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Reconciliation - by prior appointment only

From Father Raining

Margaret Fishback, a young woman, who searched for direction at the crossroads of her life, composed a beautiful poem with the title "Footprints". "Footprints" has appeared on plaques, and cards, calendars, and posters and is treasured by millions all over the world.

"One night I had a dream – I dreamed of walking along the beach with the Lord and across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints, one belonged to me and the other belonged to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before me I looked back, I looked at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of life, there was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of my life.

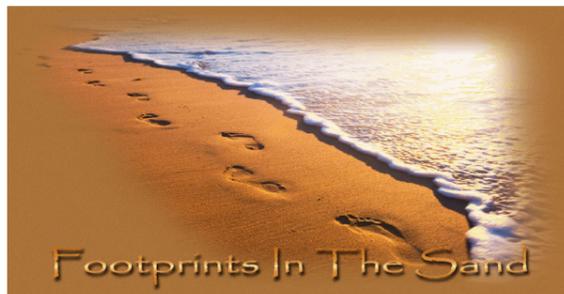
This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way, but I have noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed you most, you should leave me." The Lord replies, "My precious little child, I love you and I would never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

The Good News given to us today is that while the journey of life will not always be easy, it need not be travelled alone.

First reading: The crowds respond with joy to the words and signs that reveal Christ. *What has caused me to rejoice during this Easter season?*

Second reading: Peter encourages us to be ready to share the reason for our hope. *With whom might I share my hope today?*

Gospel: Jesus reminds us that he dwells in us and will reveal himself to us. *How have I been more aware of Christ's presence in me and my life?*



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Holy Hour for Vocations

You have been given new life in Christ. Forsake earthly materialism, in order to live life to the full.

Moments of Mercy

Meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please Me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My Majesty. (Diary 1512)

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Feast Days

18th St John I

A native of Tuscany in Italy, John was elected Pope while he was still an Archdeacon upon the death of Pope Hormisdas in 523. St John succeeded in persuading the Emperor to mitigate his treatment of the Arians and thus avoid reprisals against the Catholics in Italy. The Pope also brought about the reconciliation of the Western and Eastern Churches. Pope John was imprisoned by order of Theodoric and died in 526 as a result of treatment he experienced there.

20th St Bernardine of Siena

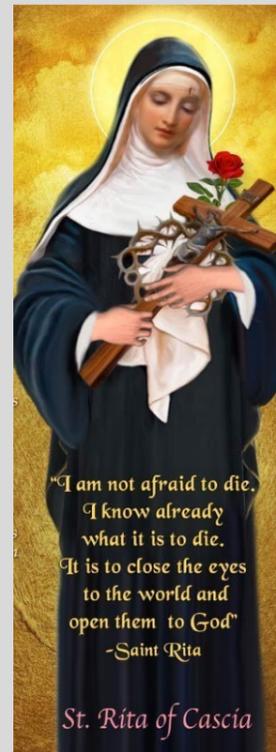
"The last degree of love is when he gave himself to us to be our food, because he gave himself to be united with us in every way"

21st St Christopher Magallanes

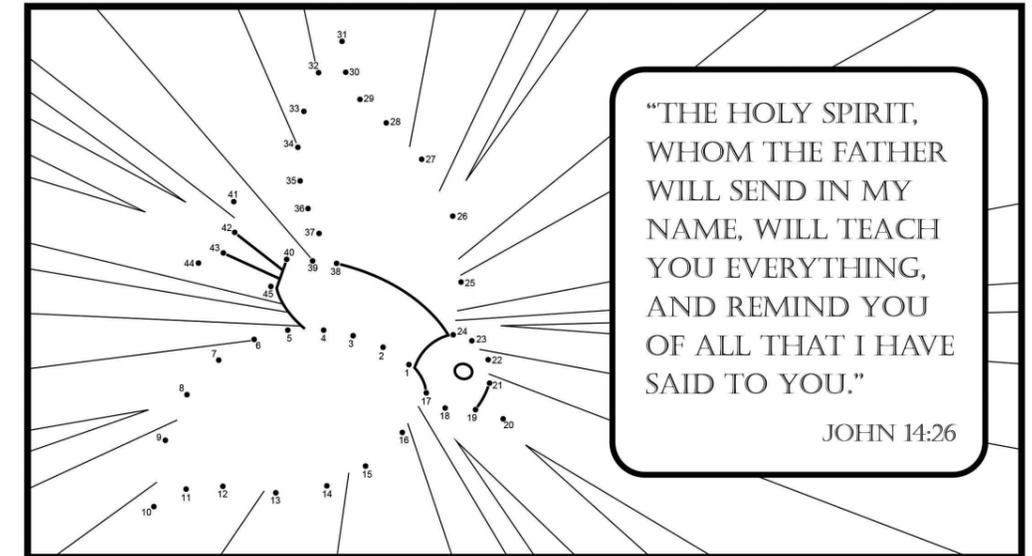
Just before his executioners fired *"I am innocent and I die innocent I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serves toward the peace of our divided Mexico"*

22nd St Rita of Cascia

Patron Saint of lost and impossible causes, sickness wounds, marital problems, abuse and widows



Join the dots, then color the picture.



Reflection

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another. What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, parallel. They run alongside each other.

A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case. That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor par excellence.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.



The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed every Wednesday in May after Communion.



During the month of May the Rosary will be prayed straight after the 9:00am mass every Saturday.

Please pray for our sick

Antonio Abulad, Maroun Ayoub, Elly Bejma, Danielle Brown, Kay Bull, Helen Butler, Richard Cassin, Camarillo Cossid, Gus DelVillar, Fevoura Daroy, Selene Daroy, Joseph Daroy, Frederick de Silva, Rebecca Duncum, George El-Bayeh, Josephine & Chafic Filfili, Nick Galea, Ma Juana Gaueta, Patricia Gleeson, Piper Hastings, Brian Horan, Anthony Iannuzzi, Ludie Irlulbandra, Jacqueline Kelly, Josephine Mamari, Sonia Merhi, Maria Micallef, Tess & Charlie Micallef, Dennis Murray, Lesleu Palaki, Arun Papali, Lina Pereira, Silvi Perumal, Judy Phillips, Des Prendergast, Shaista Quraishi, Emely Reyes, Joe Stagnitta, Marty Stockford & Patrick Wheeler.

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick. We ask you to have compassion on all who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their painful circumstances.

May they know that you are always with them, especially through difficult times. Amen

Please pray for

Jack & Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Josephine Clayton, Saverio & Rosa Marotta, Paul Beck, Brian Hurney, Lottie & Fredrick Gibbs, Anna Mary Joseph & Ratnam John Joseph, Maurice & Yvonne Sequeira, Andrew Busuttill, Kerry Cini, Aurelio & Connie Lopez, Michael & Julia Sherman, Chammouni Frangi, Madeleine Adolphe, Brian Baker, Mary & John Ford, John Ford Junior, Rosy Attard, Jim Rowan, Bal & Jennifer Villanova, Donald Ramage, Dex Habito. *May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace*