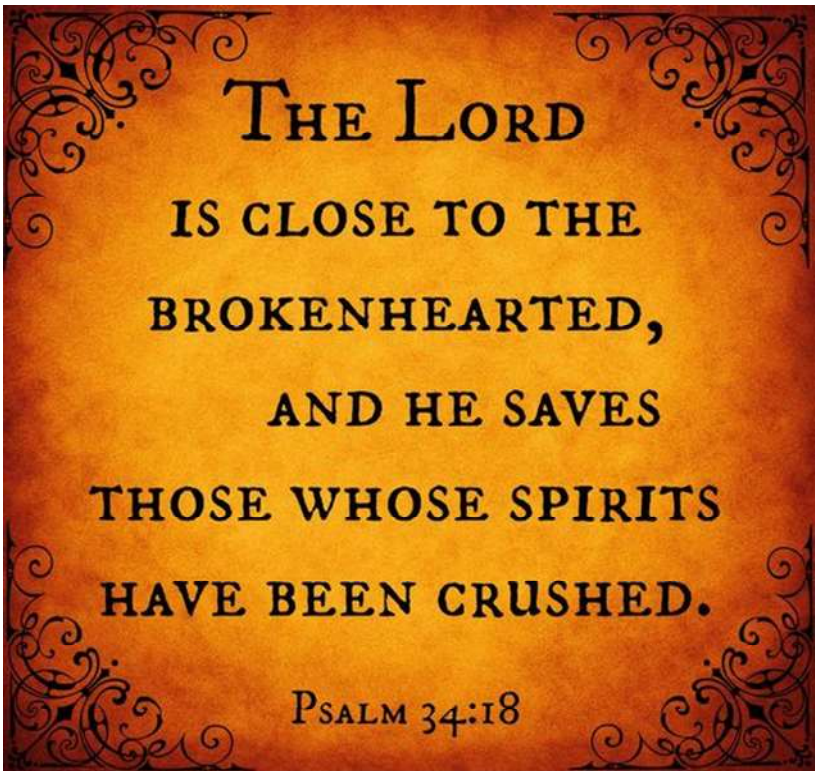
How has God shown compassion for you? God cares for each of us with the presence of the risen Lord. He has all the qualities fore mentioned to the fullest. His charge to us, his challenge for us, is to carry that tenderness and compassion to others, so we can partake in the rising of others to life.

Following the example of Jesus' compassion for the truly defenseless, we should be acting to fulfill God's desire for mercy and social justice. We must go to battle for those needing justice, mercy and compassion. This is why we should not hesitate to pray to God and ask him for healing either of ourselves or for others.

BE COMPASSIONATE—----FEEL THE NEED OF OTHERS

C28


GOD IS EVEN KINDER
...Than You Think
- St Theresa


THE LORD
IS CLOSE TO THE
BROKENHEARTED,
AND HE SAVES
THOSE WHOSE SPIRITS
HAVE BEEN CRUSHED.
PSALM 34:18

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Eleventh Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C,--- C29

THEME—SALVATION BELON GS TO THE SOUL THAT REPENTS AND IS FORGIVEN

2 Sameul12:7-10,13; Gal2:16,19-21;; Lk,7:36-8:3



GOD FORGIVES

SALVATION BELONGS TO A SOUL THAT REPENTS AND IS FORGIVEN

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Eleventh Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, --C29
THEME—SALVATION BELON GS TO THE SOUL THAT REPENTS AND IS FORGIVEN
2 Sameul12:7-10,13; Gal2:16,19-21;; Lk,7:36-8:3

SALVATION BELONGS TO A SOUL THAT REPENTS AND IS FORGIVEN

In the gospel reading is a striking story of a woman, a known sinner, who comes in search of Jesus to wash his feet and anoint them with precious oil. She had come to Jesus understanding her own need for forgiveness and to seek spiritual healing. Jesus shows his true concern and offers his tender words of mercy and pardon.

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the church. The sacrament of penance [confession] is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. Our faith tells us that no matter how many sins or how serious, if we come to Jesus in true sorrow and repentance, we will receive forgiveness. The peace of mind and soul which the sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. It is a peace that flows from a certainty, rather than from uncertain hope, that our sins have been forgiven and we are right with God.

"He who covers his sins will not prosper but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy"

Proverb 28:13

C29


"ASK GOD
FOR FORGIVENESS,
AND LEAVE YOUR
REGRETS IN THE
PAST"
RIHANNA
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forgiveness
is
FREEDOM

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

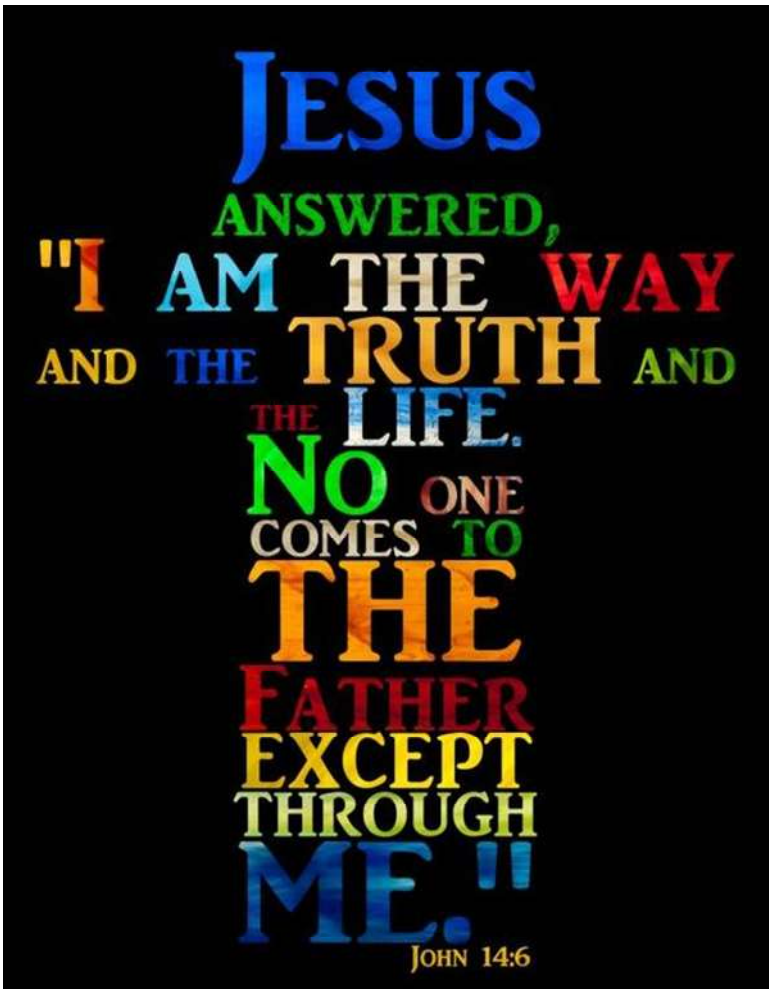
SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twelfth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C30

LITURGICAL THEME—TAKE UP THE CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW ME

Zach12:10-11; Gall3:20-19; Lk9:18-24

WHO IS JESUS ?



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Twelfth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C30
LITURGICAL THEME—TAKE UP THE CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW ME
Zach12:10-11; Gall3:20-19; Lk9:18-24

TAKE UP THE CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW JESUS

The virtue and necessity of faith is the dominating theme of today's readings. Faith is our personal response to God who continues to reveal himself to us and invites us to recognize his holiness and beauty.

In the gospel today Jesus asks the disciples who they think he really is. Peter blurts out his declaration that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus then tells the disciples that if they want to be a follower they have to take up their cross daily.

The message of the gospel on the demand of Christ that we ought to take up the cross each day is a challenge for us all. It means that we ought to place sacrifice in the very center of our lives and that we should be living not for ourselves but for others. The challenge laid before each one of us is to accept Christ's teaching and do our very best to live up to the demands he places upon us.

Authentic faith is expressed in actions which make it tangible and visible for others----especially those who are poor and suffering. Beliefs only become faith when they are put into action. This why the bible continuously stresses the inseparability of loving God and loving our neighbor. We need to be proactive in our faith and follow God's challenge of being loving children of God and attend to the needs of the less fortunate.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS NEVER RETIRE
THEY NEVER RITIRE FROM SERVING GOD

C30


Jesus
my Savior - my King


JESUS
It's not a Religion
It's a Relationship
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C31
LITURGICAL THEME-FOLLOW JESUS
1Kings19:16b,19-21; Gal15;1,13-18; Lk9:51-62



FOLLOW JESUS

HIS WAY

HIS TEACHING

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C31
LITURGICAL THEME-----FOLLOW ME
1Kings19:16b,19-21; Gal15;1,13-18; Lk9:51-62

Every human person in today's world seeks to find meaning to his or her life. People particularly young ones are often discouraged when they are unable to perceive the why of life and aim to reach for it in wrong and absurd ways.
Our search for meaning in our life connects us with our search for God. Every human person has a purpose to fulfill in life. All have a specific task and are individually called by God for a task or a mission. The call that God gives us is personal. We will not comprehend the mission unless we are totally attentive to the calling. There is constant search for God in the heart of every person. There is need for quietness and withdrawal to recognize the presence of God in our life. Today's liturgy challenges us to examine our attachments that may be holding us back from joyful and liberated following of Jesus.
Renounce attachments to desires of worldly flesh, fame and wealth.

