

Reflection Thursday Week 21 – 2022

Opportunities surround us all the time like flowers in bud waiting to bloom. Opportunities, fortunately, do not need water they just need awareness from you and your attention. In no time, their inner beauty will reveal itself and you will be drawn in to doing something to help others in extraordinary ways. So, when Jesus calls you to wake up and be aware, as he does in the Gospel, it is because some splendour is waiting to reveal itself which only you can set free.

Ronald Rolheiser omi puts it like this:

Ordinary ground – that is all ground - is holy. There is more than enough mystery, secret, marvel and miracle ablaze in ordinary reality. Unfortunately, most of the time we don't see this because we stand before it trying to claim, name, number, psych out and render familiar . . .when our true task is, instead, to ponder and to wonder.

"Faith is not a question of basking in the certainty that there is a God and that God is taking care of us. Many of us are never granted this kind of assurance. Certitude is not the real substance of faith. Faith is a way of seeing things."

Macrina Wiederkehr: *Beauty calls us to attention. It slows us down. . . It is difficult to hurry through beauty. Thomas Merton said, "Hurry ruins saints as well as poets and artists." If you are in a hurry, you probably won't stop to be present to "the beautiful." Beauty has the ability to heal life's wounds. It can make us receptive to grace.*

Why did the ghost go to beauty school?

It wanted to open up a boo-tique

An old teacher asked her student, "If I say, 'I am beautiful,' which tense is that?"

The student replied, "It is obviously **past** tense."