

MORNING MEDITATION

Saturday, Twenty Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

**Forbearance enables us to wait patiently, keep trying as we wait
and doing the best we can.**

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-16

In this excerpt, we find Job acknowledging his pride and confessing that God's ways and plans are infinitely far beyond his understanding. He came to realize that God's plans can not be hindered, but must be fulfilled. Job has come to a new and more joyful vision of God and God's ways. This excerpt concludes by giving us the details of how Job was blessed in his latter years after he had surrendered himself to God.

God has a plan and a purpose for us. Keep discerning His plan and find joy in fulfilling that plan he has for you.

Psalm 119

**Teach me wisdom and knowledge,
for in your command I trust.
It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
that I may learn your statutes.**

Luke 10:17-24

The seventy two disciples went on their first mission and they were excited about their accomplishments....the devils became subject to their power....who wouldn't be exited!!! They returned and told their master about all the wonderful things they did. The master told them to rejoice, not in their accomplishments, but in their being accepted into the kingdom.

The joy of a disciple is in being a disciple and not in doing the work of the disciple. All that is done is only an expression of discipleship. Being a disciple is reward and joy in itself.

Jesus praised the heavenly father for revealing himself through the simple and the ordinary. It was the simple and the ordinary that recognized Jesus – the learned and the clever had no use for him.

Be humble and simple and remain open to God's self revelation.

Saint of the Day, October 5 – Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and 23 other saints are remembered this day.

Helena Kowalska was born in what is now west-central Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of 10 children to a poor and religious family. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities to support her family. She approached many different convents, but was turned away every time. Finally, the mother superior for the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy decided to take in Faustina on the condition that she could pay for her own religious habit. Working as a housekeeper, Faustina began to save her money and make deposits to the Convent.

On April 30, 1926, at the age of 20, she finally received her habit and took the religious name of Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament and in 1928, she took her first religious vows as a nun. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses.

On February 22, 1931, Faustina was visited by Jesus, who presented himself as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from his heart. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.

Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938 and was canonized in April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

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