

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.
For every tree is known by its own fruit."
- Lk 6:39-45



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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
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PAUSE, SEE, AND RETURN!

A Lenten Homily by Pope Francis
14 February 2018

The season of Lent is a favourable time to remedy the dissonant chords of our Christian life and to receive the ever new, joyful and hope-filled proclamation of the Lord's Passover. The Church in her maternal wisdom invites us to pay special attention to anything that could dampen or even corrode our believing heart.

We are subject to numerous temptations. Each of us knows the difficulties we have to face. And it is sad to note that, when faced with the ever-varying circumstances of our daily lives, there are voices raised that take advantage of pain and uncertainty; the only thing they aim to do is sow distrust. If the fruit of faith is charity – as Mother Teresa often used to say – then the fruit of distrust is apathy and resignation. Distrust, apathy and resignation: these are demons that deaden and paralyze the soul of a believing people.

Lent is the ideal time to unmask these and other temptations, to allow our hearts to beat once more in tune with the vibrant heart of Jesus. The whole of the Lenten season is imbued with this conviction, which we could say is echoed by three words offered to us in order to rekindle the heart of the believer: pause, see and return. Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the “noticeboard” that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection. Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error. Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence. Pause for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering. Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey. Pause in order to look and contemplate!

See the gestures that prevent the extinguishing of charity, that keep the flame of faith and hope alive. Look at faces alive with God's tenderness and goodness working in our midst. See the face of our families who continue striving, day by day, with great effort, in order to move forward in life, and who, despite many concerns and much hardship, are committed to making their homes a school of love. See the faces of our children and young people filled with yearning for the future and hope, filled with “tomorrows” and opportunities that demand dedication and protection. Living shoots of love and life that always open up a path in the midst of our selfish and meagre calculations.

See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work. See the faces of our sick people and the many who take care of them; faces which in their vulnerability and service remind us that the value of each person can never be reduced to a question of calculation or utility. See the remorseful faces of so many who try to repair their errors and mistakes, and who from their misfortune and suffering fight to transform their situations and move forward. See and contemplate the face of Crucified Love, who today from the cross continues to bring us hope, his hand held out to those who feel crucified, who experience in their lives the burden of failure, disappointment and heartbreak.

See and contemplate the real face of Christ crucified out of love for everyone, without exception. For everyone? Yes, for everyone. To see his face is an invitation filled with hope for this Lenten time, in order to defeat the demons of distrust, apathy and resignation. The face that invites us to cry out: “The Kingdom of God is possible!” Pause, see and return. Return to the house of your Father. Return without fear to those outstretched, eager arms of your Father, who is rich in mercy (cf. Eph 2:4), who awaits you.

Return without fear, for this is the favourable time to come home, to the home of my Father and your Father (cf. Jn 20:17). It is the time for allowing one's heart to be touched... Persisting on the path of evil only gives rise to disappointment and sadness. True life is something quite distinct and our heart indeed knows this. God does not tire, nor will he tire, of holding out his hand (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, 19). Return without fear, to join in the celebration of those who are forgiven. Return without fear, to experience the healing and reconciling tenderness of God. Let the Lord heal the wounds of sin and fulfil the prophecy made to our fathers: “A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh” (Ezek 36: 26). Pause, see and return!

DAILY READINGS

Eighth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 26

1st reading: Jas 5:13-20
Psalm: 141:1-2, 3 and 8
Gospel: Mk 10:13-16

Sunday, February 27

1st reading: Sir 27:4-7
Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2nd reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel: Lk 6:39-45

Monday, February 28

1st reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9
Psalm: 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c
Gospel: Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 01

1st reading: 1 Pt 1:10-16
Psalm: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Gospel: Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 02

1st reading: Joel 2:12-18
Psalm: 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17
2nd reading: 2 Cor 5:20—6:2
Gospel: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 03

1st reading: Dt 30:15-20
Psalm: 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Gospel: Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 04

1st reading: Is 58:1-9a
Psalm: 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19
Gospel: Mt 9:14-15

SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Catherine Weller

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Monday, 02/28 10:00am

Pat Green
Deborah Mittleman
Tom Green
Ann McGinness
Cathy Suppes

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 26

9:30 † Janina and Alojzy Wegrzyn
the Wegrzyn family
4:30 † Elizabeth, Betty, and James Doyle
by Sally Fitterer

Sunday, February 27

7:30 † Robert Blair
by the Denfeld Family
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 † Chuck Evans
by Melinda and Scott Tewksbury
5:00 Nativity 2nd grade class

Monday, February 28

7:00 † Lucille (Canjar) Stanaway
by Jeannie Horvat
9:30 † Kathy Smith
by Deacon Dave and Marianne Arling

