

Second Sunday after Christmas (John 1:1-18)

If Jesus had come on earth in all the glory of his divinity, people would have trembled before him. They would not only have accepted him, but would have fallen down to worship him. He did not want this. He knew that this kind of submission would never bring us happiness. Rather, he came in humility and weakness where nobody recognised him.

If you want to really understand and be in touch with ordinary people, you have to go where nobody recognises you. You have to see what they see, hear what they hear, live what they live. This is why God's Son became man. It was essential that he should in this way be made completely like his brothers and sisters.

The Gospels show us Jesus as a healer, teacher and wonder-worker. These activities lasted only three years. For the rest of his life on earth he worked as a village carpenter. There was nothing spectacular about his work. He did not make benches and tables by means of miracles, but by the hammer and the saw. For the most part it was routine, and no doubt often left him tired and frustrated. Yet he did this work faithfully until the day he heard another call.

There is a great lesson for us in all this. We must not write off any part of our life as useless, or any experience as a waste. Everything gives us an opportunity to grow. Life calls for a lot of patient waiting. We must not wait for something great to happen. We must live the present moment to the full. The future is contained in the present. the future will be the blossoming of the present.

Often, our daily tasks may seem to be dull and insignificant. But we must not underestimate their importance. Though nothing great may ever happen, a kind of greatness is still open to us. To perform one's ordinary work well, day in and day out, presents no small challenge. In fact, it calls for a kind of heroism. We must try to appreciate the value of our daily tasks. If we do them faithfully, like Jesus at Nazareth, we will grow, and mature, and ripen as human beings and children of God.

Accepting God's love will allow us to experience our own goodness, and will allow us to love God in return. Real love becomes possible between us if we do so. In his love for us, God made all things possible through the gift of his Son. In Jesus we have a brother who loves us to the extent that he came among us and shared our lives to the full. Not only did he share our lives, but he also shared our death.

From his fullness, as from a limitless fountain, all of us have received, and will continue to receive. We should be willing to share with others the love we have received so generously.

I close this homily by wishing you all, a Happy New Year 2022. May the Almighty God keep you safe and close to Him over this entire new year and May through my Ministry Bless each one of you in the name of the Father, of the Son and the Holy spirit.

My best wishes are with You.

Amen

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