

This Week's Readings

Deuteronomy 7: 6-11.

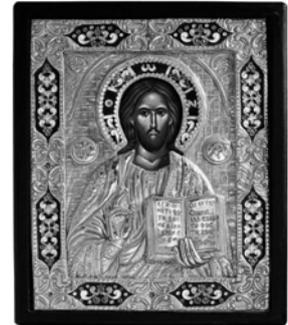
God saves his people from slavery and asks for their faithfulness.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-16.

God gives us life through Jesus and asks that we love one another.

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30.

It is the humble sincere people who truly know Jesus.



Points for Reflection

Today we celebrate our Parish Feast Day: the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a time of celebration and deepening of friendship and of parish unity, and of our determination to be active and true members of this Parish, by imitating our Patron, the Sacred Heart of Jesus. How does Jesus love us in order that we may be able to imitate Him?

The First Reading puts a vivid picture before us. God searches among all the nations on earth to decide which he will choose to be his one particular people. The choice he makes is surprising. It is not the strongest or the most responsive, but the most unimportant and unpromising of all. It is the People of Israel. God chose them because he loved them and because of the oath he had sworn to their fathers. The covenant, which God made with this people, showed his two great qualities -- his faithfulness and his loving mercy. The covenant was never broken from his side, no matter how often the people failed him.

John (**Second Reading**) sees the same God of mercy and faithfulness at work in our regard. His love for us is certainly not our due. It is a gift, just as it was for Israel. And it will stand firm and will be lasting like his continuing love for Israel. John marvels at this and asks us with utter simplicity, "if God has loved so much, ought we not to love one another?" Jesus sees the truth that the only way in which we can truly return God's love is by loving the men and women we live among.

In a world in which selfishness and greed seem to have the upper hand, the leaders of all nations, our society, our families and children, our parish and group communities, and each one of us more than ever need to be told the Good News that God is Love, and that no true and lasting happiness can ever be achieved unless we allow ourselves to be filled with this Love and are willing to share it with one another.

This is, indeed, the mission entrusted to every Parish Community: by our genuine mutual love (respect, understanding, compassion, forgiveness, encouragement, generous help and support) we should become the visible and most credible sign of God's infinite, merciful, faithful and liberating Love.

A mission, which is not beyond our strength, as long as we keep the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Model and Patron, always before us, and let his Spirit of Love enlighten, guide and strengthen us.

Happy Parish Feast Day to each and every one of you!

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Kids' Corner

This is a photo of a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Announcement

**** Attention Parents ****

Registration for the Sacred Heart English-speaking Catechism class for children will be from Saturday 1st November to Sunday 16th November. The Catechism Class is for children of Primary School age or above who wish to learn about the Catholic Faith; Children wishing to receive a sacrament in the next two years must attend the classes, which will take place on Thursday evenings. Please request a registration form at the back of the church and bring along a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate at registration.