Tuesday, March 01

7:00 Chuck Graham by Maria Graham
9:30 † Richard DeVito by Maureen DeVito

Wednesday, March 02

7:00 † Shane Fross by the Fross family
9:30 Nativity Parish Staff
12:00 † John, Billie, and Steve Golla
by Debbie Jones
7:00 The Denfeld Family

Thursday, March 03

7:00 † Tom Deland
by Bob and Donna Farrell
9:30 Christian Ojala by Monica Ojala

Friday, March 04

7:00 † Mario Barahona by Sister Marilú
9:30 Healing for Yaremi Reader
by Debbie Jones

Saturday, March 05

9:30 † Theresa Osborne by Donna Caviness
4:30 † Mary Deedon by Sandy Deedon

Sunday, March 06

7:30 † Harold and Gerry Swart
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 † Poor Souls in Purgatory
by Gabrielle Hirth
5:00 † Alicia Garcia

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 27

8:30am CL
1:00pm CGS
11:00am Parishioner's Rosary
12:30pm RE Catechist's Retreat
6:00pm GS

Monday, February 28

10:00am Endow-Terry Brown
1:00pm CGS- Lvl I and II
4:00pm CGS- Lvl II
6:30pm Biblical School
6:30pm Spanish Prayer Group
6:30pm SVdP Conference Mtg
7:00pm Nativity Prayer Group
7:00pm St. Joseph Mens' Group

Tuesday, March 01

1:00pm Bible Study
6:30pm Venturers of the Stars
7:00pm CLU

Wednesday, March 02

Ash Wednesday

See additional Mass schedule

5:30am St. Joseph's Men Group
8:00am ENDOW
1:00pm Bible Study
5:00pm KoC Council Mtg
5:30pm Stephen Ministry
6:00pm Flanner O'Connor class
6:30pm Boy Scouts- Troop 766

Thursday, March 03

4:00pm CGS- Lvl I
6:00pm Stephen Ministry
6:30pm Bible Study
6:45pm Spring Marriage Prep
7:00pm CL
7:00pm Sojourners

Friday, March 04

7:30am Men of Emmaus
9:00am ENDOW
5:30pm Soup before Stations
6:00pm American Heritage Girls
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 05

7:30am Cenacle Prayer Group
8:50am Pro-Life Rosary
9:00am CL
6:30pm CL Movie Club

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Ever Loving God, You called Saint Katharine Drexel to teach the message of the Gospel and to bring the life of the Eucharist to Black and Native American peoples. By her prayers and example, enable us to work for justice among the poor and oppressed. Draw us all into the Eucharistic community of your Church that we may be one in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

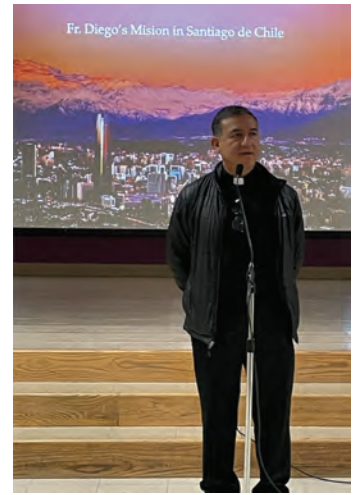
Saint Katherine Drexel
Thursday, January 3



A Chilean Mission Story



Hoping to offer his thanks to his benefactors and supporters, Fr. Diego Garcia made a visit to Nativity Parish this February. Listening to Fr. Diego, it's clear that his mission in Santiago, Chile, is about creating opportunities for the Catholic Church of Chile to know and experience the person of Jesus Christ.



In 2015, Fr. Diego was missioned to Chile with several brother priests in the Fraternity of Charles Borromeo. Upon their arrival, they discovered that the Catholic faith of Chile was a faith of the elderly. There was an obvious breakdown as each generation evolved and the faith was reduced to a show of good deeds rather than something internally embraced and experienced. It was the proverbial, "I don't have to go to church to be a good Catholic".

So, the fraternity began their mission, focused on helping the Chilean people to renew and engage in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His teachings. Following the charism of the Fraternity, they that the surest way to regenerate the life of Christ in the country was through the youth. Their goal was to teach the youth that, while doing good deeds is beautiful, the deeds should be rooted in Christ," Fr. Diego says. True charity happens because we have met God in the Sacraments and in the life of Christ's Church." Fr. Diego's mission is to help the youth understand that, in order to give of yourself in an authentically Christian way, you must first know Christ and his teaching. "Faith is not just to do things, but how you recognize God in your life," he says.



