

Reflection Monday Week 6 - 2024

Jesus must have thought the Pharisees were very odd in asking him for a sign. It is like someone asking an apple to show him an apple. *"I'm standing in front of you!!"* It would be like us looking for a sign of Jesus presence today when Jesus is present in everyone we encounter, in his creation and in his creations!!

Sr Macrina Wiederkehr osb helps us with the mystery of the presence of God and offers us a thought as we prepare for Lent which is just around the corner.

There is a gift hidden away in the frail envelope of your being. It is the gift of your brokenness. The mysterious thing about this gift is that God's presence isn't experienced immediately. Sometimes it takes a backward glance: Jacob after his dream cries out, "Truly, the Lord was in this place and I never knew it." Let those words move through your heart now as you stand before life experiences in which the Indwelling Presence of God was not felt—those places where you could not feast because the darkness did not appear to be holy darkness.

Lent is a time to honour the mystery of Christ's presence in us and to celebrate his Indwelling Presence. Christ is present in ways we do not know. Let us cherish his presence. Christ offers joy in the midst of our sorrows, love in the midst of our fears, light in the midst of our darkness because we are his temples