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“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” St. Jerome.

INTRODUCTION

Intellect and Will are two important faculties of a rational being. Knowledge always aids will to make right choice and commitment. The purpose of our creation is to know, to love and to serve God, so that we will be happy in this world and the world to come. In this Sunday worship God once again reveals Himself in and through his son Jesus. Let us with a grateful heart worship the living God and confess with Peter, “Jesus, You are God’s Messiah.”

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever. (*Ps 27:8-9*)

COLLECT

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Prophet Zechariah foretells the deliverance of Jerusalem. At that time Yahweh will fill the descendants of David with the spirit of mercy and the spirit of prayer.

A reading from the Book of Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1

Thus says the Lord: “I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him as one weeps over a first-born. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Haddadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo. On that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”

Responsorial Psalm (63)

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my
lips will speak your praise.

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.**

So I will bless you all my life, in
your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a
banquet, my mouth shall praise you
with joy.

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.**

For you have been my help; in the
shadow of your wings I rejoice. My
soul clings to you; your right hand
holds me fast.

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O God, my God.**

SECOND READING

*Paul tells the Galatians that our
common baptism in Christ has made
us equal without any differences or
discriminations. We are all brothers
and sisters, one in union with Christ
Jesus.*

**A reading from the Letter of St
Paul to the Galatians 3:26-29**

Brethren, in Christ Jesus you are all
sons of God, through faith. For as
many of you as were baptized into
Christ have put on Christ. There is
neither Jew nor Greek, there is nei-
ther slave nor free, there is neither
male nor female; for you are all
one in Christ Jesus. And if you are
Christ's, then you are Abraham's
offspring, heirs according to prom-
ise.

ALLELUIA (Jn 15:15)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the
Lord, because all I have heard from
my Father, I have made known to
you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to St Luke 9:18-24**

It happened that as Jesus was pray-
ing alone the disciples were with
him; and he asked them, "Who do
the people say that I am?" And they
answered, "John the Baptist; but
others say, Elijah; and others, that
one of the old prophets has risen."
And he said to them, "But who do
you say that I am?" And Peter an-
swered, "The Christ of God." But he
charged and commanded them, to
tell this to no one, saying, "The Son
of man must suffer many things, and
be rejected by the elders and chief
priests and scribes, and be killed,
and on the third day be raised." And
he said to all, "If any man would
come after me, let him deny him-
self and take up his cross daily and
follow me. For whoever would save
his life will lose it; and whoever los-
es his life for my sake, he will save
it.

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Dear people of God, St.
Augustine says, "Faith is to believe
what we do not see; and the reward
of this faith is to see what we be-
lieve." St. Peter made such a lively
confession of faith in the person of

Jesus; let us with all earnestness ask God to gift us with such lively faith as we place all our petitions at His feet.

R/ Lord, hear our prayer.

1. That our Pope Francis, Archbishop Bernard Moras, and Parish Priest Fr... and all the priests and religious may experience a living faith in the person of Jesus and exhibit it faith in their daily mission and ministry. We pray to the Lord...

2. Jesus said, 'it is not flesh and blood that revealed, but my Father in heaven,' that God may reveal himself to each one us personally so that our faith becomes personal and alive. We pray to the Lord...

3. That lukewarm Christians may be set ablaze by the fire of living faith so that they find meaning for their Christian vocation and enjoy the intimacy of our heavenly Father. We pray to the Lord...

4. That all those who lost their faith due to various reasons rediscover God and come to live in the family of the Church. We pray to the Lord...

5. That children and youth through proper instruction in faith come to know God as a loving Father and Jesus as our elder brother and friend. We pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: God our loving Father, you revealed the mystery of your beloved son Jesus to the chosen disciple Peter. Though unworthy we ask for the same gift of revelation that we may come to enjoy the intimacy Peter had with Jesus our saviour and Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE IV (ORDINARY)

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by his birth he brought renewal to humanity's fallen state, and by his suffering, cancelled out our sins; by his rising from the dead he has opened the way to eternal life, and by ascending to you, O Father, he has unlocked the gates of heaven.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season. (*Ps 144:15*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

REFLECTION

Jesus in today's gospel asks His disciples who the people say that He is. Actually there is nothing wrong of making ourselves attractive to others and gathering people around our pleasing selves as Bishop Teodoro Bacani once said provided we lead them all to God. These people have different ideas of who Jesus was. Some said he was John the Baptizer, others claimed he was Elijah or one of the prophets. The modern-day Christians are also confronted with many opinions about Jesus, some say He is a great man or a wise man; others claim He is just a social reformer. One priest said that even some question his relevance and brand his teachings as obsolete. Christ is therefore asking us the same question today, "Who do you say that I am?" Can we answer like Peter who made his profession of faith: "You are the Messiah of God?"

There was a 15-year-old boy who was in his bedroom when his mother brought some freshly baked cookies. On his dresser the mother saw an open-notebook. It was one he has kept from childhood. Across the top of the page was written, "The Character of Jesus." Beneath was listed a series of qualities: "Jesus was sinless; He was humble; He championed the poor; He was unselfish; He was close to God."

This 15-year-old boy was no other than Neil Armstrong who, on July 20, 1969, became the first human being to walk on the moon.

This story answers the question of Jesus in today's gospel, "Who do you say that I am?" Neil Armstrong didn't answer the question by saying, "You are the son of God," or "You are the Messiah," or "You are the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity." He didn't give a theological answer to the question of Jesus. He just simply said, "You are a sinless person. You are a selfless person. You are a person who cares. You are a person who is close to God."

A priest said that for many of us, Jesus is a person we can turn to for guidance in times of confusion. For others, He is someone we can turn to for strength in times of trial. For still others, he is someone who understands us even when we don't understand ourselves.

It is not enough to build our house of faith on the knowledge supplied by our parents, grand-parents and others. Each one of us must try to make a profession of faith by our own knowledge and personal experience with Jesus. Our faith should stem from our personal encounter with the Lord, so that our commitment becomes singular, strong and personal.

- Rev. Fr. Martin Anil J.

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