This mission of the fraternity in Chile is growing exponentially these days, having begun with only a few students to seeing 50 actively engaged youth this past year. Fr. Diego has even brought the teens to the United States in order to see how the Catholic faith is lived in other cultures. He seeks continually to broaden their perspective of the Church and of Jesus. As the youth have been reached though this mission, so have the families and adults surrounding them.



While Fr. Diego is passionate about this ministry, he is also a chaplain at a private school in Santiago, teaches eighth grade Math and Religious Education, and is offering adult faith formation. Resources for the FSCB ministries in Chile are slim and your support is so necessary and appreciated. Fr. Diego asks that you assist him and the FSCB with this mission through your prayers for the youth of Chile as well as for discernment of vocations among them, that they would be inspired to give generously of themselves to Christ and his Church.



If you desire to give monetarily, you can fill out a commitment card, found at the Nativity front desk, with your donation. Checks can be made payable to FSCB with "Fr. Diego" in the memo line.

NATIVITY: FAITH & REASON

2022-2023 ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for new families is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren), please visit school.nool.us/enroll or scan the QR code.



ROOT BEER EXPERIMENTS

Kindergarten students explored matter and its liquid, gas, and solid states by having root beer floats!



LANGUAGE ARTS

Sixth grade works on Language Arts with Miss Suhr.



FROM THE PARISH

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday, March 2

7:00am

9:30am

12:00pm

7:00pm

Lenten Offerings

Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent, 7:00pm

March 4- Soup & Stations
March 11- Fish Fry & Stations
March 18- Soup & Stations
April 1- Clam Cakes & Stations
April 8- Fish Fry & Stations
Food is served at 5:30pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Roma people of Central and Eastern Europe have long experienced exclusion and poverty in the countries where they live. Large communities of Roma live in eastern Slovakia, where some villages are nearly 40% Roma. They still face exclusion and often live in poverty with scarce job opportunities for adults and educational opportunities for children; in some

places, they lack even basic amenities such as running water and electricity. With support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the archeparchy evangelizes and ministers to this frequently misunderstood ethnic group while also helping their Slovak neighbors know and understand them better. When you participate in the collection, it helps the Church fulfill its mission to go out to the margins and show God's mercy to all. If you attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, consider giving to this mission in the envelopes provided.



GOD SQUAD

As disciples of Christ, we are called to be people who share generously the talents we have been given. Nativity is now offering another way you can give to your parish home. If your heart is called to volunteer your professional talents and skills within the parish, please email godsquad@nool.us to learn more and to discover where you can give your time and talent within our parish facilities.

ROSARY TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

The Rosary Team has many volunteer opportunities. Administration support, online rosary volunteers and those willing to pray in-person in pairs for nursing home residents are needed. Training will be provided. Please consider joining our mission to provide this corporal work of mercy. For more information, email therosaryteam@gmail.com or call Teresa Rodriguez at 303-550-6962. You can also visit our site at therosaryteam.org

NATIVITY WIDOWS

Wednesday, March 9 | 12:00pm | St. Thomas More

The Nativity widows will gather on Wednesday, March 9, to welcome two new attendees planning to join the group. Please bring an easy recipe from your favorite cookbook to share. Let's make this a hospitable welcome with good attendance! Please make sure to check in at the Nativity front desk when you arrive.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign begins Wednesday, March 2 and ends Saturday, April 9. Please join us to pray for an end to abortion in our community and in the world. To find out more, please visit 40daysforlife.com/boulder or email Sarah Volkman at vlkmns@protonmail.com.

PRAYER IN THE SQUARE

Saturday, March 5 | 10:15am | N. Midway Park

Join us for Prayer in the Square on Saturday, March 5, at 10:15am at N. Midway Park. We meet at the northwest corner of Kohl and Midway St. We will pray a Rosary and Chaplet for life and for our country.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICKOFF

Sunday, March 6 | 4:00pm | 898 14th St., Boulder

Please join the Boulder 40 Days for Life spring campaign kickoff at 4:00pm on Sunday, March 6, at Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Boulder. It will be held in the basement meeting room. All are invited to attend! Come learn about the campaign and other information about life issues in Colorado. For more information about the kick-off and about 40 Days for Life please visit 40daysforlife.com/Boulder.

TUESDAY PRAYER VIGILS

Tuesday prayer vigils will continue from 6:00am-6:00pm, Monday-Saturday, at the Boulder abortion clinic, where they perform late term abortions up to birth. All are welcome and encouraged to attend when possible. To sign up for a vigil day and time go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/admin/calendar.aspx>. They are hoping to get every hour covered at the clinic. With the upcoming Supreme Court decision regarding Roe v. Wade it is imperative that we step up our prayers and vigils. We are called to be witnesses to life.