--------Questions to ask ourselves------
Are we spiritually growing in our callings?
Are we loyal to our master, our loving Jesus?
Are we being true disciples?

FOLLOW JESUS' CALLING

"If anyone wishes to come to me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me"
Lk9:23-25

C31


SEEK GOD'S WILL
IN ALL YOU DO,
AND HE WILL SHOW
YOU THE PATH TO TAKE.
PROVERBS 3:6

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr c, ---C32

Liturgical theme---Bring God's reign into our world

Isaiah66:10-14; Gal6:14-18; lk10:1-12,17-20



EVANGELIZE

Bring God's reign into the world

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr c, ---C32
Liturgical theme---Bring God's reign into our world
Isaiah66:10-14; Gal6:14-18; lk10:1-12,17-20

BRING GOD'S REIGN INTO THE WORLD.

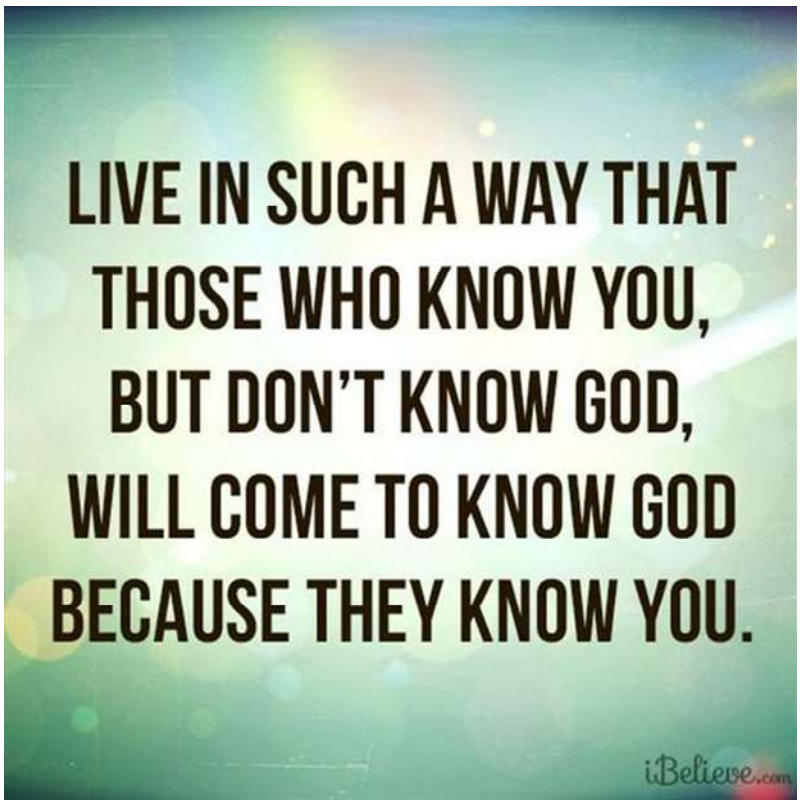
In the gospel today Luke indicates that every single person has the responsibility to be a disciple. It is not the task of a privileged group or clerical caste. No, the responsibility for evangelization belongs to us all. This does not mean that we should be preaching the gospel in the same way a priest does on a Sunday. There are all kinds of different ways we can communicate the essentials of faith to those around us. Sometimes it's just upholding the simplest traditions of our religion like saying grace before meals or remembering our night prayers. We are able to carry out this mission of evangelization in our ordinary conversation by upholding what is right and true. We can do it by avoiding negative and destructive chatter. We can find ways to build up rather than pull down. The point is not to become a holy Joe but rather someone who is authentic and genuine in all one thinks and does by following the teachings of Christ. It is by living a truly worthy life, by loving the Lord God and by caring for our neighbor--- doing these things we become authentic human beings and faithful citizens of the kingdom of God. It is a lifestyle by example and true faith in our lord Jesus that is powerful in evangelization.

We are called by our baptism to become missionaries of the world

EVANGELIZE!!!

Make God's presence a reality in the world.

C32


LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT
THOSE WHO KNOW YOU,
BUT DON'T KNOW GOD,
WILL COME TO KNOW GOD
BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU.
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C33

THEME—LOVE AND COMPASSION TO OUR FELLOWMAN

Duet30:10-14; Col1:15-20; Lk10:25-37



LOVE GOD-----LOVE NEIGHBOR

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C33
THEME—LOVE AND COMPASSION TO OUR FELLOWMAN
Duet30:10-14; Col1:15-20; Lk10:25-37

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Love God with all your mind, heart and soul and love your neighbor as yourself.

In today's gospel is a parable of the good Samaritan and the story is of compassion shown by a strange individual giving help to a person in need in a crisis situation.
Jesus commanded us to observe his commandments and decrees with all our heart and our soul. That includes to love our neighbor. Our neighbors are all around us. Our obligation consists of providing for the homeless, feeding the hungry, helping the refugees and the immigrants, tending to the seniors, adopting orphans, defending those who are persecuted, reaching out to the lonely and depressed, etc… What we do for them, we do for God. By reaching out to those in need, we reach out to God. By refusing to extend our friendship to those in need, we are withholding our friendship from God. With this in mind may each and every one of us review the level of spiritual relationship with our neighbors or fellow citizens of this world.

Live a life as a "Model Christian"
Be compassionate to those in need

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Love God
Love People


"LOVE
SHOULD BE
OUR WALK
AND
OUR TALK."
-PRESIDENT DIETER F. UCHTDORF
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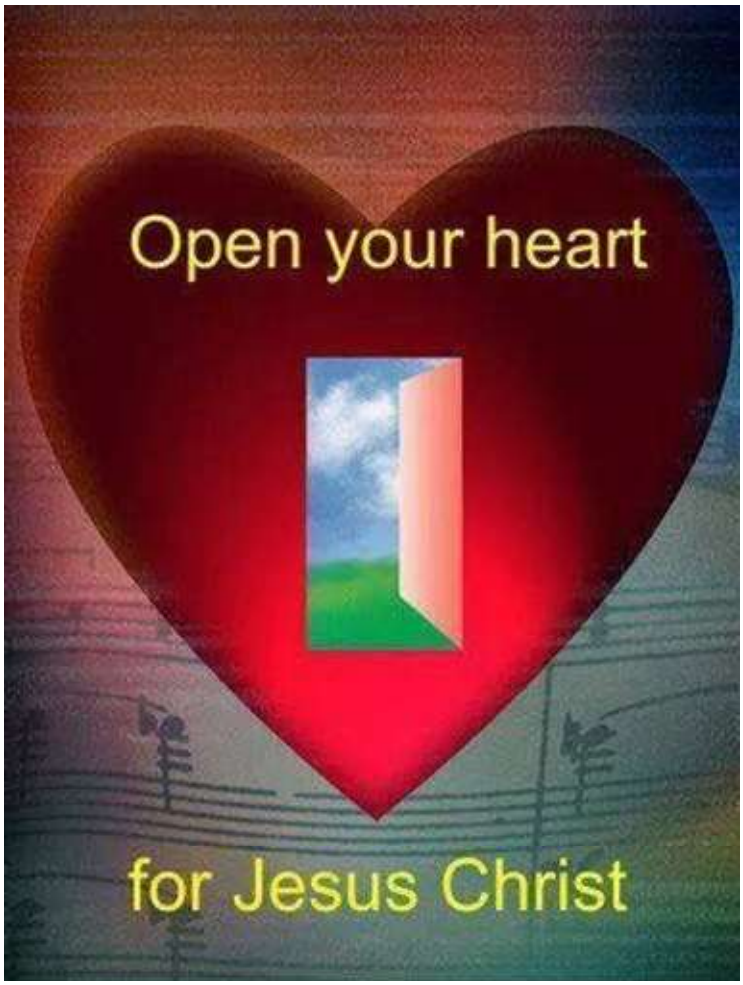
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C34

GOSPEL THEME---DEVELOP A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, OUR LORD

Gen18:1-10a; Col1:24-8; Lk10:38-42



GET INTIMATE WITH JESUS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C---C34
GOSPEL THEME---DEVELOP A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH OUR JESUS, OUR LORD
Gen18:1-10a; Col1:24-8; Lk10:38-42

Develop a personal encounter with Jesus, our Lord

Serving those in need and providing hospitality is considered an important Christian virtue. The readings of today reveal the unique insight of generosity given in hospitality that finds its fulfillment. In the Gospel we hear Martha, Mary and Lazarus welcoming Jesus to their house and showing their hospitality. Mary sits beside Jesus listening to him. Martha is burdened by serving and is upset for Mary not helping her. Here we have the contrast of Martha's generous hospitality fulfilling Jesus's need for food and Mary's longing for personal communion with him. Jesus comments that Mary's time spent is more important to pursue.

