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Staying Connected while Physically Distant

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Today's Gospel Matt. 7: 21-29

The Gift of Pentecost

We celebrated Pentecost Sunday four weeks ago and I would like to share my memories of that day. Usually I would celebrate Mass with the St. John's congregation which is always a very special time. This year I found myself in hospital for about a week which included Pentecost Sunday. In bed, attached to a few medical monitors I tried to pray and meditate but my heart felt rather empty.

Soon the nurse came to see me, nurses used to come often, I was well looked after by them. They were all caring, all Australians though many of them from countries of different origin like Fiji, Kenya, Malaysia, it seemed to me they were often adding love to their profession. Thinking about them I felt as if their love was the gift of Pentecost for me, my heart become warm, reawaken to the Spirit and I started to pray: I prayed for the nurses in the National Capital hospital looking after me, but also for nurses and doctors in Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) that I have some connection with; most of all I prayed for countries that have no medical help or very little especially now during this Pandemic. My heart was grateful for God's grace to me.

Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd said it better than I could.....

I thank you God, for this opportunity, to love you, as I praise you, as I communicate to those who will read this, how great is your love. Let me show that my poverty and innate weakness did not hinder your love, that your grace pursued me even when I kept on resisting.

Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd,
Frances Siedliska, 1842-1902

Barbara Witzens



Pure Love within

Where is the treasure in the field?
Where's the pearl of great price?
I've scoured the earth and the oceans
and nothing will suffice.

For all that is material
satisfies not the soul;
this world's ephemeral riches
will never make me whole.

In his story of the kingdom,
Jesus used a symbol
to show true wealth is found only
in the spiritual.

Saint Thérèse said happiness comes
not from things around us;
rather, it can be found in a
prison or a palace.

For where'er you go is your soul
and there lies your treasure —
pure Love within, the Trinity,
peace and lasting pleasure.

By Shane Murtagh

**GOD GIVE US STRENGTH.
STRENGTH TO HOLD ON AND
STRENGTH TO LET GO.**

AMEN

Michael Leunig – A Common Prayer