If you have any questions please contact Eloise and Phil Georgian at 303-469-8156 or eeptg@msn.com. You can also contact Janet Carpenter at 720-939-7192 or janetacarpenter@comcast.net.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Mondays | 7:00pm | St. Thomas More

"Pray in the Spirit, Pray from the Heart" prayer group was begun in response to the Archbishops call for a new Diocesan outpouring of the Holy Spirit, under the Queenship of Our Lady. The group is being hosted at Nativity Parish on Mondays at 7:00pm. This is a place to grow in sanctity and in intimacy with the Holy Spirit, as sons and daughters of the Father, using the charismatic gifts for the building up of the Church, and responding to the call to boldly witness to the Kingdom as Jesus' disciples. All are welcome to join. For more information, contact hughjmasterson@gmail.com.

DIVORCÉ SUPPORT GROUP RESCHEDULED

The Divorcé Support group has been rescheduled for March 8. Please consider coming to this group and/or referring any friend that might benefit from this support. For information about the group, contact Deacon David Arling at d.arling@nool.us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A Reflection from a Vincentian

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." - Psalms 82:3-4

Lent is a time for personal renewal, a time to evaluate our relationship with Jesus, and a time to exercise our faith through prayer, fasting, and charity. Lent gives us time to let go of our self-centered lives and express generosity and thanks by taking a close look around us. Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you have done for me." He makes it very clear that to love Him means to love those less fortunate, bringing us closer to Him.

It is human nature to not think about the poor; the topic makes us feel sad, frustrated, and hopeless, especially when we think there is little we can do. Lent is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the situation of the poor and realize that God has a special place, connection, and love for the ones without a voice.

The conclusion is very clear, we must hear the cry of the poor. When we reject people in need, it is a form of rejecting Christ himself. When Jesus commanded us to love our neighbor, He meant for us to demonstrate it by how we treat others, especially the poor.

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FREE THROW CONTEST CONGRATS



The Knights of Columbus Council 10961 of Nativity of Our Lord Parish held its annual District Free Throw Competition at the Nativity Gym on Saturday, February 19th. Winners of the competition were Penelope Halsey, age 10; Patrick Hamill, age 10; Graham Harkness, age 11, and Noah McBride, age 12. The winners are eligible to participate in the State Free Throw Competition that will be held at St. Mary's Catholic School in Colorado Springs on March 26th. Thanks to all the competitors and parents for their support and to the Nativity staff who helped enable this event.



ST. JOSEPH SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration for Nativity Families and Friends

Saturday March 19, 2022
5:30pm-9:00pm
Cabrini Hall at Nativity

There are many fun worldwide traditions around the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day. If you have your own family traditions and would like to help with the planning of this event please contact Ilene DuBey at i.dubey@nool.us



CHRIST OUR LIFE CONFERENCE

Join thousands to celebrate Mass, enjoy time with Jesus in Adoration, avail yourselves to Reconciliation and fill your spirits with music and prayer at the seventh Christ our Life Conference, taking place in Des Moines, Iowa. You will be inspired and gain practical insight into actions to enhance your own personal faith journey. World-class speakers will present topics of critical importance to all, including Father John Riccardo, Susan Tassone, Matt Fradd, Patricia Sandoval, Keith Nester, Tim Jameson, Steve Angrisano and more.

For more information, visit the website at www.christourlifeiowa.com, the facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristOurLifeIowa/, or email Cindy Wehmeyer at colorado.christourlifeiowa@gmail.com

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$15 for Youth/Students and \$15 for Volunteers. (Volunteers are referred to the website for details.) Youth and Students are defined as anyone age 6 through college. Children 5 and under are free. Priests, consecrated, those in religious orders, deacons and seminarians may attend gratis.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? Take time to learn about yourself and your spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on:

Virtual: Apr. 2-3;
Dillon: Apr. 22-24;
Littleton, Non-Residential: June 10-12;

For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact Brenda & Gary Granger at 720-213-8833.

Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org.

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @wwmeColorado

RETRouvaille

April 1-3, 2022

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 100's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 1-3, 2022, call (303)317-5111, email retrouvaille.co@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Nativity Men's Lenten Retreat

Join with other men of the parish for an opportunity to get away from the "world" and listen to God's voice through structured talks, prayer, discussion & rest.

Start: Evening, Friday, March 11
Finish: Morning, Sunday, March 13

Location:
YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park



For more info and to register scan QR code

Paper registration available at front desk.

Financial assistance is available.