Jesus uses this simple incident to talk with his two friends about a deeper level of human need and hospitality. What Jesus was making the sisters aware of is that there is deeper human hunger than things like food, drink and shelter for one to be satisfied. A greater need is hunger for personal encounter---the hunger to be in personal communion with another with mutual self-giving. This deepest of all human hungers is satisfied to some degree in human friendship and ultimately in friendship with God.

St Augustine prayed" Lord, you have made us for yourself---We shall never cease wanting and longing until we possess you in fullness and joy."

WORK ON AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
MAKE GOD YOUR BEST FRIEND

C34


A RELATIONSHIP WITH
GOD
IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP YOU
CAN HAVE.
EMBRACE IT EVERY
DAY.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THUGHT

Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time, YrC, ---C35

LITURGICAL THEME---ENCOUNTER GOD IN PRAYER

Gen18:30o-323; Col2:12-26, Lk11:1-13



ENCOUNTER GOD IN PRAYER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time, YrC, ---C35
LITURGICAL THEME---ENCOUNTER GOD IN PRAYER
Gen18:30o-323; Col2:12-26, Lk11:1-13

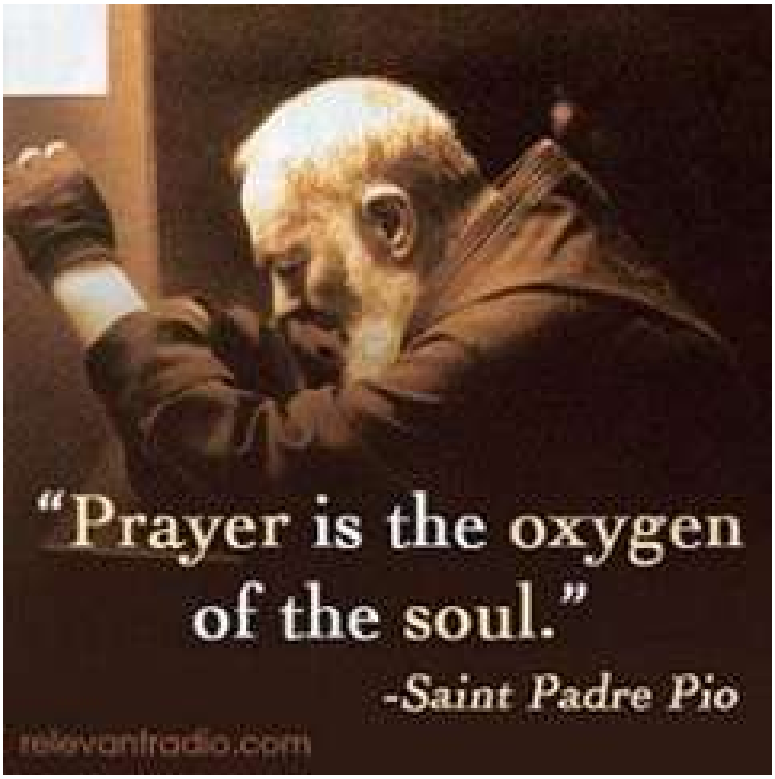
Encounter God in prayer

The readings of today remind us of the necessity to persevere in our prayer life. Our prayer life is a reflection of our true faith in God. Prayer is understood as a form of communication, a way of talking to God, raising our hearts and minds to God. In our prayer we strengthen that recognition of the presence of God which draws us closer to Him.

The Gospel invites us to encounter God in prayer, to experience his generous love, forgiveness and compassion. Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer [Our Father] and teaches us to pray for the kingdom, our daily needs of life, forgiveness and perseverance. Today we are so familiar with this marvelous prayer [Our Father] that we might take it for granted but we should not. We ought to frequently pray in meditation on its meaning and allow it to draw us more deeply into the great mystery of God. Yes, it is a prayer that we ought to recite frequently. It ought to be in our lips once each day at a minimum. Reciting prayer of Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be are really the beginning of prayer. They provide us with the words that get us started but we need to move on to other forms of prayer such as repentance, intercession, thanksgiving, praise and so on. This can be done in prepared script or in personal private meditation. This often may lead one to a kind of prayer that is beyond words, a prayer that is content to remain silent and to merely rest in the warm glow that is the love of God. Often we can spend quite a bit of time this way.

Prayer is the royal road to union with God

C35


"Prayer is the oxygen of the soul."
-Saint Padre Pio
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time,, Yr C, C36

LITURGICAL THEME—LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST OF ABUNDANCE OF POSSESIONS

Ecc1:2,, 2:2i-23; Col3:5,9-11; Lk12:13-21



DO NOT GET ADDICTED TO THE MATERIAL WORLD

SEEK SPIRITUAL TREASURES

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time,, Yr C----C36
LITURGICAL THEME—LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST OF ABUNDANCE OF POSSESIONS
Ecc1:2,, 2:2i-23; Col3:5,9-11; Lk12:13-21

LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST OF ABUNDANCE OF POSSESIONS

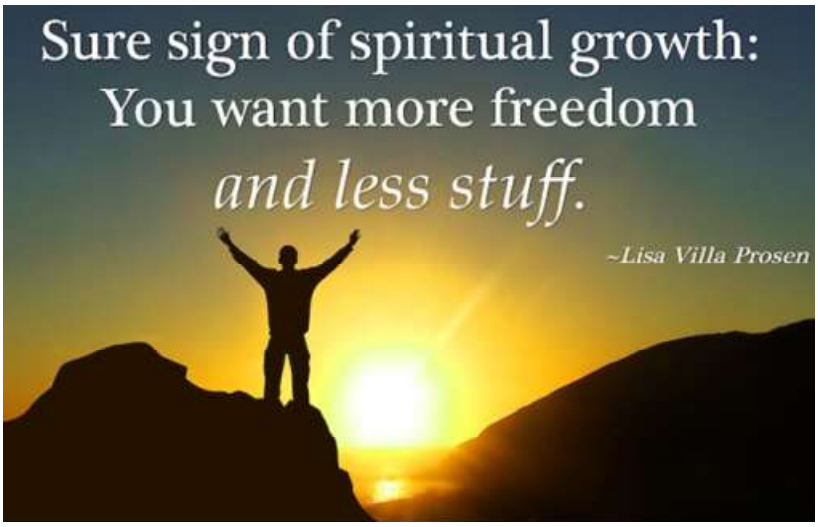
In today's Gospel we hear about a parable of a rich man who builds large barns to store all his grains and his goods in hope for future retirement and relaxation. Then, on that very night his life was demanded of him. There is reason to detest our hard labor because we cannot take it with us. The Gospel of Luke teaches us that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. A rich and meaningful life cannot be drawn out of abundance of material possessions. Many in our fast paced world believe that all what counts in their lives is the accumulation of assets, their houses, their properties, their financial investments, their cars, their cottages, etc.

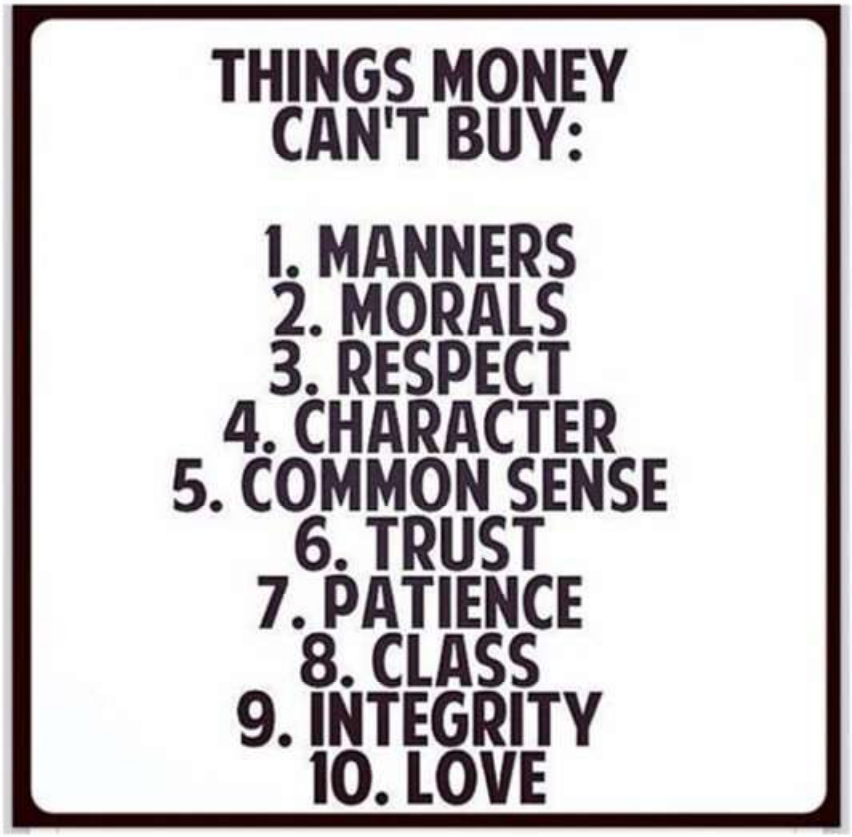
We should not place our value in anything material since ultimately all material things will pass away and therefore cannot bring us lasting security and peace. It is only the spiritual things which are eternal and therefore it is these in which we should place our trust. It is wiser to toil for spiritual labor. The rewards await them in heaven. Their spiritual treasures will never depart from those that practice and achieve them. The spiritual treasures that we ought to accumulate are kindness, love, sharing, patience, justice, peace, faith compassion, forgiveness and so on.

