

MORNING MEDITATION

Wednesday, Third Week of Lent

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.
(Deuteronomy 7:9)

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Moses tells the people how special they are to God – so special that God gave them laws, guidance from his heart for his people! God did not leave his people in the wilderness to go their own way without direction! God's people must remember God's teachings and pass them on to their children.

The sign of wisdom and intelligence is that God's people know God's wisdom and they follow God's wisdom.....God is so close to His people that he is there when they call upon him.....

Keep searching for God's wisdom and be faithful!

Psalm 147

**Praise the Lord for he is good, sing praise.....he is gracious.....
He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.....
Great is the Lord.....to his wisdom there is no limit.....**

Mathew 5:17-19

Jesus told the disciples that he did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill the law. He also told them that greatness in God's kingdom depended on faithfulness to God's law.

Jesus came to bring out the meaning and purpose of the law – to fulfill it – to realize it, to achieve its purpose. The real purpose of the law which Jesus came to fulfill is at the heart of the Ten Commandments and the beatitudes. One word that could identify this purpose is REVERENCE or deep respect – reverence for God, for self, for other and for all of God's creation. It is this reverence, deep respect, intimate love that Jesus came to fulfill, to show us in actual life what reverence for God and God's creation means.

Keep searching for the wisdom of God!

Be faithful to God and God's law! Learn to fulfill God's law, to achieve its purpose!

Saint of the Day, March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac and 11 other saints are remembered this day.

St. Louise de Marillac was born on August 12, 1591, at Le Meux in France. As a young woman, Louise married a man with a bright future ahead of him. They were both happy in the marriage, but soon her husband developed a chronic illness which worsened over time. After several years, he died.

In 1625, Louise moved to a parish near Paris, and Father Vincent de Paul became her spiritual advisor. As their relationship continued, he realized that Louise could be very helpful in directing his Ladies of Charity who cared for the sick, poor and neglected in his parish community. Louise trained his volunteers and organized their work.

In 1634 Father Vincent and Louise co-founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Louise herself professed vows and became Mother Superior. Many women joined her. Mother Louise traveled all over France, placing her sisters in hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions. She encouraged her sisters to treat the poor as if they were serving Christ himself. When she died in 1660, she had established 40 convents. Today, the Sisters of Charity can be found all over the world. St. Louise de Marillac was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934.

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