

“Family begins with the creation of humanity in the image of God who is love and calls man and woman to love according to his likeness.”

Pope Francis



SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35,
44-48

Psalms 97: 1-4

1 John 4: 7-10

John 15: 9-17

Imagine when someone whom you care about, says to you he loves you. Imagine the joy and the myriad of emotions that flow within you at that precious moment. Listen to today's Gospel reading. We have Jesus standing in front of all his disciples who have shared His journey right up to His resurrection and you are among them. And you hear Him say He loves you. **He wants you to remain in His love and share His joy.** This is the greatest love story of them all.

In the first reading, Peter is witness to the outpouring of grace by the Holy Spirit upon Jews and non-Jews alike. Those present were amazed by the power of that love upon those who have not yet known Him. Then, we have John in his letter, urging us to love one another because God loves us. He sent His only Son into the world so that we may have life. He sent His only Son into the world to die for our sins! For our salvation! What other proof of love of God for us do we need? And yet, we sometimes doubt.

If this exhortation is not convincing enough, let Jesus speak to us Himself. In the Gospel today, He tells us that he wants us to remain in His love. He wants our joy to be complete. He continues to tell us that he loves us and commands us to love one another as He has loved us. How many times do we need to be told? Jesus' love for us is active love. He reminds us that He has laid down His life for us. Such a profession of love for us cannot but demands a response of the same. He does not want passive love. No lip service. He wants us to go out and bear fruit that will last, to bear witness to Him. And more, if we do as He says, God our Father will give us what we ask of Him.

In Joy we await the coming of the Spirit of God's love upon our Church as we go out and witness to the world His love for everyone. ✚

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**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).**

**MONTHLY FOCUS
EMPOWERING FAMILY LIFE**

Remain in My Love