Let us move forward in our spiritual growth with a new commitment that is to accumulate as many spiritual treasures in heaven we can.

He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity

C36


Sure sign of spiritual growth:
You want more freedom
and less stuff.
~Lisa Villa Prosen


THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY:
1. MANNERS
2. MORALS
3. RESPECT
4. CHARACTER
5. COMMON SENSE
6. TRUST
7. PATIENCE
8. CLASS
9. INTEGRITY
10. LOVE

NINTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C37

THEME---VIRTUES OF FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE

Wis18:6-9; Heb11:1—2,8-19; Lk12;32-48



HAVE FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE IN GOD

NINTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
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THEME---VIRTUES OF FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE
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VIRTUES OF FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE

Today's readings call us to faith, hope and trust in God. Our Christian faith is based on the personal love of God towards each one of us. Thanks to faith we ourselves believe in the divine presence and His providential care. But true faith is nothing without love. It is love which is the driving force of faith; it is love that pushes the man and woman living on this earth to believe with all their heart in God the Father who is caring for us. Faith and love do good work: together they lead towards God,.

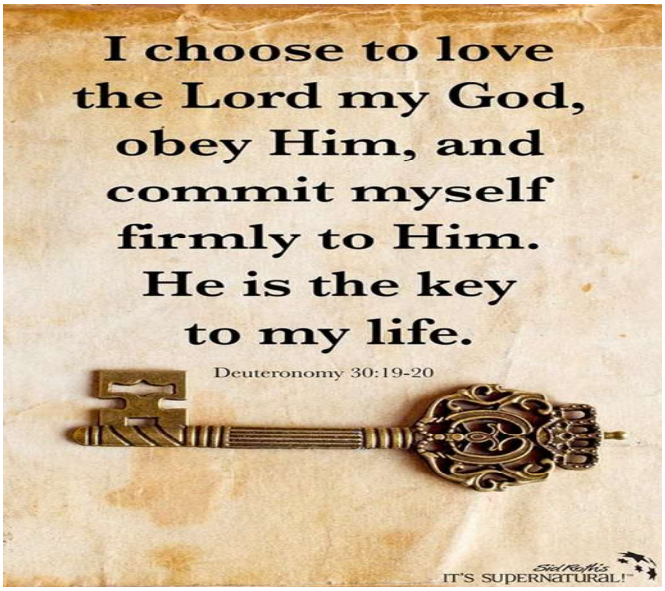
Today's reading from the gospel of Luke tells us to be prepared in the sense of "persevering in our living faith". We should not relapse into the old sinful nature. Why? Because no one knows when the Lord shall call us to appear before Him. We are a people who have been promised life and inheritance: we have therefore put our hope in God; our soul waits for the Lord who will come when we least expect Him.

Waiting for Christ to return means working for the coming of the kingdom of God. It means combatting poverty; ending the hatred that divides us; establishing peace among individuals, within families, in society and among nations of the world; curbing pride that causes us to distance us with each other; building social structures that respect dignity of individual humans.

May we persevere in living faith, and with hope and trust in God, strive for holiness and work in harmony for the kingdom of God

MAY GOD BLESS US WITH ETERNAL LIFE IN THE HERE AFTER

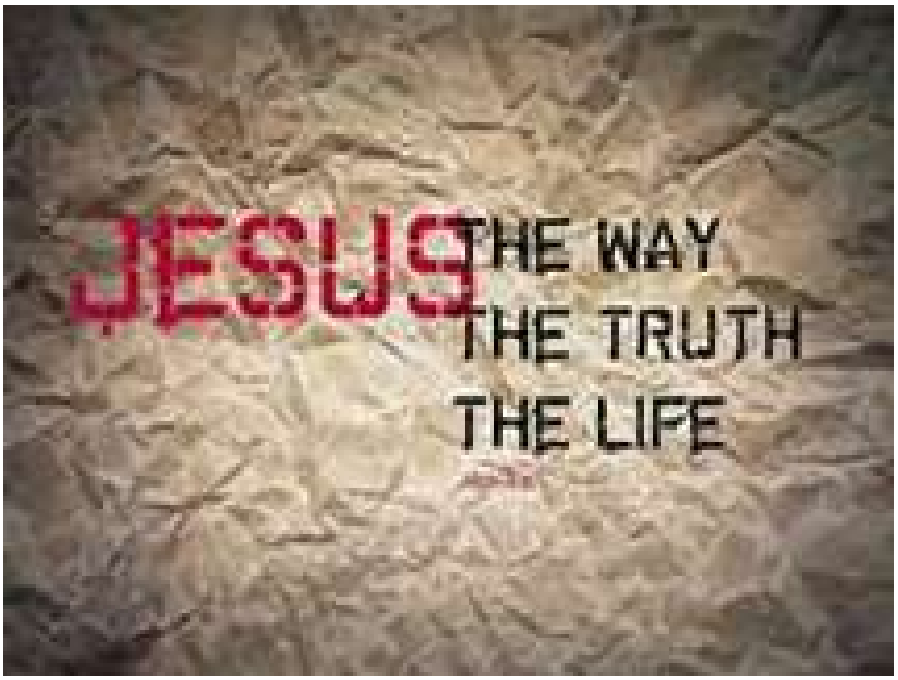
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I choose to love
the Lord my God,
obey Him, and
commit myself
firmly to Him.
He is the key
to my life.
Deuteronomy 30:19-20
IT'S SUPERNATURAL!


Always pray to have
eyes that see the best,
a heart that
forgives the worst,
a mind that
forgets the bad, and
a soul that
never loses faith.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C38
LITURGICAL THEME—WITHSTANDING THE CHALLENGE
Jer38:4-6,8-10; Heb12:1-4; Lk12:49-53



WALK IN TRUTH

PROMOTE GOD'S WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C38

LITURGICAL THEME—WITHSTANDING THE CHALLENGE

Jer38:4-6,8-10; Heb12:1-4; Lk12:49-53

WITHSTANDING THE CHALLENGE

In our Christian lives, we have to accept what is spiritual and pleasing to God, rejecting what is sinful and offensive to him. In the Gospel today, Jesus indicates that accepting the truth [Christ's teaching] and attempting to do good will automatically create division. Household will be divided three against two and two against three. Why is it so? It is because some will resist the truth; even resist Christ himself, choosing worldly fame and the pleasures of the flesh and wealth.

"Some will choose to walk in the light while others will prefer to walk through the darkest valley" [Ps 23:4]

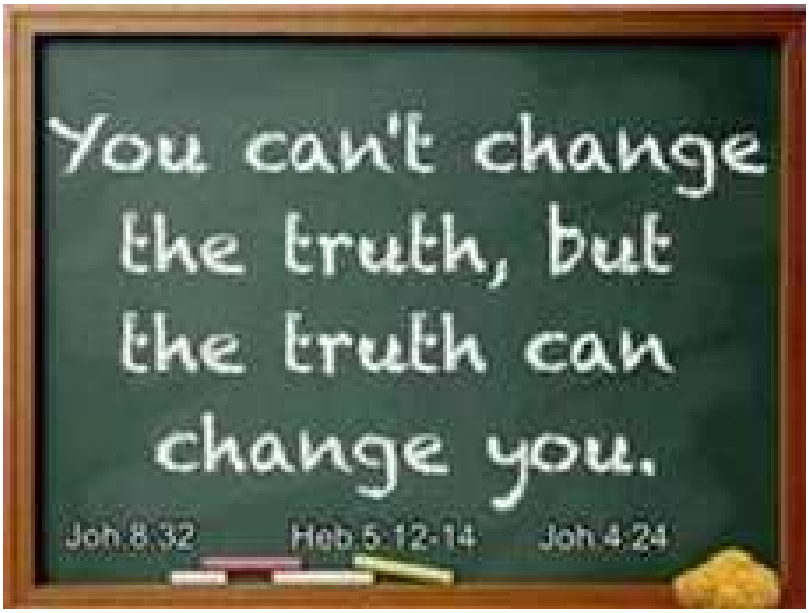
We all have truth in us to do some good for those around us. There are some of us that have the truth [Christ's way] to do something but are afraid of the division that might be caused so the truth doesn't come to anything. They will go along with what is disagreeable to them for the sake of peace. It is interesting that the Gospel today places bringing the truth to the earth as a higher aim than pleasing for the sake of peace.

Consider the young people who will at the beginning of the school year. Those who refuse to go along with the drinking and drugs, those who refuse to let others take advantage of them physically, will be given some sort of nasty label. Life would be much easier for them to go along with the crowd. Being rooted in the Lord demands that they be a minority.

Consider the parents. They will be criticized in a new school year for setting moral standards within their homes. Their own children will tell them to get real and allow them to do basically, contemporary immorality. Many of the parents will have to put up with a terrible struggle to stand up for what is right and true in their homes, with their children. But living for the lord is worth the struggle.

