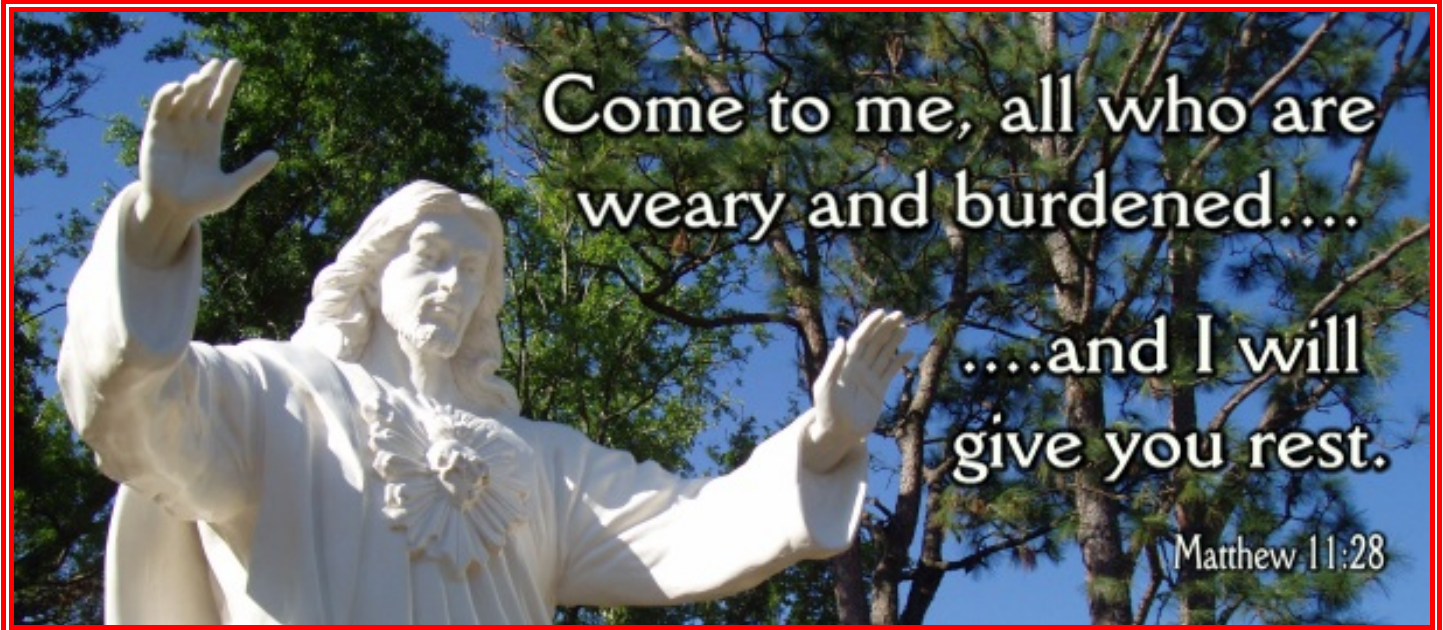


September 1, 2013

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PASTORAL STAFF

Very Rev. James F. Zoghby, V.F., Pastor
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Mrs. Judi B. Ankiewicz, Pastoral Assistant
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Mrs. Kathleen Q. Jester, Parish Catechetical Leader
Mrs. Colleen DeVoe, Youth Ministry Co-Director
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Mr. Matthew F. Purvis, Music Director
Mr. Jay H. Henley, Gym Manager

TO REGISTER AS A MEMBER OF THE PARISH

Please fill out a Census Form. Census Forms are available in the church vestibule and parish office.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS & SERVICES

For rental information and kitchen services, please call the parish office at 342-1852 or 342-1420.

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil: 5:30 p.m. Saturday
Morning: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 a.m.: Monday through Friday
8:15 a.m.: Monday through Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and by request, particularly after the 6:30 & 8:15 a.m. weekday Masses.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, ANOINTING OF SICK

Please call the parish office (342-1852) for information and scheduling baptism, marriage, anointing of sick.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.C.I.A.)

