

**01.03.2019 – Christmas Weekday – The Most Holy Name of Jesus –  
Homily**

**I Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34**

There is no name other than Name of Jesus given to us. The name of Jesus has the power to save bless lead and invite us to go and walk with Him. This powerful name makes us to become His witnesses in the family Society and Community.

Secondly some of the words of Scripture have become a fixed part of the language of the church's liturgy. The opening words of today's gospel reading are a good example of that. The words of John the Baptist, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world' are more or less the words the celebrant speaks at Mass just before communion, when he holds up the host. Our response to those words at Mass, 'Lord I am not worthy...' is a version of the words spoken by the centurion to Jesus when Jesus offered to go to his house to heal his servant.

Those two sets of words are, in a way, quite contrasting. John the Baptist is pointing out Jesus to his own disciples and saying to them, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God, go to him'. The centurion is saying to Jesus 'Don't come to me, because I am unworthy'. Both sets of words express a truth. We are all unworthy of the Lord's coming to us, and yet we are invited not only to receive the Lord when he comes, but to take the initiative to go to him.

So our unworthiness is not an obstacle to the Lord's relating to us or to our relating to him. The Lord does not ask us to be worthy; he asks us to be open to him, and to keep seeking him out, like the followers of John the Baptist.

When we look at the Sacred Host, as it is held up at Mass for all to see, we see Jesus, the Sacrificial Lamb, in an even more veiled way. We see,

with our eyes, a piece of bread. Nevertheless, with the eyes of faith, once again we behold the Savior.

The Sacrificial Lamb of God is continually coming to us throughout our day. He is all around us, coming to us in veiled form, revealing Himself in faith.

1. Do you see Him?
2. How is it that you are being called, this day, to behold His divine and sacrificial presence?
3. How is He present in acts of selfless charity?
4. How does He come to you each day and how does He desire you to bring Him to others each day?

Reflect, today, upon those sacred words. “Behold the Lamb of God.” Seek Him out, expecting His divine presence to be veiled but real. Discover Him with the eyes of faith and rejoice as He draws near.

**Let us pray:**

Lord, thank you for accepting me with my unworthiness and inviting me to come to you. I behold your divine presence today and every day. I seek you and love you. Give me the eyes of faith to discover your real but hidden presence at all times. You are all around me every day. Help me to rejoice in how near you are always in my life journey.

**Jesus, I trust in you.**