

MORNING MEDITATION

Wednesday, Third Week of Lent

**Being still does not mean you don't do anything.
It means you do everything gently, quietly and in serenity.**

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 11 - Saint John Ogilvie and 16 other saints are remembered this day.

Saint John Ogilvie was born in 1579 in Scotland. He was the eldest son of Walter Ogilvie, a respected Calvinist. At the age of twelve he was sent to the European continent to be educated. He attended several Catholic educational establishments, under the Benedictines in Germany and with the Jesuits in Moravia. In the midst of the religious controversies and turmoil that engulfed the Europe of that era, he decided to become a Catholic.

In 1596, aged seventeen, he was received into the Catholic Church at Leuven, Belgium. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1599 and was ordained a priest in Paris in 1610. After ordination he served in Rouen in Normandy where he made repeated requests to be sent to Scotland to minister to the few remaining Catholics in the Glasgow area.

It was his hope that some Catholic nobles there would aid him, given his lineage. Finding none, he went to London, then back to Paris, and finally returned to Scotland in November 1613 disguised as a horse trader named John Watson. Thereafter he began to preach in secret, celebrating Mass clandestinely in private homes.

This ministry was to last less than a year. In October 1614, Ogilvie was discovered and arrested in Glasgow under the orders of Archbishop Spottiswood and was imprisoned. He was initially treated well, but after continually refusing to confess, was tortured by sleep deprivation. John Ogilvie was publicly hanged and drawn on March 10, 1615 in Glasgow.

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