



“Where Are You At?”

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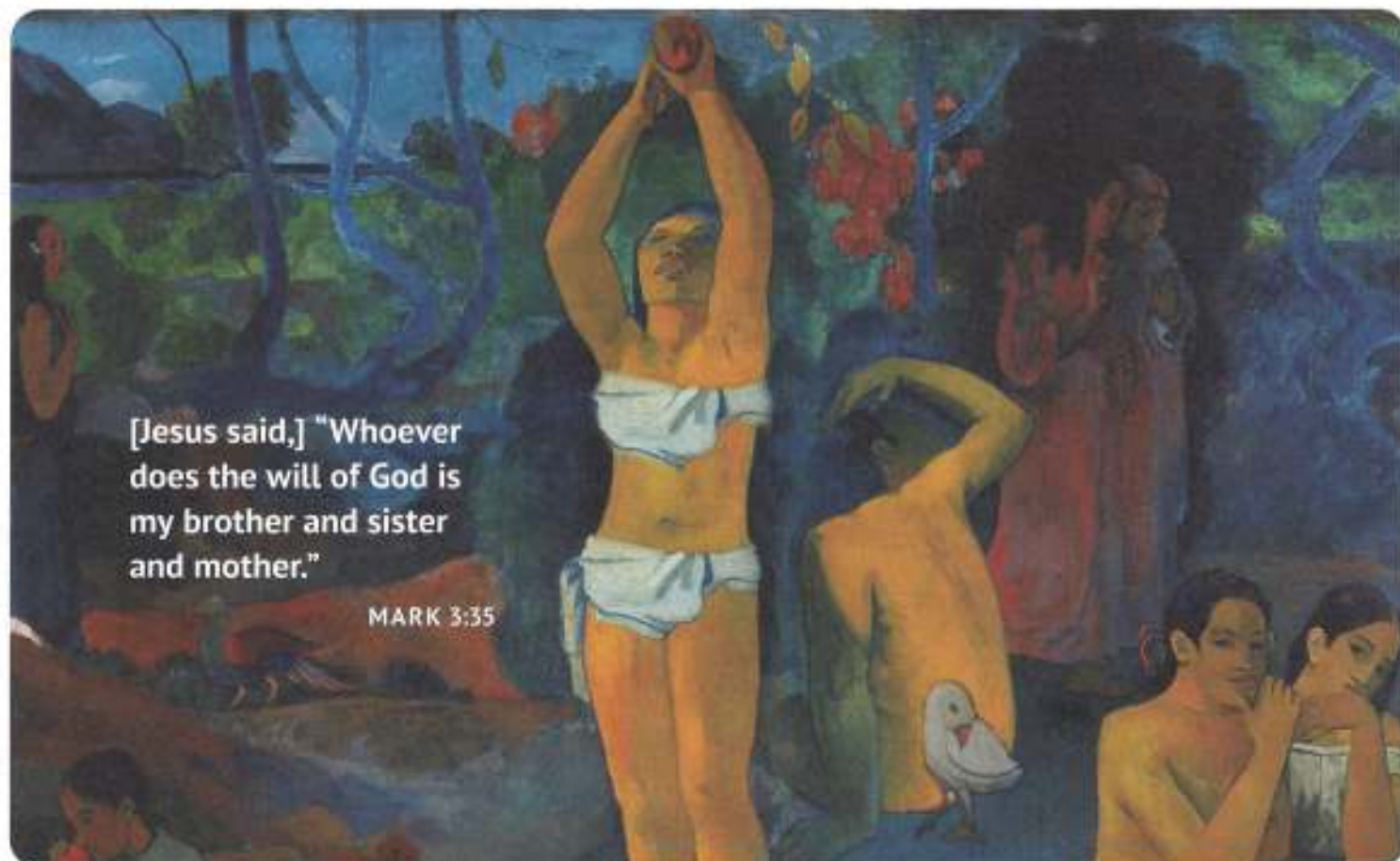
Paul Gauguin, a Post-Impressionist painter from France (1848–1903), lived part of his life in Tahiti, which inspired his artistic work. His last piece is titled *Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?* It depicts Tahitian women in various daily activities of life—a child, a young adult, and an old woman approaching death. (See detail in the art below.) Gauguin's middle question, “What Are We?” is similar to God's question of Adam in the Garden, “Where are you?” In contemporary jargon, both questions may echo our asking someone, “Where are you at?” It's not about where our body may be, but rather where our spirit is, where our heart is.

Like Adam, some can find themselves hiding from

God. That may be where they are “at.” All too often, the reason we hide from God is because we forget or choose not to remember where we come from—birthed by God into life. When we hide, whether from God, from our better selves, or from the demands and expectations of life, then we find ourselves frozen, going nowhere, failing to become the person God created us to be. Sin does that to us. It turns us in upon ourselves in a way that prevents us from growing into a full life. With sin in charge, our spirits become petrified, like dead wood, an image of what once was but will be no more. Where are you at? ●

Reflect

How would you answer Gauguin's three questions?



[Jesus said,] “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

MARK 3:35



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HT Streamspot

We have been experiencing some technical problems with the online streamspot. We appreciate your patience as we try to get this problem fixed.