Please see published schedule for specific dates and times, or call the parish office (342-1852).

SUNDAY SCHOOL (C.C.D.) Grades K–12, Sundays during school year, 10:05-10:55 a.m. in school bldgs.

SCHOOL, *SACS-accredited* for Grades 3K through 8. For info & registration, please call the school office.

FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL for 6-week to 2-yr. olds. For info & registration, please call the preschool office

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LABOR DAY MASS at 8:15 a.m. only. No 6:30 a.m. Mass.
All offices of the parish (church, school, preschool, com. ctr.) closed.

Blood Drive This Sunday, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes: 10:05-10:55 a.m. in the main school bldg. Sunday School participants at 9 a.m. Mass are dismissed with the final blessing.
No Classes Today, Sept. 1: *Labor Day* holiday.
Info: SundaySchool@CorpusChristiParish.com, or 648-4441.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL

Building the Body of Christ, one student at a time.

Monday, Sept. 2: No Classes. *Labor Day*.
Friday, Sept. 6: School pictures in uniform.
Tuesday, Sept. 10: Parent-Teacher Open House, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 13: Team Day and Pep Rally. Students may come out of uniform in CCS colors of Orange & White. Pep rally at 2:15.
Monday, Oct. 14: No Classes. *Faculty Retreat*.

Wednesday Night Dinner

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Hall

\$9.00 for Adults • \$4.00 for Children (Age 12 & under)

Sept 4th Smothered Pork Chops, Shrimp Creole w/Rice, Seasoned Green Beans, Cauliflower *Au Gratin*, Garden Salad, Fresh French Bread, Chocolate Cake. Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee
Kids Meal upon request: Chicken Tenders & French Fries.

Must RSVP no later than TUESDAY EVENING

Return an RSVP Card, or call 342-1852 or email

WedNightDinner@CorpusChristiParish.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Poor Box, Food, Clothing donations put in the designated places in the vestibule are distributed by our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by attending a meeting.

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 p.m., Com. Ctr. Conf. Rm. (2nd Flr.)

To obtain assistance, call 432-5173 and leave name & phone no.

Knights of Columbus

Meeting: 2nd Tues., Sept. 10, 7 p.m., at "The Parish House".

Contact: Grand Knight, Bob Wheat, 490-9350.

K of C Charitable Fundraisers

BBQ Pulled Pork Plates-To-Go, Sept. 7 & 8, for "Coats for Kids"
Boneless Boston Butts, Sept. 21, for a Portable Ultrasound
Order Forms in the Vestibule and at www.KofC13125.org

Bible Study Groups

Sundays, 8:45 -10:45 a.m. in the school counselor's conference room. Breakfast is served also. We are studying Mark's Gospel.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish House (except on the 2nd Tuesday, in the school library). Info: Dave Burchette, 367-6660.



New Pictorial Parish Directory In Process

Every parishioner household that participates will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 professional portrait, and a mobile web app.

Three ways to schedule a photo appointment:

1. Go to the Parish Website: CorpusChristiParish.com, click "Church" and then the Parish Directory link in the middle of the Church homepage.
2. Phone The Portrait Café at 1-877-896-9667, ext. 325.
3. Go directly to this link:

<http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2210025322?schedule=corpuschristicatholicchurch>

If you have questions, or if you need to change your photo appointment, please call *The Portrait Café* at 1-877-896-9667, extension 325.

Coming Soon!

Guide Book & Directory

Advertising Opportunity

Guide Book Publishing has been contracted to publish a Guide Book & Directory for Corpus Christi Parish which will be updated annually and mailed to all parishioners. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of our parish. The book is being provided at **no cost** to the parish. Local businesses are being solicited by Guide Book Publishing to advertise in the books.

If you would like to find out about advertising in this book, please call the parish office: Leave your name, phone number and/or email.

A Guide Book Publishing representative will be here in late September with advertising details for interested advertisers.

