

Wednesday, April 22, 2020; Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 33(34):2-9; John 3:16-21

“God so loved the world...”

In their encounter and the ensuing dialogue, Jesus gradually but progressively revealed the objective of his mission and the Father’s love to Nicodemus. Jesus, in his passion, death and resurrection, was the manifestation of the Father’s love for us. At Easter, we celebrate that total obedience of Jesus, through which he accomplished his mission and unfolded God’s love for us. We are, therefore, invited to embrace this awesome gift of love by an assent of faith. Such faith must be lived in the light of the gospel and Christ’s teachings, as people who are reborn of the Spirit. Our response must be courageous, just like the early disciples, such that even the worst of situations or experiences cannot limit or diminish our response to God’s love, always trustingly confident that God’s guidance and protection abound and abide beyond the cessation of earthly life. Such a profound understanding of God’s love for us and our response are important in times when our entire world is battling the devastating and menacing effects of a merciless and vicious virus, because God’s love is abiding and nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Lord, listen to the cries of your people in their distress. Amen

Fr Maurice.