For Questions: Bob Patton 720-883-1893

or
Catholicmensgroup@nool.us

SAMARITAN HOUSE DONATIONS

Samaritan House Community in Denver focuses primarily on serving women, families, and veterans who are seeking safe shelter, nutritious food, and supportive life services. The following items are needed for Samaritan House: women's deodorant, women's bras (all sizes), women's underwear (all sizes), women's shampoo and conditioner (small bottle size), and body soap.

Please drop off any donations at the parish office. There are volunteers who pick up the donations and deliver them to Samaritan House weekly. If you have any questions about donations please contact Tammie Donohoe at tammie.donohoe@gmail.com.



Rio de Janeiro state government has confirmed 117 deaths from the floods and mudslides that swept away homes and cars in the city of Petrópolis. Survivors continue to dig and the number of people still trapped in the mud is unclear. Police estimate there are at least 116 people still missing. Pope Francis conveys his condolences and prays for the repose of the deceased, as the Bishop and Caritas launch appeals for solidarity.

Commenting during the Sunday Angelus on the Gospel passage in which Jesus tells His disciples to love their enemies, Pope Francis lamented, "How sad it is when people and populations that pride themselves on being Christian see one another as enemies and think of waging war against each other!"

Read more stories here:



In the Gospel of today's Liturgy, Jesus gives some basic life guidance to the disciples. The Lord refers to the most difficult situations, those that constitute the litmus test for us, those that confront us with those who are enemies and hostile to us, those who are always trying to do us harm. In such cases, the disciple of Jesus is called not to give in to instinct and hatred, but to go further, much further. Go



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beyond instinct, go beyond hatred. Jesus says: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you" (Lk 6:27). And even more concretely: "To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also" (v. 29). When we hear this, it seems that the Lord is asking the impossible. And then, why love your enemies? If you do not react to the bullies, every abuse of power is given free rein, and this is not right. But is it really so? Does the Lord really ask impossible and indeed even unjust things of us? Is it so?

Let us consider first and foremost that sense of injustice that we feel in "turning the other cheek". And let us think of Jesus. During the passion, in his unjust trial before the high priest, at one point he receives a slap from one of the guards. And how does He react? He does not insult him, no: he says to the guard, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" (Jn 18:23). He asks for an account of the wrong done to him. Turning the other cheek does not mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice. Jesus, with his question, denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed with kindness. He does not wish to spark off an argument, but rather to defuse resentment, this is important: to extinguish hatred and injustice together, seeking to restore the guilty brother. This is not easy, but Jesus did it and he tells us to do likewise. This is turning the other cheek: Jesus' mildness is a stronger response to the slap he received. Turning the other cheek is not the withdrawal of the loser, but the action of one who has a greater inner strength. Turning the other cheek means defeating evil with the goodness that opens up a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude, this turning the other cheek, is dictated not by calculation or by hatred, but by love.

Dear brothers and sisters, it is the freely given, undeserved love we receive from Jesus that generates in the heart a way of doing things that is similar to his, that rejects all vengeance. We are accustomed to revenge: "You did this to me, I will do that to you", or to bearing a grudge in our heart, resentment that harms, destroys the person.

Let us come to another objection: is it possible for a person to come to love his or her enemies? If it depended only on us, it would be impossible. But let us recall that, when the Lord asks for something, he wishes to give it. The Lord never asks for something he has not already given us first. When he tells me to love my enemies, he wants to give me the capacity to do so. Without that ability, we would not be capable, but he tells you to "love your enemy" and gives you the capacity to love. What should we ask of him? What is God happy to give us? The strength to love, which is not a thing, but rather the Holy Spirit. The strength to love is the Holy Spirit, and with the Spirit of Jesus, we can respond to evil with good, we can love those who do us harm. This is what Christians do. How sad it is, when people and populations proud to be Christians see others as enemies and think to wage war against each other! It is very sad.

And us, shall we try to live following Jesus' invitations? Think of someone who has wronged us. Each one of you, think of a person. It is common for us to be hurt by someone; think of that person. Perhaps we hold a grudge within. So, let us set alongside this resentment the image of Jesus, meek, during the trial, after the slap. And then let us ask the Holy Spirit to act in our heart. Finally, let us pray for that person: let us pray for those who have done us harm (see Lk 6:28). When people harm us, we immediately go and tell others and we feel we are victims. Let us stop, and pray to the Lord for that person, that he might help him or her, and so this feeling of resentment will be dispelled. Praying for those who have wronged us is the first step to transforming evil into good. Prayer. May the Virgin Mary help us be workers of peace towards everyone, especially those who are hostile to us and whom we do not like.

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9:30am | 5:00pm

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Thursday
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