



A SIMPLE GLANCE TOWARDS HEAVEN

Our Lord Jesus calls us to come to Him, to be *One* with Him in Holy Communion. This union with Him happens completely through the sacraments in His Holy Catholic Church, which is His Mystical Body on this earth. We can truly touch Him! We can sit at His feet and receive His mercy through the sacraments He has given us!

To respond to His invitation, the first door we need to open is prayer: not long and full of words, just a simple look towards Him. That's prayer!

Why not use this present moment?

"We need no wings to go in search of Him, but have only to look upon Him present within us."

- St. Theresa of Avila



"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

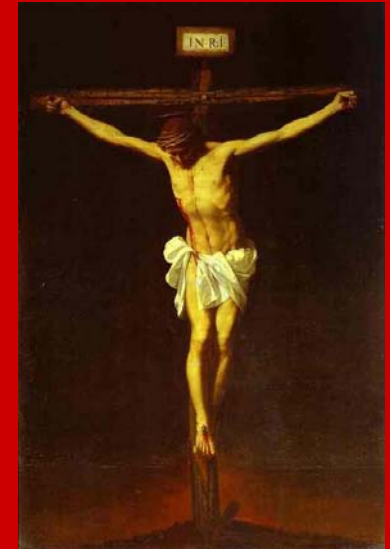
- Matthew 11: 28

The Church knows that the Lord comes even now in his Eucharist and that he is there in our midst. However, his presence is veiled. Therefore we celebrate the Eucharist "awaiting the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ," asking "to share in your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are. We shall become like you and praise you for ever through Christ our Lord."

- Catholic Catechism, 1404

HIS PASSION

is for you



Come to Jesus

and discover the Source
of Love and Forgiveness

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Find communion in the community
of the Catholic Church.

STRANGERS AND SOJOURNERS



We live in a restless world. We are constantly searching for the next good thing; always on the move. Aren't we always wishing, always waiting for that One Thing that will put our hearts to rest? Deep down, do we realize that this is really a desire for God? It is written in the human heart. "Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You."
- St. Augustine

We are created by God, and He never ceases to draw us to Himself through the hints and glimmers of the good things around us. He even uses the trials we go through! They're all stepping stones to Him!

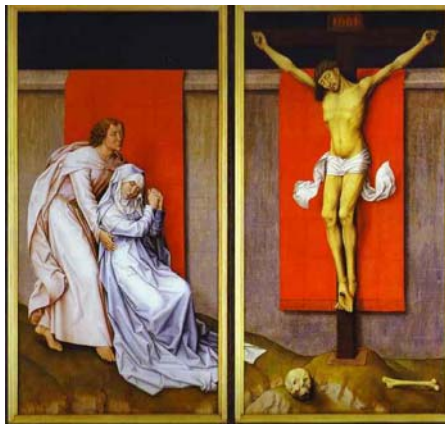
Only in God will we find the truth and happiness we never stop searching for. Who else in this world could fulfill our heart's deepest desire? Who else but an Infinite God!



I want eternity. I was born for greater things.

- St. Stanislaus Kostka

In a plan of sheer goodness, God freely created us to share in His own blessed life. At every time and in every place, God draws close to us. He calls us to seek Him, to know Him, to love Him with all our strength. He calls together all of humanity, scattered and divided by sin, into the unity of His family, the Church. To accomplish this, God sent his Son Jesus. (Catholic Catechism, 1)



"JESUS CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE AND OF HISTORY."

These words of Pope John Paul II are so *powerful*, and if we sit with them for a moment, we realize this truth is life-changing. *Do I know this Jesus?*

Nearly all of us have heard of Jesus, especially in the United States. But how many of us *know* Jesus? Mother Teresa once asked her Sisters: "Do you really know the living Jesus - not from books but from being with Him in your heart?"

HOW DO I RESPOND?

Human life has been completely changed by Jesus' birth, His life, His death and resurrection. He is the One who fully reveals man to himself. He is the center of the universe and of history! If this is true, then the question is: How do I respond? What reply do I make to this Divine Person who has first spoken to *me*? If He has forever changed history, and is deeply interested in *my own* history, then the answer is: ***I must let down the walls. I must let Him in.***

I must open up within myself the wounds and the empty places and allow Jesus to come into them. He can *truly* heal me and fill me with love and mercy! It's that simple. ***I must be open to Him.***

THE SUPREME GIFT OF LOVE

Jesus has already taken the first step; and what a first step! The Son of God has become so vulnerable, so weak, and so small to prove His love for us... He has come to us in the Holy Eucharist.

He has become our food!

"In and through the Eucharist, you acknowledge the dwelling-place of the Living God in human history. For the Eucharist is the Sacrament of the Love which conquers death. It is the Sacrament of the Covenant, pure Gift of Love for the reconciliation of all humanity. It is the gift of the Real Presence of Jesus the Redeemer."

- Pope John Paul II

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. - John 6: 56

WHO WOULD HAVE EVER IMAGINED...

"You come to me and unite Yourself intimately to me under the form of nourishment. Your Blood now runs in mine, Your Soul, Incarnate God, penetrates mine, giving courage and support. What miracles! Who would have ever imagined..."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe, Prisoner of Auschwitz

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured... The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us - that is all He asks."

- St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite nun