Consider the challenges we face of all the immoral happenings around us in this world which are not according to the truth [God's way]. It is difficult at times for us to stand for God's word [What is right, good and true].It is difficult to stand up for the Lord because we will be persecuted and mocked. Yet we have to meet the challenges of life and we have to overcome all barriers to truth that society put in our way.

C38


You can't change
the truth, but
the truth can
change you.
Joh 8:32
Heb 5:12-14
Joh 4:24

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twenty first Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C39

GOSPEL THEME—STRIVE FOR ETERNAL REWARD—HEAVEN

Is66:18-21; Heb12:5-7,11-13; Lk13:22-30



STRIVE FOR ETERNAL REWARD

HEAVEN

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
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GOSPEL THEME—STRIVE FOR ETERNAL REWARD—HEAVEN
Is66:18-21; Heb12:5-7,11-13; Lk13:22-30

STRIVE FOR ETERNAL REWARD---HEAVEN

The Gospel reading deals with the true purpose of this human life that God has given us. As we make our spiritual journey we must inevitably ask the question posed in today's Gospel. "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" or more directly "Lord, am I among those who will make this journey successfully?" And Jesus answers our Question

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate"

Lk13:21

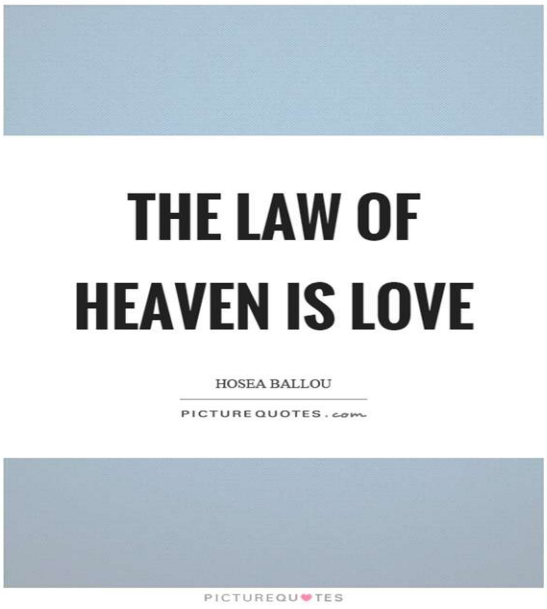
If we choose the wide gate of self-indulgence and sin and pleasures of the moment we will never be happy. The wide door to destruction is broad and many take it. The modern world boasts of the enticing door which says; everything is permissible. It ignores the narrow gate of discernment and renunciation.

If we choose the narrow gate, which is choosing Jesus and what he stands for, we are choosing life of happiness and peace. Otherwise we are bringing disaster on ourselves. To love as Jesus did is not easy. Jesus warns us about the terrible disappointment in store for those who have not taken his teaching seriously. They will discover, only when it is too late, that they have not made room in their lives for the one who alone can bring them to that ultimate joyful banquet that our creator has prepared for us in his kingdom and that is eternal reward in heaven.

Jesus is the means to salvation. The door is narrow because Jesus' teaching is demanding. Let us follow the invitation of Jesus in our Gospel today:

STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

C39


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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twenty second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C40

LITURGICAL THEME—THE MEANING OF TRUE HUMILITY

Sir3:17-18.20.28-29; Heb12:18-19.22-24:Lk14:1,7-4



BE HUMBLE

RECOGNIZE OUR LOWLINESS BEFORE GOD

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Twenty second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C40
LITURGICAL THEME—THE MEANING OF TRUE HUMILITY
Sir3:17-18.20.28-29; Heb12:18-19.22-24:Lk14:1,7-4

THE MEANING OF TRUE HUMILITY

In the Gospel today Jesus dines with the religious leaders and takes the opportunity to teach some important qualities of discipleship particularly that of humility. Humility, the virtue recommended to us, is a wise and saintly basic virtue in Christian life. Jesus recommends other virtues but tells us that humility is the foundation on which all other Christian virtues are built. He invites us to recognize our own lowliness before God. The rich and the powerful find it difficult to humble before God. They rely too much on their strength and security. The greater and wealthier they are, the more they must humble themselves so as to find favor in the sight of the Lord.

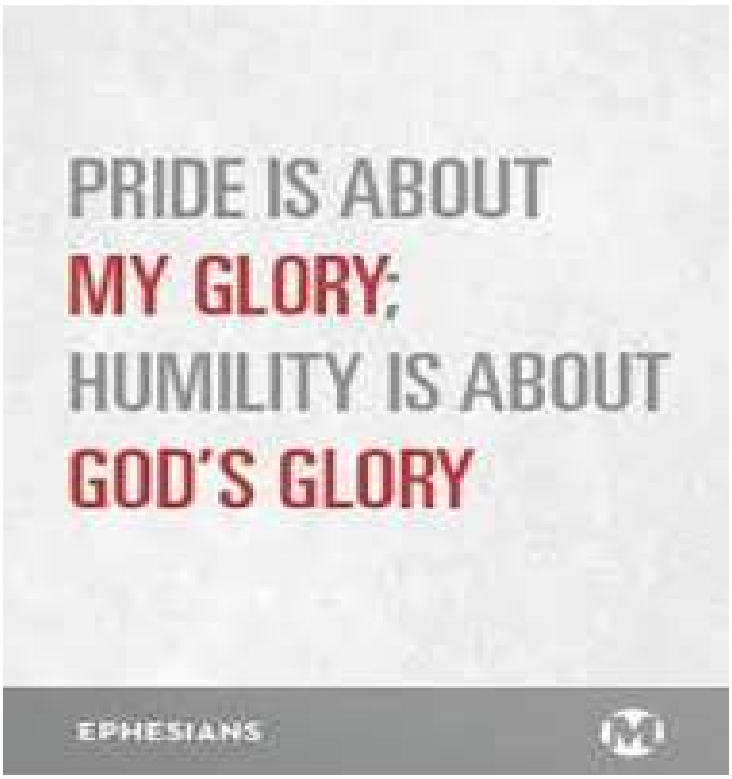
"Whoever becomes humble like a child is greater in the kingdom of heaven." Mt. 18:24

Those who are proud or boastful do not realize that everything they have comes from God. None of us has anything that was not given to us by God which includes all our talents to produce our security and wealth. Therefore the only thing each of us can boast of is God. Think about it.; all of our abilities and even our existence was given to us by God. All we have and are able to do is because of his graces given us. So why be proud. It is all Gods. Humility is recognizing that every good in yourself is a gift from our Lord and is meant to be given back to the Lord by being shared with others.

Humility also includes not discriminating against others because of age, their gender, their occupation, their nationality, their culture, etc. In the eyes of God we are all equal.

HUMILITY MEANS SERVING OTHERS RATHER THAN SELF

C40


PRIDE IS ABOUT
MY GLORY;
HUMILITY IS ABOUT
GOD'S GLORY
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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twenty third Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C41

LITUGICAL THEME—TRUE DISCIPLESHIP----MAKE CHRIST THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE

Wis9:13-118;Phon 9b-10,12-17;Lk14:25-33



TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

MAKE CHRIST THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Twenty third Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C41
LITUGICAL THEME—TRUE DISCIPLESHIP----MAKE CHRIST THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE
Wis9:13-118;Phon 9b-10,12-17;Lk14:25-33

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP----MAKE CHRIST THE CENTER OF YOUR LIFE.

Today's liturgy encourages us to put God First-----To long for God "like a deer that longs for running streams" and to recognize that the Lord is our refuge.

"Let us walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living."
Ps: 116:9

The Gospel today has a simple message: We need to hate all that keeps us from the Lord and love all that brings us closer to Him. This takes courage. This takes carrying our crosses and following the Lord. We are supposed to carry a cross. Why? Life is not all peaches and cream. There are those that live with serious health issues or disability and they carry their cross and live for the lord. There are those that have broken relationships either marital or with family and friends and they carry their cross and live for the Lord. It is not easy to live according to the Lord's will with all the temptations and distractions in this world. In many cases by taking a stand as to the Lord's way will cause conflict and in some cases suffering. We need to live our cross for Jesus and help others carry theirs.
A true disciple must forsake all to follow Jesus. He must love Jesus above all others. True discipleship is to commit oneself to a life of self-renunciation. It is to embrace suffering, persecution, obedience, servitude and humility, all for the love of Christ.

Let us take up our cross every day after Jesus.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself take up his cross and follow me."Mk8:34

C41


OUR
daily discipleship
WILL DETERMINE OUR
eternal destiny
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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twenty fourth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C42

LITURGICAL THEME---GOD IS ALL LOVING AND FORGIVING

HE ALWAYS WELCOMES THE LOST BACK HOME

Exodus32:7-11,13-14; 1Tim1:12-17; Lk15:1-32



GOD IS ALL LOVING AND FORGIVING

GOD WELCOMES THE LOST BACK HOME

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

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GOD IS ALL LOVING AND FORGIVING.
HE ALWAYS WELCOMES THE LOST BACK HOME.

