

Reflection Thursday Week 17 – 2023

Like today's readings, Pope Francis asks us to: **Place Christ at the centre of our life and mission**, and witness to the love of God in all we do. Our life is like water which, if it does not flow, stagnates and, like salt, if it loses its flavour, it becomes useless. The Pope asks us to live the present fully and without fear in order to be open to the future with renewed hope. The Holy Spirit will empower us to do great things. So, *“Take the Gospel as a rule of life, to the point of being able to say with Saint Paul: ‘I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.’* Let the Gospel be your guide so that it always remains spirit and life for you because the Gospel constantly reminds us to place Christ at the centre of our life and mission. It brings us back to the 'first love'. And loving Christ means loving the Church, His body. *“God has made us for Himself and our heart is restless until it rests in Him.”* (St Augustine of Hippo) The Pope suggests several ways to seek the Lord: in the scriptures, in whose pages Christ and the Church resound; seek Christ in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, “the summit of Christian life”; and in the realities of our time, knowing that nothing human can be foreign to us and that, free from all worldliness, we can animate the world with the leaven of the Kingdom of God. These are different paths of a single quest, which presuppose a path of interiority, knowledge and love of the Lord. St. Augustine's asks us to enter into ourselves and discover the truth lying within so that the light of the inner Master can illuminate for us temporal realities.

- What did the dirt say to the rain? If you keep this up, my name will be mud!
- I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon... I'll let you know.
- My uncle named his dogs Timex and Rolex. They're his watch dogs.