Men of St. Joseph

Tuesdays, 7 to 8 a.m. in the Family Room

Also Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish House

All men are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Jim Donaghey, jbd@orthomobile.com or www.MenOfStJoseph.com.

Wed Evening Info: Walter Bracewell, 599-1650 or walter.bracewell@yahoo.com

Women of Mary

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., in the Family Room

All women are welcome to meet for prayer, reading the Gospel, and discussion.

Info: Sr. Deborah Kennedy, R.S.M., 316-3960.

Widowed Persons' Support Group

For information call parishioner Glen Porter at 666-8977.

Pack 29 Cub Scouts: Aug. 31 & Sept. 1: After-Mass

Popcorn Sales. **Sept. 8:** Den Meetings, 3:00-4:30 pm.

Sept. 14-15: Webelos Campout, Camp Pushmataha. **Sept. 22:**

Pack Mtg. and St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

To Join Cub Scouts or for info contact Walter Bracewell 599-

1650 or Mike Martin 633-5218 or visit ccspack29.scoutlander.com.

Women's Bible Study

Starting Sept. 12

Thursdays, 9:00-10:45 a.m.

In the Conference Room (2nd Floor of the Community Ctr.)

This year we will be completing two bible study programs: "Courageous Love" and "Courageous Women." We will also be reading and discussing Scott Hahn's book, Rome Sweet Home. Study the Word of God, grow in your faith, and make new friends.

To Sign Up, please call or email:

Penny Claiborne at 776-5850 or claiborneps@gmail.com
or Joanne Donaghey at 554-6753 or joannekd@aol.com

Nursery will be available if needed.

AA — Alanon — OA — CODA

AA: Sun., 7 p.m., Wed., 7 p.m., and Fri., 7 p.m., Cougar Den.

Alanon: Sun., 7 p.m., and Wed., 7 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

OA: Sat., 9 a.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

CODA: Tues., 6:45 p.m., Arts & Sciences Bldg.

Welcome, New Parishioners

Richard & Claudia Holmes and their son, Aidan

Edmund & Patricia Spencer and sons, Josiah, Reuven, Anthony

Craig & Kelsey Wade

Paul Wu & Nohsa Yang

REST IN PEACE

Jane Mulligan Mahoney

William Leo Nicholas

Lufra Joseph Trahan

Join the Choir

1. You don't have to come every week: Everyone is welcome to participate just on the weeks they have time. On weeks when you can sing, just come to rehearsal Wednesday night at 7 pm and come to warm up at 10:15 on Sunday morning.

2. You don't have to be able to read music: Many of us don't read music, or only read a little. You can learn your part just by listening.

3. We welcome beginners: For many of us, this is the first choir we have ever been in. Most of us have never taken voice lessons. We have members with all different levels of experience.

Contact Music Director Matthew Purvis for more information:

Text: (251) 366-9187. Email: Pianoguy36609@aol.com

OR Pick up the Choir Sign-Up Form in vestibule.

First Friday Adoration 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the chapel.

Please sign up for one of the hours at the table in the vestibule.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: Catholic University.

FIRST COLLECTION TODAY for tithing offerings.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for Corpus Christi Building Fund.

HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION FINAL: \$1,424.00

AUG. 25TH BUILDING FUND DONATIONS & ONLINE: \$9,911.20

AUG. 25TH TITHING COLLECTION & ONLINE: \$23,884.96

Respect Life Announcements

"Cast the Vision" Dinner for 40 Days for Life Fall 2013 Campaign: Tuesday, Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m. at Original Oyster House in the Middle Bay Reception Room. Buffet Dinner-\$15/person. Speaker will be Dan Johnson, Director of the Family Life and Respect Life Office for the Archdiocese of Mobile. Come learn how you can be a part of ending abortion in our community. Info: Mae & Chris Rehm, 554-2032.

Memorial Service for Aborted Children at Pine Crest Cemetery: On Saturday, Sept. 14, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and at other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 50 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child. Please join us for the memorial service in our community on Saturday, Sept. 14, 12:00 noon, at Pine Crest Funeral Home & Cemetery, 1939 Dauphin Island Pkwy. Info: Sherry Reed, 454-1213 or shalane1972@yahoo.com.

