

5th Week: **BENDS in the road!**

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Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.



Pope Francis (Message for Lent 2015):

Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like Him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor12:26).

Saint Raphaela Mary:

"The greatest work that I can do for my God is this: to surrender all to his holy will without putting even the smallest hindrance in his way."

"Only in Jesus, through Jesus and for Jesus, all my life and all my heart, and forever."

We ask for the grace of inner knowledge of Christ Jesus, for more love and follow Him.

✓ What do I need to gain this inner knowledge of Christ Jesus?

✓ Jesus, in the Gospel speaks about service, and the Pope says that Lent is a good time to let ourselves be served by Christ and thus become like Him. Am I a server of others? How would I define this service?

PRAYER:

Because you wished it
I am here, Lord. In your Name.
It is not I who have come.
You have absorbed me
in the spiral of love
which you are with everyone.

No one can get close to you
without being embraced by You,
made yours.

Without your robbing
anything from them,
but giving everything.

From my head to my feet
I am your gift, spirit that flies
and body that imprisons.

You can not leave this world.
You inundated me (Rom5:5,)
and, permeated with You,
I am planting myself,
and while I sow myself,
as a grain of wheat,
in my brothers.
I do not want to be alone.

I will seek your face, Lord,
and even call you Father!
But I will find you only when
I can call everything that flows
from You: brother!

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