

MORNING MEDITATION

Tuesday after Epiphany

We have a “God-ordained purpose” and we must participate in the fulfillment of that purpose.

1 John 4:7-10

John encouraged his readers to love one another. He says, “the man without love has known nothing of God, for God is love”. Love consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us.

Psalm 72

Justice shall flower in his days,
And profound peace till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.....

Mark 6:34-44

People came from all over to touch and be touched by Jesus and experienced the healing power in that touch - the healing touch of Jesus.

May your touch be affirming, compassionate, encouraging, gentle, healing, kind, loving, sensitive, supportive, transforming!

Jesus, moved with compassion, accepted the small gift of the people in need and in his hands the small gift became great.....**Our small gifts become “abundance” in the hands of God!**

God blesses us with gifts. But unless we maintain close contact with God, the giver of gifts, many things could happen to the gifts. Our gifts may never bless us or anyone else. This is true of all gifts. They have to be blessed, cultivated, nurtured, loved and shared.

May all God’s gifts be a blessing to you and to all you meet, love and serve!

The Gospel of today calls us to nurture and share our gifts with others, specially be sensitive to the needy among us. We lose whatever gifts God has given us, when we use it for ourselves without gratitude and without concern for others.

Be grateful. Keep in touch with the giver of gifts. Share your gifts with others, gratefully and joyfully!

Saint of the Day, January 7 - St. Raymond of Pennafort and 19 other saints are remembered this day.

Raymond of Penyafort was born in a small town near Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain around 1175. Descended from a noble family with ties to the royal house of Aragon, he was educated in Barcelona and at the University of Bologna, where he received doctorates in both civil and canon law. He gave up all his honors and entered the Order of the Dominicans. St. Raymond was very humble and very close to God with deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. He compiled the Decretals of Gregory IX, a collection of canonical laws that remained a major part of Church law until the 1917 Code of Canon Law abrogated it. He was a self-sacrificing and kind person who attracted many to return to the Lord. With King James of Aragon and St. Peter Nolasco, he founded the Order of Our Lady of Ransom. The members of this Order devoted themselves to saving poor Christians captured by the Moors. Raymond was one hundred years old when he died on January 6, 1275 in Barcelona, Spain

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