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Gospel Meditation

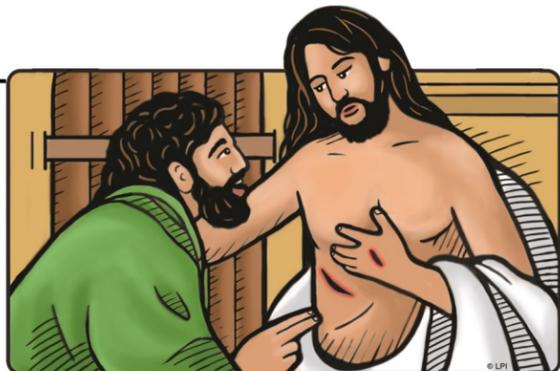
A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. "Peace be with you." Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

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April 19 - April 26, 2020

Readings

Sunday, April 19 10:30am on YouTube:OLOP.Woodville
 Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/
 Mk 16:9-15

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, April 20
 Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 21
 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 22
 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 23
 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 24
 Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 25
 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Sunday, April 26 10:30am on YouTube:OLOP.Woodville
 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Mass Intention for the People of the Parish

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Evelyn Schima, Annette Walles, Margaret Read, Chris McDowell, Louis Dorman, Jackie Spilman, Berenice Roque family, Jerry Becka, Jackie Spilman, Paul Wilkins, Don Dupre family, Suzie Gaudet, Caitlin Boyd & daughter Amelia, Greg Daigle; all healthcare workers, Randy Griffith, Norton Leger, Don Watt, Henry Rossi, Ted Koch, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Fr. Frank Rossi, Audrey Douzant

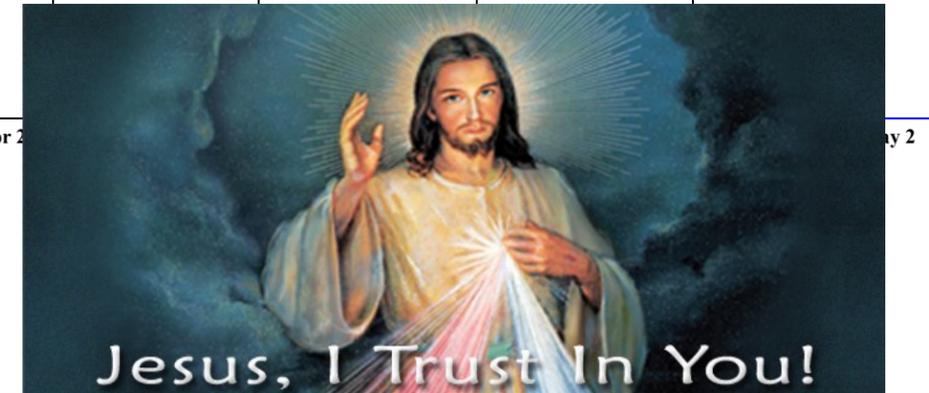
Repose of the soul: Freddie Young, Royce Mathews, Cheyenne Courtney; Ethel Mae Breaux, Dan Salzer, Barbara Dorman, Ketcha Becka, Deacon Anthony Godeau

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
 I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.

Sun. Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy	Apr 19	Mon.	Apr 20	Tues.	Apr 21	Wed.	Apr 22	Thurs.	Apr 23	Fri.	Apr 24	Sat.	Apr 25
10:30am-Mass on YouTube OLOP.Woodville													
Sun. Third Sunday of Easter	Apr 26	Mon.	Apr 27	Tues.	Apr 28	Wed.	Apr 29	Thurs.	Apr 30	Fri.	May 1	Sat.	May 2
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Sunday Mass 10:30 am with Fr. Ron Foshage

If you would like to turn in your Rice Bowls, bring them by the office when you are in town.

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HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. **It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter).** He then added: "By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."

+Sign of the Cross+

Opening Prayer (optional)

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! *(Repeat 3 times)*

Our Father, Hail Mary

The Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

On the decade beads

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the 10 beads

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Closing Prayer (optional)

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

+Sign of the Cross+