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 10, 2024

Monday	6/10			† No Mass
Tuesday	6/11	9:00 am	STM	† Special Intention
Wednesday	6/12	5:30 pm	HT	† Daisy Kopek
Thursday	6/13	9:00 am	HT	† Joyce Gillan
Friday	6/14	9:00 am	STM	† Dato & Marian Olivero

Mass Intentions for the weekend of June 15 - 16, 2024

Saturday	6/15	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† John Balma
Sunday	6/16	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Clyde & Delores Perry

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - FOUNTAIN OF LOVE

Each summer - usually in June - we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and draw near to the tender mercy and forgiveness of the Lord. Poetically, the heart is a symbol of the human center - our emotions, loves, passions, desires, the force of the will. In his book "The Sacred Heart of the World," David Richo explains: "Our heart is the soft center of the egoless self and it has one desire: to open. The heart is the capacity to open.... It contains our ability to reach out so it is the antidote to despair.... Contemplation of Jesus' Heart shows us how deep we really are, how vast our potential for love, how high our aspiration for the light."

In the Gospels, Jesus' heart is moved with pity for the crowds (see Mt 9:36) and He tells us that He is gentle and humble of heart (Mt 11:29). The Sacred Heart of Jesus that began beating in the womb of the Blessed Virgin more than 2,000 years ago still beats today in the glorified humanity of the Risen Christ. And it will pulsate forever, pumping out the grace, mercy and life of God to all of humanity. In the Heart of the Lord, we experience the overwhelming mercy of God and His infinite desire to be in relationship with us.

Over the centuries, many Christians developed harsh images of God and Jesus as fearsome judges, distant from human affairs, ready to impose punishment for moral failure. Jansenism, particularly prevalent in France in the 16th and 17th centuries, overemphasized the wrath of God, the unworthiness of human nature and fear as a fundamental response to the divine.

During His many apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), Jesus revealed to the saint His heart, burning with love for humanity. Pierced and crucified — offering salvation and mercy — Jesus' heart longs for us to offer our love and devotion in return. If some distorted forms of spirituality focused only on God's punishment, the Sacred Heart emphasized mercy. If many believers inordinately feared God, here divine love and joy were manifest. If Jesus had seemed distant and unapproachable before, the Sacred Heart beckons us to enter into the divine furnace of charity.

As St. John reminds us, God is love (see 1 Jn 4), the One who empties himself out for others, desiring our eternal salvation, seeking out the lost and carrying the wandering sheep home. The whole Christ event is a mission of mercy, as the Son, in radical obedience to the Father, becomes incarnate in our flesh — preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, healing the sick, forgiving the sinner, feeding the hungry and, ultimately, offering His life on the cross. Every word, action, gesture and attitude of Jesus manifests a perfect, pure and selfless love for each human person. If love means willing the good of the other, completely free of self-interest, we see the perfection of such charity in the burning heart of Christ. *(Excerpted from Bishop Donald J. Hying's writing, "simplycatholic.com")*

St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels Reminder

A BIG round of applause to church members who have responded to the St. Nicholas on Wheels collection project. There is still time for those of you who would like to donate to this worthy cause. The last drop off date is Tuesday morning June 11th. We are still in need of a volunteer to help bring the items collected to St. Patrick Church in LaSalle on Tuesday June 11th by 3:15 PM. Let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you. Items needed: paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, detergent, garbage bags, razors, shampoo and conditioner. Also needed are Visa, Wal-Mart and Casey gas cards.

LATEST OFFERING'S

JUNE 2ND WEEKEND

HT - \$ 842.00

SP - \$ 258.00

STM - \$1,023.00



CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS WILL BE
SAT. JUNE 15TH
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT
ST. PATRICK
IN THE CHAPEL

Dear Padre,

What is original sin?

Original sin is the sin that occurred at the origins of the human race. "Although he was made by God in a state of holiness, from the very onset of his history man abused his liberty, at the urging of the Evil One. Man set himself against God and sought to attain his goal apart from God" (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *[Gaudium et Spes]*, 13).

According to Genesis, a world of beauty was deformed by sin. The first two chapters tell how God created all things, including people, and saw that they were "very good." However, in chapter three, Adam rejects God and separates himself from God. Adam tries to hide from God, blames Eve for his sin, and experiences the pangs of guilt.

From this original sin, a host of evils followed, resulting in division, pain, bloodshed, loneliness, and death. The reality that this tragic, familiar narrative points to is a basic part of our experience. It is the teaching of the Church that every mortal born into this world, except the Virgin Mary, is affected by original sin. This means that each "descendant of Adam" (including us) is created without sanctifying grace and is subject to the inclination to sin and to death. Each of us needs redemption through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus formed a new family....All those who welcome Jesus' word are children of God and brothers and sisters among themselves. Welcoming the word of Jesus makes us brothers and sisters, makes us Jesus' family. Speaking ill of others, destroying others' reputations, makes us the devil's family.

ANGELUS, JUNE 10, 2018



MONDAY

June 10

Weekday

1 Kgs 17:1-6

Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY

June 11

St. Barnabas,

Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26;

13:1-3

Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY

June 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20-39

Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

June 13

St. Anthony of

Padua, Priest and

Doctor of the

Church

1 Kgs 18:41-46

Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

June 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16

Mt 5:27-32

SATURDAY

June 15

Weekday

1 Kgs 19:19-21

Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY

June 16

Eleventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

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