

Who is Jesus for you?

KNOW YOUR FAITH

Under the above title, I will begin a new series of Catechesis for our parishioners, with the aim of answering and clarifying some questions that usually may come up during conversations among friends, family or even with non Catholics.

Nothing fancy, but a fruit of my own reflections with the aid of some Catholic orthodox sources.

I never forgot the time when I was a child of perhaps 5 or 6 years old, and being in bed, seriously ill, I was very concerned about my health. I nervously asked my mother: "Am I going to die?"

Even after I got well, I was very concerned about the after life. So much so that one day my mom took me to see our parish priest. She told him: "my son keeps saying that he is afraid of dying one day. What can I say to him?"

Our Pastor's reply must have reassured me, because I was not afraid any longer. His response to me was: "Be a saint, and you will never die!"

Those words stayed with me and got fixed in my memory.

It's true: saints live forever with God; they do not experience the kind of death that separates from God, the source of life!

DO YOU WANT TO BE A SAINT?

The goal of St. Benedict Parish is to help you be a saint!

Through these writings we will reflect on the answers that our Catholic Faith provides to the questions about God, Jesus, religion, afterlife, etc.

Hopefully most parishioners of St. Benedict have their own copy of Matthew Kelly's book "REDISCOVER JESUS", which was given away by our Pastor over a year ago.

The book invites the reader to reflect on the ways Jesus handled mankind's questions about life , natural and supernatural, relationships, the quest for love, happiness, relationships, etc.

It also invites you to consider the main question: "who is Jesus for you?"

(Gospel of Matthew 16:13).

It is important that, as Catholics, we begin to spend some time reflecting on the questions:

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME, TO BE CATHOLIC?

WHY DO I GO TO CHURCH?

What would you answer if someone were to ask you the above questions?

Till next week.

P.S.

During this month of May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Pope Francis is requesting that Catholics pray the Rosary every day, if possible with the family, for the end of this pandemic.

Our Lady promised it: "if you pray the rosary daily, even wars and disasters can be stopped."

Blessed Mother Mary, Help of Christians,

Pray for us.