In today's Gospel the Pharisees and Scribes[religious leaders] are complaining that Jesus is a companion of tax collectors and sinners. Jesus responds to the criticism through three parables. In the first two parables, a shepherd's finding lost sheep and a woman's finding a lost coin are compared to the joy of God finding a lost sinner. In the third parable Jesus reveals that God is like a father who welcomes back a prodigal son who has left home and foolishly squanders his share of the estate. Indeed we are presented with an overwhelming picture of a God who is all loving and forgiving and always welcomes the lost back home.

God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. He earnestly wishes for the lost that they be restored and joyfully united with the whole community of heaven. He gives all a free will and gives them choices. No matter how grave the sin for those who have fallen from the grace of God, if they truly ask for forgiveness and repent, through Divine mercy, God will always welcome them back home.

Lord Jesus we pray that all those fallen in darkness of sin, deception and ignorance and all those lost and confused that they may find their way to the father's home and be united with Him in the bond of peace and friendship.

C42


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WHEN WE
STRAY
FROM HIS
presence,
HE LONGS FOR
YOU TO
COME BACK.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Twenty fifth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C ---C43
LLITURGICAL THEME—BE A SERVANT OF THE LORD
Amos8:4-7;Tim2:1-7;Lk16:1-13



LOVE GOD

BE OF SERVICE TO FULLFILMENT OF HIS KINGDOM

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Twenty fifth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C ---C43
LLITURGICAL THEME—BE A SERVANT OF THE LORD
Amos8:4-7;Tim2:1-7;Lk16:1-13

BE A SERVANT OF THE LORD

Today's readings set an atmosphere that calls us to choose who we will serve during our lives.

"No servant can serve two masters." Mt25:13

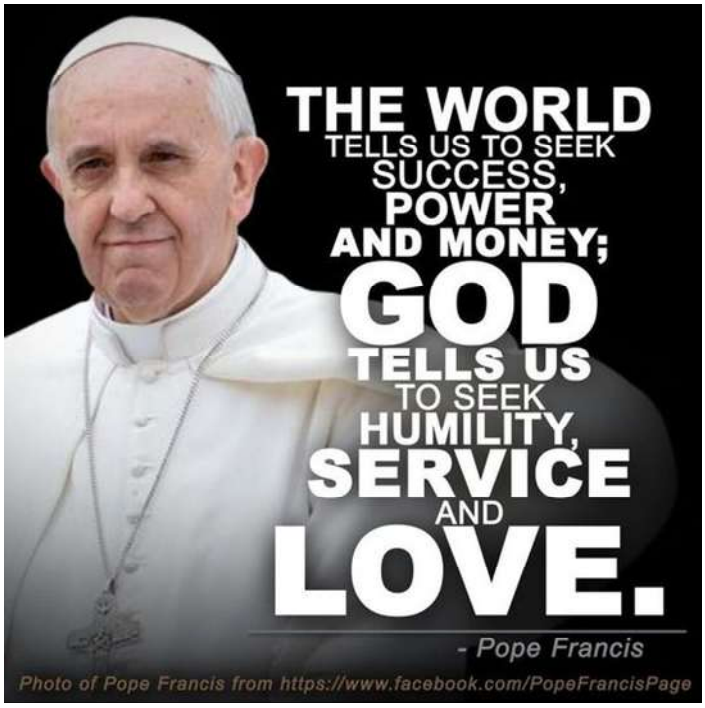
The two masters in question are the world's riches and the eternal spiritual riches. He who gives himself exclusively to the world's pleasures and wealth cannot be worthy of spiritual wealth. What the passage tells us is that we ought to have time and loyalty given fully to God. Jesus warns his would be followers not to become slaves of earthly things but look towards things of heaven.

We were created by God and for God. We were created to serve him and be with him. Many people in this world are experiencing depression and or loneliness and seek treatment through prescription drugs and psychotherapy. For all concerned the best start of treatment is union with God and in service of him.
We ought to be resourceful and clever in our spiritual life. We need to use our God given talents in service for the fulfillment the God's kingdom, to strive to live a holy life, be honest in our endeavors and be generous in sharing the gifts given us.
If we worship the true God and if we want to enter the world God rules then we will do as God does, hearing the cry of the poor and lifting them up. We ought to sharpen the awareness of our duty of solidarity with the poor, to which charity leads us. We also need to share our talents in an honest,humble and giving way with our fellowman.

Be resourceful and clever in your spiritual life in union and service of our Master, our Lord God.

C43


SERVING GOD
IS THE BEST
CHOICE YOU
CAN MAKE.


THE WORLD
TELLS US TO SEEK
SUCCESS,
POWER
AND MONEY;
GOD
TELLS US
TO SEEK
HUMILITY,
SERVICE
AND
LOVE.
- Pope Francis
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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Twenty sixth Sunday In ordinary time, Yr C, ---C44
LITURGICAL THEME---AVOID SELF CENTEREDNESS AND COMPLACENCY TOWARD OTHERS
Amos6:1, 47; 1Tim6:11-16; Lk16:19-31



AVOID COMPLACENCY

SHARE YOUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS AND POSSESSIONS WITH OTHERS

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Twenty sixth Sunday In ordinary time, Yr C, ---C44

LITURGICAL THEME---AVOID SELF- CENTEREDNERSS AND COMPLACENCY TOWARD OTHERS

Amos6:1, 47; 1Tim6:11-16; Lk16:19-31

AVOID SELF-CENTEREDNESS AND COMPLACENCY TOWARD OTHERS

Today's parable is about a rich man living a life of luxury and ignores the needs of the poor and disadvantaged around him. The parable warns us to be concerned about being isolated. It is easy for us to form a mentality that whatever we have in possession and talent is totally and only ours. It is easy to assume that we have no obligation to others. Ultimately all that we have belongs to someone else. That someone else is God. We are Stewarts of his creation. This does not just refer to possessions. It refers to intelligence, to artistic talent, to the ability to lead, etc. All that we have is ultimately God's. It flows from him and is only beneficial to us if it leads back to him. We are all going to give an account for all that we have given, especially to the poor and disadvantaged.

"Those that have been given much, a great account must be given"

Lk12:48

We are called to fight off our self-centeredness, our self-satisfaction and complacency and reach out to others. In God's blessings and graces given us is always intended to flow through the person receiving as to enrich others. It is in giving away some of our gifts and possessions that we ourselves can remain healthy. A person that gives of himself to others in all cases will experience and up lifting positive feeling. God praises the rich who are generous and condemns the rich who are stingy

May we use our gifts, our talents, our intelligence and our possessions to reach out to the presence of God in others—especially the poor.

Share your possessions and talents

C44


Your Greatness
is not
what you have
It's what you give


THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
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Happiness is not so much
in having as sharing.
We make a living by
what we get, but we make
a life by what we give.
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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twenty seventh Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C,---C45.

LITURGICAL THEME--- UNSELFISH FAITH

Habakkuk1:2-3;2:2-4;Tikm1:13-14;Lk17:5-10



LOVE, TRUST AND OBEY THE LORD

IN EVERYTHING

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Twenty seventh Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C45
LITURGICAL THEME--- UNSELFISH FAITH
Habakkuk1:2-3;2:2-4;Tikm1:13-14;Lk17:5-10

UNSELFISH FAITH

In today's gospel reading we heard the apostles ask Jesus "increase our faith." Jesus responds "trust me."

Many of us struggle with faith. There can be periods when God seems absent from our lives and we feel we are drifting away from him. We don't have the uplift of experiencing the presence of God in our lives and our decisions to act in accord with faith are sometimes painful exercise of the will. The sense of losing our faith can be profoundly disturbing. Faith is a gift and we can get it by asking and praying for it.

Faith is increased when we manifest love towards God, our family, friends and strangers. True faith is unselfish. It seeks to give rather than receive. It seeks to obey God, not "me and myself." Unselfish faith is humble, not full of pride. However faith has to be an attribute, conviction and conduct based on a right relationship with God. It is not static, but grows in strength and depth as we nourish that relationship with our creator throughout our lives. It is a bond of relationship based on God who reveals himself continuously through his creative, redemptive and sanctification works.

Our true relationship with God needs to be one of total unconditional love and service. Let us ask ourselves whether we have unselfish faith that will draw us closer to Jesus. Let us pray for those who are in need of the gift of faith so that they grow in love of Jesus.

FAITH IS NOT ABOUT HOW WE FEEL---IT'S ABOUT WHAT WE DO.

