

MORNING MEDITATION

Saturday, Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Simplicity is the language of God.

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8

This excerpt contains a series of advises for the youth. The youth are advised to follow their heart, be faithful to their vision and be happy. The author ends with a reminder that all things as we know pass away and so search for enduring values.

Psalm 90

**You turn man back to dust,
Saying, “return, O Children of men”
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.**

Luke 9:43-45

Luke tells us about how Jesus tried to correct the disciples' vision of his mission. They expected a political, conquering, messiah king who would restore their nation and save them from the Romans.

To the Jews who waited for the Messiah, conqueror and King, Jesus spoke of the terrible experience he would go through, the experience of being delivered into the hands of men to be killed. How different it is from the idea of a conqueror King! Jesus came not with avenging armies but giving His life and he called his disciples to do the same. The disciples did not grasp the meaning of his sayings. Luke tells us that they were even afraid to ask him any questions about what he said.

Pray for courage and strength to accept the hardships and inconveniences that come with being a disciple of Jesus.

Saint of the Day, September 24 - St. Pacific of San Severino and 60 other saints are remembered this day.

Pacificus of San Severino was born on March 1, 1653 at San Severino. His parents died when he was three years old. He suffered hardships until December 1670 when he entered the Franciscan order, taking the name Pacificus, and began a long apostolate of service in his own region. Pacificus was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1678 and served as professor of philosophy from 1680 to 1683 for the newer members of the order. Following this he worked for four or five years as a missionary in the

surrounding area until suffering lameness and deafness in addition to blindness he was unable to continue giving missions. Though he was in constant suffering from 1692 to 1693, he held the post of Guardian in the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Severino, where he died on September 24, 1721 and was canonized on May 26, 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI

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