For info on Natural Family Planning-NFP: Visit www.familylifemobile.org/nfp OR www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning K of C Rosary for Life & Religious Liberty at Planned Parenthood abortion facility Saturdays, at 9 a.m.. Info: Mae or Chris Rehm, 251-554-2032.

Volunteer to help women & babies, Crisis Pregnancy Ctr. Call 343-4636

Gabriel's Project Assist with prayer, donation, a woman requesting help with pregnancy. Info: gabrielangels4u@gmail.com or 251-753-2416.

Pray for Life, Marriage, Religious Liberty. www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty.

Lighthouse Catholic 80 CD Kiosk

Provided by the Men of St. Joseph

The Lighthouse Catholic 80 CD Kiosk is in the church vestibule, with CD topics ranging from Bible studies to Catholic apologetics to presentations on the Mass, Sacraments, and Lives of the Saints. Costs for the CD's are \$3.00 each, or two for \$5. A money drop is in the kiosk. Checks should be made payable to "Lighthouse". Info: contact Jerry Scott tjscott007@comcast.net or 251-533-2593.

Thank You and God Bless you.

God bless all who faithfully tithe and contribute to the support of God's work here at Corpus Christi, and those who make a special bequest in their will for Corpus Christi Church. To make a direct donation of stock, contact your stockbroker, or call Steve Setterstrom at Citigroup Global Mkts. at 470-1060.



Offering Envelopes

If you wish to use Offering Envelopes, just notify the parish office (342-1852). An initial set will be sent to you right away, and then, every two months, you will receive a two-month's supply of envelopes with your name and address printed on them.

Online Giving



With Online Giving you can either make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring automatic withdrawal from a checking or saving or credit card account: Go to www.CorpusChristiParish.com; click "Church"; then click the green Online Giving icon on the side left of the church's homepage. Follow the instructions to contribute to the tithing or building fund or special collections. **For assistance**, call 1-800-348-2886, ext 4, or the parish office, 342-1852.

Our treasure is
in the LORD



Please check this out!

When you are spending money on groceries, clothing, gasoline, entertainment, restaurants, airline tickets, cruises, hotels, drug stores, gift shops, etc.

You can earn money for Corpus Christi by using our **SCRIP** coupons or debit cards.

***You can earn money for our school
without making a donation and without losing money.***

Here's an example:

If you were planning to spend up to \$100 at Winn Dixie, you could first exchange your \$100 for \$100 in the form of a **SCRIP** debit card or coupons.

We purchase the \$100 **SCRIP** debit card or coupons for only \$96.

So you still have your \$100 for groceries, and Corpus Christi has earned \$4 in the exchange.

Many popular retailers participate in the **SCRIP** program.

Not all of them are listed on our current **SCRIP Order Form.**

So, if you don't see what you want,

notify either the parish office (342-1852) or the **SCRIP** Office (342-5474, ext. 6).

You can start using **SCRIP now!**

Go to the **SCRIP** table in the atrium. Select what you want on the **SCRIP** Order Form, enclose your payment [Make checks payable to [Corpus Christi SCRIP](#).], and drop the envelope in the front door mail slot of the parish office across the street, or in the tall wooden collection box behind the last pew, off the center aisle. Your order will be processed Monday morning, and ready for pick up on Wednesday.

Profits from parishioners and friends using our **SCRIP** debit cards or coupons have been used for several improvements at Corpus Christi, including a new science lab, security fencing, library renovations, new playground equipment.

Much more can be done, thanks to all who use our **SCRIP** debit cards and coupons.

Special Note to School Families: If you use **SCRIP** and earn \$100 profit for the Corpus Christi, you can receive a tuition voucher for 50% of any additional profit earned for the school after that first \$100 has been earned. That tuition voucher will then be applied to your next month's tuition. You can also choose to reach the initial \$100 requirement by making a tax-deductible \$100 donation to the **SCRIP** Program; this option is listed on the **SCRIP** Order Form as "Jump Start."



