

## Reflection Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Week Easter 2024

When Jesus says, *'If you know me, you know my Father too.'* The word *'know'* is used twice. Christ invites us to go beyond purely rational knowledge to something much deeper. The highest level of knowing is intimacy. If we think of our families or our close friends, we can say that we know them because we have shared problems, joys, issues, successes, hardships, and so many other things with them. We can say that we *'know'* them because of the intimacy we have shared with them, emotionally and spiritually. Jesus invites us to have that same level of intimate knowledge of him and thus of his Father as we have with family. It is only by engaging in an intimate way with Jesus that we can ever come to know him better and, the more we come to know Jesus, the better we will come to know the Father who sent him to us.

Jesus likes *simple* and so he asks us to let the experience of Easter sink in. If, therefore, we love and experience Jesus, we have all that we need. Because, like Jesus, we also have the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Whenever we do good works, we develop a deeper closeness with the Holy Trinity. When we act in Jesus' name we are drawn into a more trusting and loving relationship. The author Anne Lamott wrote, *"Yesterday's faith does not wait for you like a dog with your slippers and the morning paper in its mouth. You seek it, and in seeking it, you find it."*

Allow the awe and wonder of your love of Jesus inspire you to serve others and help create a community which can see and feel God's presence in their lives.

**A three-year-old girl said,** *"Look at the fly I killed, Mommy."* Since she was eating a juicy pickle at the time, her mother thrust her contaminated hands under the tap and washed them with antibacterial soap. After sitting her down to finish her pickle, her mother asked, *"How did you kill that fly all by yourself?"* Between bites, her daughter said, *"I hit it with my pickle."*