

Meditation 2014-03-27
Thursday Of The Third Week Of Lent
Meditation Theme: “Jesus Is My Guest!”

Place yourself in the presence of Jesus Christ. Make sure He knows that every thought, action, and experience of today is dedicated exclusively to Him.

The Scenario: From the Gospel of today’s Mass

AT that time: Jesus rising up out of the synagogue, went into Simon's house. And Simon’s wife's mother was taken with a great fever, and they besought Him for her. And standing over her, He commanded the fever, and it left her. And immediately rising, she ministered to them. And when the sun was down, all they that had any sick with divers diseases, brought them to Him. But He laying his Hands on every one of them, healed them. And devils went out from many, crying out and saying: Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them He suffered them not to speak, for they knew that He was Christ. And when it was day, going out He went into a desert place, and the multitudes sought Him, and came unto Him: and they stayed Him that He should not depart from them. To whom he said: To other cities also I must preach the kingdom of God: for therefore am I sent. And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Point 1. – Jesus goes to Peter’s house, and cures his mother-in-law of a fever.

Point 2. – Jesus is presented with many sick persons seeking relief. He cures them all by the laying on of hands. He rebukes the demons He has cast out who acknowledge Him as the Christ, telling them to be quiet.

Point 3. – Jesus tells the people who try to keep Him with them that He has other places to go.

Meditation: Jesus is a guest in St. Peter’s home, where He cures Peter’s mother-in-law.

Is Jesus a guest in my home? Have I ever invited Him in? Would I if my mother-in-law was ill? Would I if she wasn’t? What would having Jesus in my home be like? Would He and I sit and visit? What would we talk about? Would I be too embarrassed or ashamed to speak? Or would I be bold, showing how good a friend I could be? Would I be so friendly that I would treat Him as an equal? Would I show any deference? Would I, in my current spiritual condition, need to?

If Jesus were in my home and my neighbors found out, would they come in too? Would I invite them in, or would they have to barge in? Would I attempt to keep the visit a secret so that others would not interrupt? Would I be willing to share Him?

Do I understand that Jesus, having other places to go and other people to see, takes nothing away from me? Do I try to keep Him for myself? Can I keep Him for myself? If I could keep Him for myself, would that mean that nobody else could have Him? If I hold Him fast, can others do so too? Is there enough of Jesus to go around?

Colloquy: Take a minute or two to converse with God, in any of His three Persons, or the Triune God complete in Himself. Tell Him what you have learned from your meditation, and thank Him for it.

Hold the Gain: Consider what you can do to keep the fruits of your meditation. Try to plan how you can think of them through the day, and through the days ahead. Come up with ways you can apply your conclusions to what you do in your everyday life, conversations you engage in, the choice of what movie to watch, what books you choose to read.