Pope Francis: You are not excluded!

Here is part of Pope Francis' message on last Sunday's Gospel on "the narrow gate."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the theme of salvation. Jesus is going up from Galilee to the city of Jerusalem, and along the way, says St. Luke the Evangelist, someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus did not answer the question directly: it is not important to know how

many are saved, but rather, it is important to know what is the path of salvation. And so Jesus responds to the question by saying, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." What does Jesus mean? What is the gate by which we enter? And why does Jesus speak about a narrow gate?

The image of the gate recurs several times in the Gospels and is reminiscent of home and hearth, where we find safety, love and warmth. Jesus tell us that there is a gate that allows us to enter into God's family, into the warmth of the house of God, of communion with him. This gate is Jesus himself (cf. Jn 10:9). He is the gate. He is the gateway of salvation. He leads us to the Father. And the gate that is Jesus is never closed. It is always open and open to everyone, without distinction, without exclusions, without privileges, because, you know, Jesus does not exclude anyone.

Some of you might say to me, "But Father, surely I am excluded, because I am a great sinner. I have done so many things in my life." No, you are not excluded! Precisely for that reason you are preferred, because Jesus prefers the sinner, always, in order to pardon him, to love him. Jesus is waiting for you, to embrace you, to pardon you. Don't be afraid: he's waiting for you. Be lively, have the courage to enter through the gate. All are invited to pass through this gate, to pass through the gate of faith, to enter into his life, and to allow him to enter into our life, because he transforms it, renews it, the gifts of full and lasting joy.

Nowadays we pass many doors that invite us to enter, that promise a happiness that then we realize lasts but a moment, which is an end in itself and has no future. But I ask you: which gate do we want to enter? I want to say emphatically: don't be afraid to pass through the gate of faith in Jesus, to let him enter more and more into our lives, to go out of our selfishness, our being closed in, our indifference toward others.

Certainly, it is a narrow gate, the gate of Jesus, but not because it is a torture chamber, but because it asks us to open our hearts to him, to recognize ourselves as sinners, in need of his salvation, his forgiveness, his love, needing the humility to accept his mercy and to be renewed by him. Jesus in the Gospel tells us that being a Christian is not having a "label!" I ask you, are you Christians because of a label, or in truth? And for each one the answer is within. We are not Christians because of a label! We are to be Christians in truth, in the heart. To be Christian is to live and witness to the faith in prayer, in works of charity, in promoting justice, in doing good — for the narrow gate which is Christ must pass into our whole life.

"The gate that is Jesus is never closed. It is always open, and open to everyone, without distinction, without exclusions, without privileges, because Jesus does not exclude anyone."



Pope John Paul I: “The Peasant Pope” “The Smiling Pope”

Thirty-five years ago, August 25-26, Cardinal Albino Luciani, Patriarch of Venice, was elected pope after the death of Pope Paul VI. The conclave of 101 cardinals lasted two days and he was elected on the fourth ballot. Luciani took the name of John Paul I — the first pope to have two names. He wanted to continue the work of Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI.

Albino Luciani was born in Canala d’Agordo near Bulluno, Italy on October 17, 1912. He entered the seminary at 11 years old, was ordained a priest at 23 years of age, and was the Patriarch of Venice from 1969 until he became pope on September 3, 1978.

Because of his rural background and his ability to explain the catechism with such clarity and simplicity, Pope John Paul I was called “The Peasant Pope.” But he was known most for being “The Smiling Pope.”

His reign as pope lasted for a brief 33 days, with his sudden death occurring on September 28, 1978. During his brief pontificate, he only had four general audiences. Those days of September 1978 were momentous ones that shook the world and the Church. It was one of the briefest pontificates, but it left a lasting impression. Many inside and outside the Vatican felt that a man of extraordinary humility and goodness had passed their way.

Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri aptly observed at the pope’s funeral Mass in 1978:

“He passed as a meteor which unexpectedly lights up the heavens and then disappears, leaving us amazed and astonished.”

