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ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Jesus of Nazareth

Jesus Christ was born some 2000 years ago in very humble circumstances to a young teenage virgin girl named Mary. Jesus' life on the earth was a mere 33 years, and only three of those years were spent doing ministry and teaching publicly. He was born in an obscure village, in a manger, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until He was thirty. Then for three years, He was an itinerant preacher.



He never raised an army. He never ran a company. He never had much money. He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.



While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

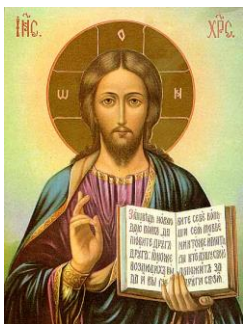
Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress, nearly 2 billion people claim to be Christians and worship Jesus as their God.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

Let us pay close attention to the Scriptures, Catechism and our presentation. May God bless us with His Wisdom, His Work and the wherewithal to complete the specific mission given to each one of us. Amen

**You are God's representative on the
earth and when you bless and
encourage the people in your life, you
are displaying God's love for them.**





Mathew 6:27-34

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin.

But I tell you that not even Solomon in his entire splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows what you need.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.

Mathew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Luke 6:37-38

Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.



The Word of the Lord.

Catechism

The Christmas mystery

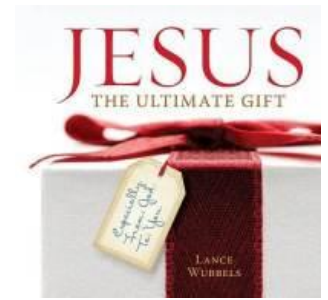
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To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God." Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us.



Modern Comment

What's the opposite of power and status? It is LOVING RELATIONSHIPS.



This really hit me when I heard about the hundred-yard dash at the Special Olympics several years ago in Spokane, Washington. Nine contestants raced toward the finish line, but about a third of the way down the track, one of the boys fell and began to cry. While 6 of the 8 other racers continued to push toward the finish line and possible victory, 2 of the youngsters stopped, turned around and headed back for their fallen competitor. They helped him up and then the 3 boys held hands as they walked down the track to cross the finish line together. The crowd rose and gave these youngsters a longer and louder ovation than the winner of the race.

Life is more about the choices we make as we interact with each other. Most of the youngsters chose to go for earthly success – victory in the race – while 2 tossed aside their own dreams in favor of compassion. The crowd responded with enthusiasm because we all yearn to live at a higher level and these racers modeled what that means. They made a different choice.

Jesus wants us to make these kinds of choices. Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love and serve one another. It is not about us. It is about reaching out in love.

Questions to Focus on:

1 In what way did the video "One Solitary Life" speak to you? How can we put the message of the "One Solitary Life" video into this Christmas season?

2 Mother Teresa could have cared less about money, recognition, power and status. She believed "we are here to serve, not to be served". What is your plan for making the world a better place for having lived here?

It is NOT about us that counts.
It is the Spirit of God that speaks through us that makes a
positive difference in the world.
As we Celebrate the Season, may we Remember the Reason.

May God Bless You.
St. Hilary Men's Group

Men's Group Calendar

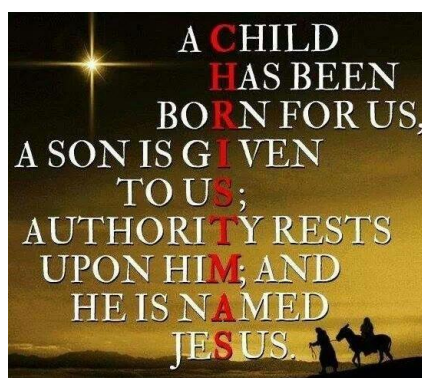
12/17/2016	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
1/14/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
1/28/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
2/11/2017	Men's Group	7 AM Mass
2/25/2017	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library

Men's Annual Conference

March 25, 2017

Holiday Inn Rockside

A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.



Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.

Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to bless my family, friends and those who I meet in my comings and goings. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, release in them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.

You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior.
Amen. And AMEN.

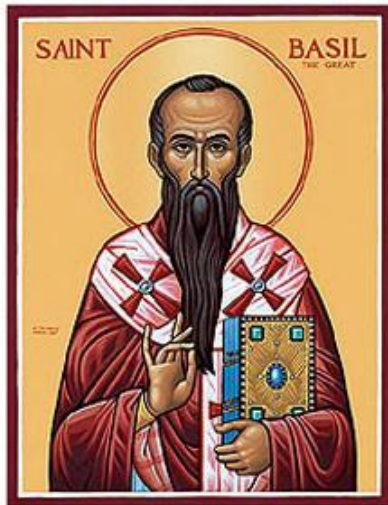


Prayer is simply talking
to God like a friend
and should be the
easiest thing we do
each day.

ACTION PLAN

This week I will do my best to listen to God's will in my life by:

- Creating a daily prayer practice.
- Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence.
- Paying more attention to God's Blessings in my life.
- Asking Jesus for help in becoming a better servant.
- Use Every Moment to see Jesus in all things.



"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love." St. Basil The Great

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***"I, the Lord, search the heart, test the mind,
Even to give every man according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings."***

Jeremiah 17:10

Merry Christmas Brothers!

Litany of Saints

Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.	Saint Vincent de Paul: Pray for us.
Christ, have mercy: Christ, have mercy.	Saint Elizabeth: Pray for us.
Lord, have mercy: Lord, have mercy.	Saint Therese & Saint Joan of Arc: Pray for us.
Holy Mary: Pray for us.	Saint John Vianney: Pray for us.
Michael, Gabriel, Raphael: Pray for us.	All holy men and women: Pray for us.
Angels of God: Pray for us.	Lord, be merciful: Lord, save your people.
Abraham, Moses, and Elijah: Pray for us.	From all harm: Lord, save your people.
Saint Joseph: Pray for us.	From every sin: Lord, save your people.
Saint John the Baptist: Pray for us.	From all temptations: Lord, save your people.
Holy prophets: Pray for us.	From everlasting death: Lord, save your people.
Saint Peter and Saint Paul: Pray for us.	By your coming among us: Lord, save your people.
All Holy Apostles: Pray for us.	By your death and rising to new life:
Saint Mary Magdalene: Pray for us.	Lord, save your people.
All disciples of the Lord: Pray for us.	By the gift of the Holy Spirit:
Saint Stephen: Pray for us.	Lord, save your people.
Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity: Pray for us.	Be merciful to us sinners: Lord, hear our prayer.
Saint Agnes: Pray for us.	Guide and protect your holy church:
Saint Boniface: Pray for us.	Lord, hear our prayer.
Saint Thomas More: Pray for us.	Bring all peoples together in trust and peace:
Saint Hilary: Pray for us.	Lord, hear our prayer.
All Holy Martyrs: Pray for us.	Strengthen us in service: Lord, hear our prayer.
Saint Augustine: Pray for us.	Jesus, Son of the living God: Lord, hear our prayer.
Saint Basil and Saint Gregory: Pray for us.	Christ, hear us: Christ, hear us.
Saint John Chrysostom: Pray for us.	Praise the Lord, who is so good: God's love endures forever.
Saint Catherine: Pray for us.	Praise the God of gods: God's love endures forever.
Saint Teresa d'Avila: Pray for us.	Praise the Lord of lords: God's love endures forever.
Saint Patrick and Saint Barbara: Pray for us.	Lord Jesus, hear our prayer:
Saint Benedict: Pray for us.	Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.
Saint Ignatius: Pray for us.	Amen. And AMEN.
Saint Clare and Saint Ann: Pray for us.	
Saint Francis Xavier: Pray for us.	