C45


Those who
Walk with
God,
always reach their
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Walk
by Faith

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twenty eight Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C46

GOSPEL THEME—FAITH THAT EMBRACES GRATITUDE

2Kings5:14-17; 2Tim2:8-13; Lk17:11-19



START EVERY DAY

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Twenty eight Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C46
GOSPEL THEME—FAITH THAT EMBRACES GRATITUDE
2Kings5:14-17; 2Tim2:8-13; Lk17:11-19

FAITH THAT EMBRACES GRATITUDE

In the Gospel we have a story of ten lepers who come to Jesus for healing. Only one of them, a Samaritan healed of leprosy returns to Jesus to praise God and express his gratitude.
Gratitude is an expression of heart, counting the blessings and acknowledging everything that a person receives. Gratitude shifts our focus from what our life lacks to the abundance that is already present. The word of God today tells us that we all need to be grateful to God every day of our lives for the graces and God- given gifts we have received in and through Him. He has not only given us our life with all its joys and sorrows but He has prepared a future life of joy and happiness in heaven.
Gratitude is not only the proper attitude we should have when we receive blessings, it is also the only attitude that will produce happiness. Giving thanks makes people happier and more resilient; it strengthens resilience, it strengthens relationships, it improves health and it reduces stress. There are people in our society who have been truly blessed; they are healthy and wealthy and have all kind of opportunities most people only dream about. And yet, many of them have little gratitude. As a result they are miserable most of the time. On the other hand, there are some people who have been dealt a lousy hand by life. They have a lot of problems and struggles. They have little money and maybe suffer from serious health issues. But they are grateful for what they do have and they are especially gratefully to God for helping them through rough times. As a result they are truly happy and content.
If it has been a while since we praised and thanked God in a loud voice and threw ourselves in the feet of Jesus in worship, maybe we should try it. We, not God, will benefit most. The expression of gratitude will make us truly happy.

The attitude of gratitude brings happiness

C46


Start each day with
a grateful heart.


give thanks
TO
THE
Lord
FOR
HE IS GOOD
His love endures
forever.
PSALM 107:1

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Twenty ninth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C47

GOSPEL THEME---PERSEVERING IN OUR LIVING FAITH

Exodus17:8-13: 2Tim3:14-4:2; Lk18:1-8



PERSEVERE OUR LIVING FAITH

IN PRAYER

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Twenty ninth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C47
GOSPEL THEME---PERSEVERING IN OUR LIVING FAITH
Exodus17:8-13: 2Tim3:14-4:2; Lk18:1-8

PERSEVERING IN OUR LIVING FAITH

Jesus' instructions in today's reading from the Gospel of Luke teaches us to persevere in prayer and not lose our heart. To obtain our salvation we must persevere our living faith, in our adoration of God, in our love towards others, in our righteousness, in our obedience to God, in our servitude, in our humility, all these being the food that feeds our souls to assure our salvation through Jesus Christ.
We ought to be aware that prayer is a vital driving force of our lives. We need to discover for ourselves that prayer is a wonderful conduit between us and God and therefore it is something necessary for each and every one of us. It is easy to observe that once people start to neglect their prayers then they begin the gradual drift away from God and towards selfishness. Prayer may begin with reciting old and familiar prayers but it does not end there. Prayer carries us forward beyond those set prayers into a profound dialogue with our Divine Savior. Through prayer we become more grounded each day and grow in an even deeper communion with the God we love.
Prayer in community is also an important aspect of our prayer life. Jesus formed us into a church, a community of people united to Him as our head. He knows that we are dependent on others to stay united with God. That why it is important we come to church on Sundays, supporting each other, holding each other up when our prayer life starts drooping.

Prayer is a royal road to a much deeper relationship with God

Time spent in prayer is never wasted

C47


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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr c, C48
LITURGICAL THEME---HUMILITY
Sirach35:12-14; 2Tim4:6-8, 16-18; Lk18:9-14



START EACH DAY WITH A HUMBLE HEART

Humble yourself before the Lord
And He will lift you up

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
Thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time, Yr c, ---C48
LITURGICAL THEME---HUMILITY
Sirach35:12-14; 2Tim4:6-8, 16-18; Lk18:9-14

HUMILITY
In today's Gospel Jesus instructs;

"All who humble themselves will be exalted" LK 18:14

When anyone has pride in them they see themselves above other fellow beings. Pride is what the parable teaching in today's Gospel reading discourages. Pride is when you are the center of your entire existence. Even God is on the periphery. One needs to keep God as one's source. Without God one can do nothing and one would do nothing. Pride is destructive because it destroys all good virtues we practice and all the good works we do. Charity and true brotherly love cannot flourish in a proud heart. No true love of God can exist in a proud heart because a proud person practices religion and virtues for his self-glory and not for God.

Saint Paul in his letter tells us that in our dealings with one another we must do so with humility for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Therefore we must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. We must clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

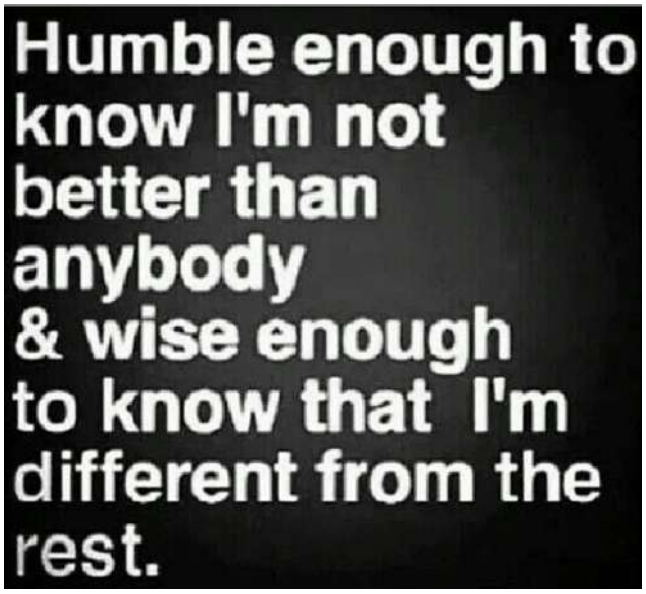
May we realize that the virtue of humility is essential in our daily lives. Humble Christians are aware of their defects. They are not proud or self-assertive. Through spiritual growth in Christ they will lessen or destroy traces of pride that tend to stain their soul.

As we live our Christian lives we ask the Holy Spirit to teach us true humility so we may be pleasing to the eyes of God.

HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE THE LORD AND HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

LET US START EACH DAY WITH A HUMBLE HEART

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Humble enough to know I'm not better than anybody & wise enough to know that I'm different from the rest.


"True humility is being able to accept criticisms as graciously as we accept compliments."
-Sabrina Newby
VALUES

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Thirty first Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C49

GOSPEL THEME-----ACCEPT DEVINE MERCY

Wis11:22-12:2; 2Thes1:11-2:2:Lk19:1-10





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ACCEPT DIVINE MERCY

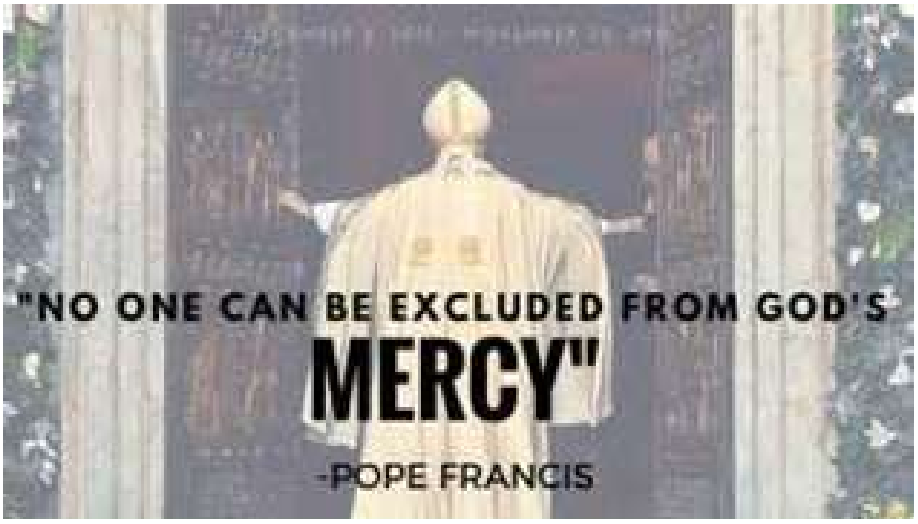
In the Gospel reading today Jesus asks Zacchaeus to invite Him to his home for a meal. Zacchaeus, a tax collector and a sinner, in having an encounter with Jesus in his home, decides a change in his life of corruption and promises restitution and pay back to people he has cheated.
In the same way Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart. Will you, like Zacchaeus, welcome Jesus in? It is up to you to open the door to Jesus. When you meet Jesus you will not remain the same afterwards. If you have garbage or junk in your life, Jesus is waiting to take it from you. He will not take it away from you by force; he will wait for you to go to Him and open yourself to him. During life we need to dispose of garbage and junk or it will become a dreadful mess inside us affecting our entire self. By ridding of our sins, having repentance and asking for forgiveness, the resulting effect will be a healthy and peaceful mind.

