



Answering Christ's call,  
we guide people to encounter Him  
so as to live in hope, as pilgrims in daily life.

## ***Meet the Master***

Monthly gatherings to discover the Master and encounter him as we read the scriptures, listen to a presentation, meet a saint, and receive a spiritual tool.

### **May 2, 2020 – Jesus' Tenderness**

#### **Scripture**

- **John 20:10-19** Appearance to Disciples and Thomas  
*Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*
- **John 21:1-19** Appearance to Peter and Disciples  
*Do you love me?*

#### Additional scripture references:

- Mark 5:35 *Fear is useless, what is needed is trust.*
- Luke 22:60-61 *Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."*
- John 14:21 *Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.*

#### **Catechism of the Catholic Church**

CCC# 239 By calling God "Father", the language of faith indicates two main things: that God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority; and that he is at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. God's parental *tenderness* can also be expressed by the image of motherhood, which emphasizes God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. The language of faith thus draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. ...He is neither man nor woman: he is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard: no one is father as God is Father.

#### **Spiritual Exercise**

##### ***Do you want to experience the tenderness of the Master?***

1. Think of a couple of persons you may know that have been impacted and/or healed by Jesus. Ask them how they sustain their faith and hope.
2. Read the two resurrection stories we heard about.  
John 20:19-29 – Place yourself in that room with the disciples.  
How would you have responded? How would you receive the Risen Lord?  
John 21:1-19 – Place yourself with Peter and the disciples at that charcoal fire. Are there sins or issues that you need to present to the Lord? Just as the charcoal fire was a reminder of Peter's denial of Jesus, ask the Lord to present you any reminders that lead to someone you need to forgive or a situation that needs healing. Then place it at the charcoal fire and turn to Jesus.  
Speak to Him by saying something like: *Jesus, Master, I doubt! Help my unbelief! Jesus, you know everything about me, I need your healing, your forgiveness.*  
After your time with the Master, thank him and praise him.  
Believe that he has heard you and trust in the assurance of his tender love for you.

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