

MORNING MEDITATION

Wednesday, Fourth Week of Easter

**Want to live simply?
Slowly remove things until you're left only with what you love!**

Acts 12:24-13:5

The community of believers grew in number. Paul and Barnabas were accepted into the college of apostles and sent to proclaim the good news of Jesus. Reflect on your call, today, to spread the good news of Jesus.

Pray that more men and women would dedicate themselves to spreading the word of Jesus.

Psalm 67

**May God have pity on us and bless us;
May he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way, be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.**

John 12:44-50

Jesus made the claim that in him we encountered God.....to see him is to see God....in him we meet God and God meets us.....

In Jesus, we come to know who God is and in him we come to know who we are.....

Jesus proclaimed, "I have come to the world as its light....."

Turn to Jesus for a clear vision of God, ourselves, this world, life, death and the world to come.....

Jesus affirmed again, "I did not come to condemn the world but to save it....."

Never condemn yourself or any one else.....develop for yourself a positive, redeeming, saving attitude.....

He also made it clear to his listeners that whatever he spoke was spoken as the Father had instructed him.....the word he spoke came from the Father!

Jesus was and is the WORD of the Father.....take his word....let his word become flesh in you today, here and now.

Saint of the Day, May 11 - St. Ignatius of Laconi and 19 other saints are remembered this day.

Vincenzo Peis was born on December 10, 1701 into a poor peasant family in Sardinia. He was baptized as "Francesco Ignazio Vincenzo" since he was born out of a difficult pregnancy in which his mother invoked the intercession of Francis of Assisi. Vincenzo worked in the fields to support his parents. He suffered a serious illness at the age of seventeen that made him vow that he would consecrate himself to God and join the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin if he managed to recover from it. He did recover but put off the fulfilment of his vow after his father convinced him to wait because he depended on Vincenzo for support in the fields.

In 1721 he was in danger once more when the horse he was riding panicked. He could have been thrown off, but he called upon the assistance of Francis of Assisi and renewed the vow he had made during his illness. This time his parents did not raise objections to his becoming a friar and granted him their blessing.

He was accepted into the Franciscan novitiate on November 10, 1721 and made his profession on November 10, 1722 and took the name Ignatius. Ignatius's reputation for self-denial and charity led to his appointment as the official beggar for the friars in Cagliari. He fulfilled that task for 40 years, despite being blind for the last two years. He died on May 11, 1781 in Cagliari and was canonized in 1951.

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