

# Celebrating Knowing Jesus

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness, Gentleness, Self-control, Mercy, Forgiveness, Baptism, Encouragement.

Be merciful      Luke 6: 36-38

St Anthony of Egypt started each day by saying "Today I begin." Psalm 95 "Today, if you hear his voice harden not your hearts.1'

St Francis is said to have said, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary."

The Lord exercises immense courtesy. He never imposes himself, never forces himself upon anyone. If I don't let him in, he is not going to force his way in.

The call to holiness is addressed to all of us. It is a matter of having an ear to hear that call, a will to heed it.

The words spoken by Jesus to the Smartian woman in the heat of the midday sun - "If you but knew the gift of God."

"After God had spoken many times and in various ways through the prophets, "In these last days he has spoken to us by a Son." (Heb 1:1-2)

For he sent his Son, the eternal Word who enlightens all humankind, to live among them and tell them about the inner life of God.      Dei verbum, 4

"All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of love, and by this holiness a more human manner of life is to be fostered in earthly society."

Lumen Gentium 40

John 10:10 "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full."

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let alone.

you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

Pope John Paul II

"To know the Cross is not merely to know our own sufferings. For the Cross is the sign of salvation, and no man is saved by his own sufferings. To know the Cross is to know that we are saved by the sufferings of Christ; more, it is to know the love of Christ Who underwent suffering and death in order to save us. It is, then, to know Christ."

—      Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

"Trying to be like Christ... is more like painting a portrait than like obeying a set of rules."

—      C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"Jesus tends to his people individually. He personally sees to our needs. We all receive Jesus' touch. We experience his care."

Experiencing the Heart of Jesus; Knowing His Heart, Feeling His Love      Max Lucado

"One, just one, but definitely one of the great benefits of private prayer is that you can't hide from your motives. In corporate prayer, we can sound like "all that". We can blow Jesus smoke like nobody's bizness in a crowd but, get