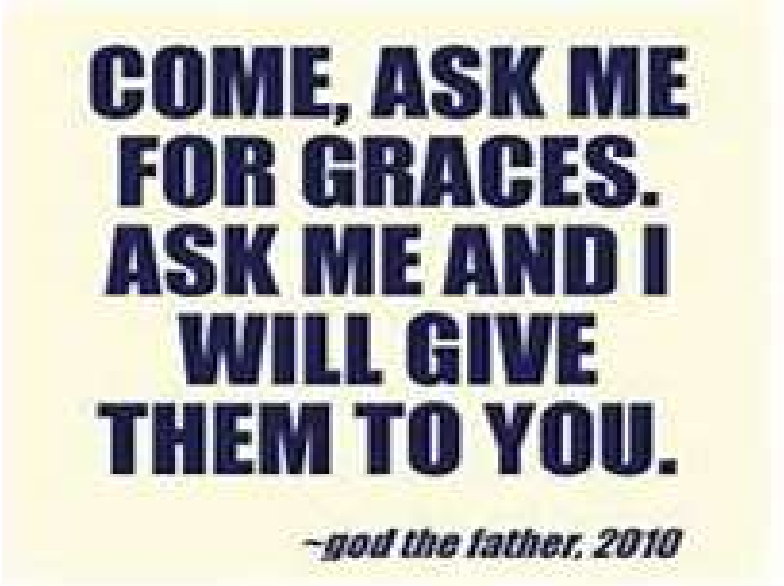
We are encouraged to participate in the healing Sacrament of reconciliation or confession which is available to us all year round. This Sacrament is a genuine means of allowing Jesus to touch us, forgive us and tell us to get up and walk again.

Let us turn to the mercy of Jesus and be healed of our sins and be transformed.

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"NO ONE CAN BE EXCLUDED FROM GOD'S
MERCY"
-POPE FRANCIS


COME, ASK ME
FOR GRACES.
ASK ME AND I
WILL GIVE
THEM TO YOU.
~god the father, 2010

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT
Thirty second Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C50
GOSPEL THEME---HEAVEN
Mac7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thes2:16-3:5;Lk20:21-34



STRIVE FOR YOUR ETERNAL REWARD

"HEAVEN"

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
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GOSPEL THEME---HEAVEN
Mac7:1-2,9-14; 2 Thes2:16-3:5;Lk20:21-34

HEAVEN

In the today's Gospel the Sudducees, a Jewish sect of the time of Jesus Christ, did not believe in the resurrection of the dead and hereafter. They questioned Jesus about heaven. There is no doubt that people have all kinds of questions about heaven and what it will be like. Jesus in answering them does not tell us anything about heaven as such.

Jesus gives no details. We live in hope and die in hope. Thinking about heaven requires more than simply transferring what goes on here to some heavenly sphere. In heaven we are to be alive forever in the love of God. God keeps love safe. When life ceases love stays. This is the eternal hope that is the root of our joy even in the losses of our lives.

The Catholic church teaches that heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings; the state of supreme eternal definitive happiness in union with God. To achieve our goal of eternal reward we need to strive to live a life of holiness in love of God and our neighbor and follow the teachings of Christ.

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven"
Mathew 5:12

Strive for an eternal home with God in heaven.

Heaven---an inheritance that is imperishable, unfading, full of joy and everlasting peace.

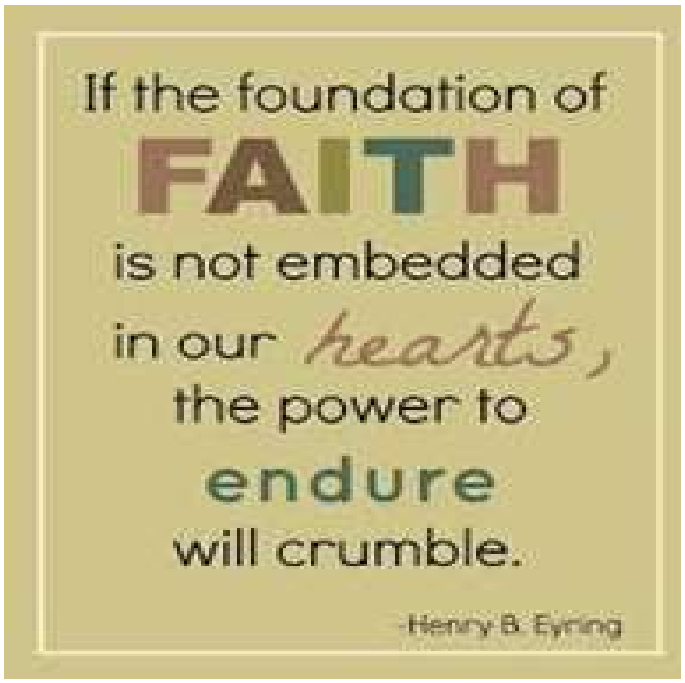
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THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH TO HEAVEN. ON EARTH, WE CALL IT LOVE.
Karen Goldman
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My home is in Heaven. I'm just traveling through this world.
BILLY GRAHAM

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGTH
Thirty third Sunday in ordinary time, Yr C, ---C51
LITURGICAL THEME---ENDURE YOUR LIVING FAITH
Mal3:19-20a; 2Thes.3:7-12; Lk212:5-19



ENDURE

YOUR LIVING FAITH

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR C

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LITURGICAL THEME---ENDURE YOUR LIVING FAITH
Mal3:19-20a; 2Thes.3:7-12; Lk212:5-19

ENDURE YOUR LIVING FAITH

Today's readings speak about the day of resurrection. Jesus describes terrible events including tragedies, wars and persecution that will precede his return or second coming. Today we have no lack of these events and Christians face persecution on a large scale. Persecution of our faith occurred in biblical times, in early Christian days and still does occur nowadays. We are called to persevere our living faith.

Some of us do not have very heavy crosses to bear. Our lives have been pretty good, filled with blessings from the Lord. But we have some brothers and sisters especially the Syrians and those in war torn Iraq who do have very heavy crosses to bear. From day to day, they persist their living faith in Christ, not knowing if, because they are Catholics they will be shot tomorrow or if they will be slaughtered as lambs by Muslim extremists or the ISIS bully boys. Similar experiences are seen in other parts of the world [Africa, Indonesia, Philippines, etc.] The cross is very heavy for many to bear and as martyrs they are religiously active whereby they are put to death defending their faith. We must pray for all affected so they persevere until end of time and not renounce their faith.

"By your endurance you will gain your soul"
Lk21:5-19

In our secular world we live in there are many that renounce their faith, not by coercion, but by the influence of the environment they live in. With excessive materialism and a life style of "do it if it feels good" they choose a life style contrary to Christ's way.

Let us pray for one another that we all endure our living faith until the end .

Endurance is a key indicator of spiritual fitness

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DON'T
BE AFRAID,
JUST HAVE
FAITH.


We are never defeated unless
we give up on God.
Ronald Reagan
BrainyQuote

THIRTY FOURTH AND LAST SUNDAY OF YEAR C

SUNDAY SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Thirty fourth and last Sunday of Year C, ---C52

LITURGICAL THEME---FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

2 Sameul5:1-3; Colessians1:12-20; Lk23:35-43



CELEBRATING

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

THIRTY FOURTH AND LAST SUNDAY OF YEAR C

SUNDAY REFLECTION
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year C the church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. The feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It was because nations and states [period of pre and post-world war 1] were abusing their power that led to its introduction. Instead of abuse of power displayed by the ruling counties and states the teaching of Christ in this world stresses using attributes of love forgiveness as their power. This is Christ's model. In today's Mass the preface to the Eucharistic prayer describes Jesus' kingdom as

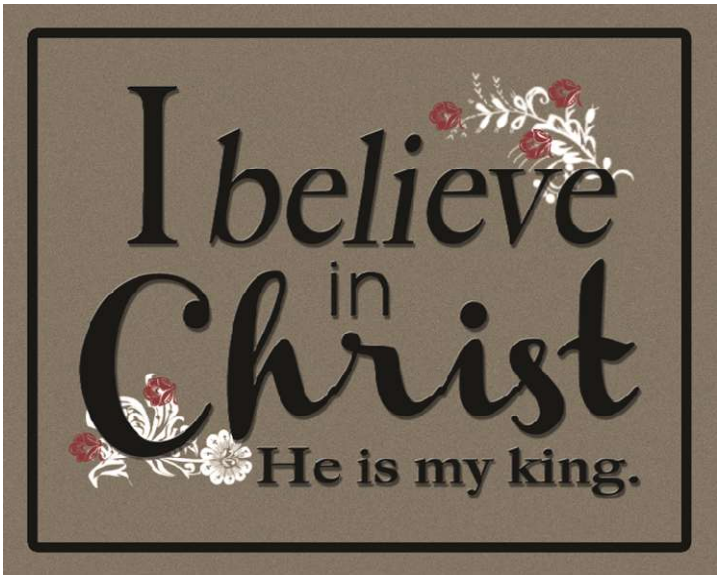
A kingdom of truth and life
A kingdom of holiness and grace
A kingdom of love and peace

Feast of Christ the King was introduced with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus. We are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies. It means we must confess with our mouths that Jesus alone is king of kings and lord of lords. This special feast reminds us that over and above being the universal king, Christ is the head of the body, the church. His divine reign stretches out from the alpha of time to the omega. There is no true other king, for God is one.
The reign of Christ is not of this world. Celebrating Christ's kingship gives us the opportunity to proclaim the good news that his second coming brings joy rather than fear, hope rather than despair. As a faithful follower he offers us the eternal reward in the hereafter.

"Jesus you are the king of my heart"

Note: The church has a cycle of three calendar years; Yr A, Yr B, Yr C.
Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, the liturgical year changes from Yr C to Yr A.

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I believe
in
Christ
He is my king.


I stand in awe of You,
JESUS MY KING
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