Many have remarked on the great similarities that exist between Pope John Paul I and the current Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.

As bishop of Vittorio Veneto, Bishop Luciani visited his parishes by bicycle. At his official residence he literally opened his door to all who knocked: priests, prostitutes, drug addicts, drunks, the destitute — everyone.

Bishop Luciani eschewed the trappings of high ecclesiastical office, preferring a tattered black cassock to the regal purple and red hues signifying the ranks of bishop and cardinal to which he had reluctantly been raised. Strolling through the streets of Venice, Luciani would stuff his purple zucchetto (skull cap) in his pocket, content to be mistaken for a parish priest by the pedestrians he encountered. After one such solitary twilight walk, the patriarch returned home sporting a bruised and swollen cheek. When the sisters asked him what had happened, he replied, “Oh, nothing ... I met a drunkard ... he hit me in the face.”

As pope, Luciani quickly discarded the royal “we” and disdained the *sedes gestatoria* (portable throne) in which popes, hoisted onto the shoulders of their subjects, were carried in majestic procession. At his papal installation he also abandoned the traditional crowning with the ostentatious, jewel-encrusted, triple tiara, insisting instead on receiving a simple shepherd’s pallium as symbol of his new role as bishop of Rome. This pope’s unexpected greeting to those who met with him at the Vatican was, “How can I serve you?”



Luciani's younger brother was fond of telling about an incident that demonstrates the pope's extraordinary selflessness even as a youngster. The Luciani family was poor, and hunger was an almost constant companion. Even so, one day Albino came home with some white bread, a precious commodity. Instead of eating it himself or giving away a part of it, he gave his niece's son, Edoardo, the entire piece and watched with satisfaction as the younger boy devoured it.

Pope John Paul I was warm, compassionate, genuinely happy to be with ordinary people, a man of obvious faith who didn't wear his piety on his sleeve or take himself too seriously.

During his short papacy, John Paul I would call children onto the stage at the end of his audiences. To a 16-year-old, he said that "a single act of kindness to a beggar in the street or a child in Uganda would reap one the Kingdom of Heaven." And he told the boy that if he were to spread that message, then "much more than I will ever be, you will truly be the Vicar of Christ on earth." And he told a fifth-grader that "the truth does not lie in the past. It lies in the future, and it is your job to help society in its struggle to find it."

"Lived holiness is very much more widespread than officially proclaimed holiness. Coming into Paradise, we will probably find mothers, workers, professional people, and students set higher than the official saints we venerate on earth."

"Each and every one of us is an object of God's undying love. We know that God's eyes are always upon us, even when things seem very bleak. God is, indeed, our Father. Even more, God is our Mother – not wanting to hurt us, but only to do good for us, all of us."

Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB (Zenit.org) and Mo Guernon (America magazine)



Pope Francis: “Man’s real treasure is God’s love”

Man's real treasure is God's love which gives meaning to our day-to-day tasks, to our struggles and failures, and also helps us to face great challenges.

Let me ask you, where is your treasure? For you, what is the most important, the most precious, reality? The reality that your heart is drawn to like a magnet? Is it the love of God?

Someone may come back to me saying, "But Father, I have a job and a family. The most important reality for me is to work and to look after my loved ones..." That's right of course, but what is the force that keeps the family together? It is God's love itself that gives meaning to our day-to-day tasks. And this same love helps us to face our greatest challenges. That is man's real treasure. Get on with your life showing love, the same love that God sowed in our hearts. God's love is not something vague, a generic feeling. God's love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ. We cannot simply love the air around us, we must love other people, and the people we love is Jesus.

This is a love which gives value and beauty to everything else: to our families, jobs, study, friendships, art - to every human activity. Furthermore, it even gives hope to our negative experiences because it allows us to overcome them, to avoid being imprisoned by evil, it helps us to move on, to open ourselves up to hope, to the final horizon of our pilgrimage. In this way, even our struggles and failures become meaningful.