

# WORD FROM THE PASTOR

## Love of God Triumph over Sin



Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Today's Gospel from Saint John writing invites us to lift our eyes, to look... To lift our eyes to Christ raised from the earth. Now, we know, brothers and sisters, the place of his elevation is the Cross. John was the only one of the apostles to stand at the foot of the Cross, in the company of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. For this reason, John convincingly believed that the cross is the living sign of the love of the Father for us, human beings. In this time of Lent, John invites us to look at the Crucified, to look at the Cross and the One who is attached to discover the supreme love of God, the Father. **“God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. »** (Jn 4:16.)

Cardinal Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote in one of his works that we will only be truly Christians the day we know how to decipher the beauty and love of God on the face of the Crucified. Saint John invites us again to raise our gaze and to dare to look at the one who suffered for our salvation so that we may discover the love of God the Father for the world and therefore for each of us.

**“God so loved the world...”** This is a positive look at the realities of the world. Nowadays, as I believe in all times, many are tempted to look at the world in a pessimistic way: “the world is rotten; There is nothing to do! » When we watch the news we see the length of violence, baseness of all kinds, moral depravity, collective and individual selfishness spread out, people are fleeing from their homeland, and migrant crisis. All of this exists. And God sees it, yet, despite all of this – or more precisely – through all of this, **God loves the world and invites us to love Him. God loves this world!** This means that He does not resign Himself to the evil that exists in this world but that He wants to save it

In a way, we may think that God takes us the wrong way. This world that we would sometimes throw away, even into Gehenna, God loves it. God is passionate about His creation; this unfinished creation that He is leading, with our collaboration, to its perfection.

The courage of faith is required of us so that we can recognize that **Jesus is truly our savior** and enter more deeply into an act of Faith. May it be given to us by receiving Christ Jesus in the Eucharist and saying “Amen” to Him who will tell us **“The body of Christ”**, to truly let the power of His Resurrection begin to work in us so that we avoid judging others, so that we love the world and pray for the salvation of all. **Let us pray for each other that we may have the courage to stand firm and grow positively and hopefully in the love the Father has for each one of us and the world.**

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