

MORNING MEDITATION

Saturday, Twenty Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

**Serenity springs from a joyful readiness
and willingness to accept life with all its demands.**

Galatians 3:22-29

Paul says that the law was there to lead a person to Christ. The law could not take him into Christ's presence, but it could take him into a position where he himself might enter. Once a person had come to Christ, he no longer needed the law...he was no longer dependant on the law, but on grace. Those who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ and they have become one in Christ without distinctions.

Psalms 105

**Sing to him, sing his praise,
Proclaim all his wondrous deeds.
Glory in his holy name;
Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**

Luke 11:27-28

Jesus had healed a mute person, and the man began to speak. Some who witnessed it accused Jesus of being in league with the devil. A woman from the crowd cried out, "Blessed is the womb that bore you...." And Jesus replied, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it".

This is the second time that Jesus gave such wonderful complement to those who hear God's word and remain faithful. On one occasion when Jesus was addressing the crowd, his mother and relatives came to speak with him. When someone told Jesus about it, he said, "who is my mother and who are my brothers.....whoever does the will of my Father is brother and sister and mother to me". Jesus spoke of a new kind of relationship...one that goes far beyond blood relationships, what the Scriptures call "covenantal bond". And he spoke of a new kind of blessing and grace....one that goes far beyond accomplishments to fidelity to God and God's word.

Jesus calls us to enter into a relationship of love and obedience....an obedience that binds us together as brothers and sisters of Jesus. Our common obedience makes us true brothers and sisters. How blessed are those who share a common obedience....how blessed the person who is faithful to God and God's word.

Saint of the Day, October 10 - Saint Francis Borgia and 298 other saints are remembered this day

Francis Borgia was born on October 28, 1510, in Gandia, Valencia, Spain. He belonged to one of the most prominent families of the kingdom of Aragon, a family that gave the Church two popes. A series of events, including the death of his wife, made Francis Borgia rethink his priorities. He gave up public life, gave away his possessions, and joined the new and little-known Society of Jesus. Francis was a man of prayer and had great administrative talents. He helped in the establishment of what is now the Gregorian University in Rome. Not long after his ordination, he served as political and spiritual adviser to the emperor. In Spain, he founded a dozen colleges.

At 55, Francis was elected head of the Jesuits. He focused on the growth of the Society of Jesus, the spiritual preparation of its new members, and spreading the faith in many parts of Europe. He was responsible for the founding of Jesuit missions in Florida, Mexico, and Peru. Francis Borgia is often regarded as the second founder of the Jesuits. He died on September 30, 1572 and was canonized on June 20, 1670 by Pope Clement X.

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