

Daily Homily  
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Solemnity  
Week Eleven in Ordinary Time, Friday  
19 June 2020  
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This feast helps us to see into the inner workings of God's heart.

Deuteronomy... "It was not because you are the largest of all nations that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you, for you are really the smallest of nations."

This speaks volumes. God has a heart for what is small. It is why God was born to a virgin and even learned the trade of a carpenter. It is why he was born in Bethlehem, the small of the cities of the land of Judah. It is why he did not go to the palaces of the day, seeking out the big-wigs of the times. Instead he called no-name fisherman and tax collectors. Who would listen to them? Who would follow them? What sort of credibility would he gain from hanging out with them? What sort of credibility would they gain from hanging out with him? God has a heart for what is small, meek, and low. God turns all of that into something mighty... not necessarily profitable, not necessarily something reputable, and certainly not something popular, but God takes the small and makes them great. How would we know any of the saints today, if it had not been for the Lord in their life, making them known to this day?

The Letter from Saint John... "God is love." What a statement. It does not say: God is like love. It says: God is love. So for love to be true, authentic, and real it must lead us to God. This is where I turn to my mom and dad. If I look back on my life with them, observing them from my perspective, watching their interaction with each other as their youngest son, I saw two individuals who loved God first, love each other second, loved their children third. When helping mom clean up some clutter some years ago, I ran across this gem of a note that she wrote to dad on their tenth wedding anniversary. I took a snapshot. Mom's message speaks about living her vocation. Vocation comes from the Latin for "voice" or "call." In other words listening to the voice or the call of God and ultimately living what God is, love. The note says: *May 24, 1962 ... Darling, The past ten years have been a wonderful vocation for me – thanks to you. You have been the dearest, kindest, most understanding husband and father. I pray daily that I will more sympathetically fulfill my role in our marriage. With your help, how can I fail? With all my love for all my life. Norine.* In and from God's heart all love flows. Does who you love and what you love and how you love lead you to love, lead you to God?

This year, Matthew's Gospel... again, big and bombastic words are not used here, but words like "little ones" and "meek and humble of heart." God has been an advocate to help us move beyond the tyrants of our life. From the Israelites and Moses moving away from Egypt and being released from the clutches of Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers to the present day of moving out of the harm's way of sin. God has always been our greatest advocate. This Gospel even says, let me help you get away from yourself. Let me unburden you from your ego, from the yoke of your own self enslavement, from the work that your own sin of omission and commission has wrought. Come to me, and I will give you rest. This does not mean we never work again. It means we obtain a peace and a direction that leads to purpose, fulfillment, and satisfaction.

What is in the most sacred heart of God? To be loved as God loves us. To love as God loves. To love and find our true self and our true purpose. Pray in God's heart today.

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