

THURSDAY READING

AFTERNOON TALK (Talk 9)

1. REFERENCES GIVEN IN TALK

St Therese of Lisieux

“The Apostle Paul explains how all gifts, even the most perfect, are nothing without Love... that charity is the excellent way that leads surely to God. At last I had found rest.... Considering the mystical Body of the Church, I had not recognized myself in any of the members described by St. Paul, or rather, I wanted to recognize myself in all... Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that if the Church has a body composed of different members, the noblest and most necessary of all the members would not be lacking to her. I understood that the Church has a heart, and that this heart burns with Love. I understood that Love alone makes its members act, that if this Love were to be extinguished, the Apostles would no longer preach the Gospel, the Martyrs would refuse to shed their blood... I understood that Love embraces all vocations, that Love is all things, that it embraces all times and all places... in a word, that it is eternal!

Then in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: “O Jesus, my Love, at last I have found my vocation, my vocation is Love!... Yes, I have found my place in the Church, and it is you, O my God, who have given me this place... in the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be Love!.... Thus, I shall be all things: thus my dream shall be realized!!!”

Pope Pius XI

“Thérèse fascinates the world today by the magic of her example, [an] example of holiness that everyone can and should follow. Because everyone must enter this Little way— the way of a golden simplicity, [which] is childish only by its name—in this way of spiritual childhood, all purity, clarity of mind and heart, irresistible love of goodness, truth, and sincerity. And this virtue of spiritual childhood, which resides in the will of the soul, bears the most beautiful fruit: love. O path so beautiful, so good, so full of blessing; all peace and holiness!

REPARATION: TO DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE.

St. Paul (Colossians 1:24)

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." -

Pope Benedict XVI Spe Salvi 43.

Described reparations as an *"undoing" of past suffering, a reparation that sets things aright.*"

Morning Offering

O Jesus,
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer You my prayers, works,
joys and sufferings
of this day for all the intentions
of Your Sacred Heart,
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
throughout the world,
in reparation for my sins,
for the intentions of all my relatives and friends,
and in particular
for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Amen.

The Serenity Prayer of AA

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And wisdom to know the difference."

St James

"How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claims to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation?"

If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? " In the same way faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead"

St Augustine

“She conceived him in her heart before she conceived him in her womb!”

2. LECTIO DIVINA: FROM MY WILL TO GOD'S WILL

Jn 15:9-17 This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.... you are my friends if you do what I command you.

Other Texts:

Jn 4:32-34 My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to complete God's work.

Jn 6:35-40 I have come from heaven not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me.

Jn 8:27-30 What Abba has taught me is what I preach.

Rom 5:5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts.

Gal 2:15-21 I have been crucified with Christ Jesus.

Ps 19 The precepts of the Holy One are upright ...

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