

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

TRUE HAPPINESS



Brothers My brothers and sisters, this Sunday's Gospel presents Jesus, having spent the night praying God, comes down from the mountain and then offers his disciples, and all the people who were listening to him, the path to happiness. "Blessed are you who are poor in spirit!" This does not mean: "Blessed are the wretched." Poverty is always an insult to God. In this case, Jesus speaks to us of the happiness of those who do not boast of their wealth, their knowledge, and their wisdom. He is speaking to those who recognize themselves as poor before God and their brothers. They rid themselves of any spirit of superiority. They are

entirely available to welcome the Good News of the Gospel.

On the other hand, **woe to me if my material goods tend to make me withdraw into myself.** If I place my joy in my money and in my material success, I have a pagan's heart. But all this only lasts for a time. The wealth we accumulate is only worth something in the world of men. In God's eyes, true goods are elsewhere. **But by choosing to rely on the Lord and trust in Him, we find true happiness.**

We are all called to share God's happiness. Believing in the risen Christ means being committed now to Eternal Life. It means entering the hope of the Kingdom by constituting the people of the New Covenant. Our role as Christians is to be witnesses and messengers of this Good News. We will be so not only by our words but above all by living out of this love that the Lord places in us. We are all members of the Body of Christ. And it is precisely to the poor, the sick, the excluded, the hopeless that we will have to reveal God's love. **By our way of living, loving and welcoming, we show the world that there is a place for everyone in the Kingdom of God.**

We are all invited to move from the "wisdom of men" to the "Wisdom of God" which is based on Love. The Risen Christ is the victor over death and sin. It is in Him that we place our faith by actively preparing the Kingdom of tomorrow. Following Christ, we can all bring the precious stone of Love. There can be no one excluded from the Kingdom.

The message of the beatitudes is still relevant today. The eternal dignity of man is in danger when economic and financial interests become major objectives. The good health of a society will never be measured solely by the ability to care for bodies. It will be measured by its ability to live in fraternity and solidarity. **What is first is that our whole life be filled with the Love of God**

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