



PILGRIM
Center of Hope

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.

July 11, 2020 – Jesus' Peace

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. (John 14:27)

Jesus as peacemaker - Matthew 9:10, John 4:4-42, Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 18:22, Matthew 5:23-24

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you... (Luke 12:51 & Matt 10:34)

- Giving peace – *Wish it peace*, Matthew 10:12; *Go in peace*, Mark 5:34; *Peace be with you*, Luke 24:36
- Cause for division – Criticized through Matthew 9 & Luke 15:1-2; put to death, John 5:18

God does not accept the sacrifice of a sower of disunion, but commands that he depart from the altar so that he may first be reconciled with his brother. For God can be appeased only by prayers that make peace. To God, the better offering is peace, brotherly concord, and a people made one in the unity of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. – St. Cyprian

For Christians, (holiness) involves a constant & healthy unease – Pope Francis (Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 99)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC #2304 *Respect for and development of human life require peace. Peace is not merely the absence of war, and it is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers between adversaries. Peace cannot be attained on earth without safeguarding the goods of persons, free communication among men, respect for the dignity of persons and peoples, and the assiduous practice of fraternity. Peace is "the tranquillity of order." Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity.*

#2305 *Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic "Prince of Peace." By the blood of his Cross, "in his own person he killed the hostility," he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. "He is our peace." He has declared: "Blessed are the peacemakers."*

#2843 *It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt...*

Spiritual Exercise

- Reflect: What in my life is keeping me bound & without peace? (Pains, unforgiveness, frustrations, etc.) Write each of them down, one by one.
- Pray: Jesus, I believe in you. Your peace is true and lasting, and I want to know your peace.
 - (Name one of your burdens.) I do not want to be bound by this anymore. Today I entrust this to you, Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace. I humbly ask your Holy Spirit to transform my heart.
 - (Offer each of your burdens this way.)
 - Jesus, you said, *Blessed / happy are the peacemakers; they will be called children of God.* Teach me to pursue peace as you did. Holy Spirit, give me guidance and courage.
 - Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen. +
- Go forth & pursue peace. Look to Jesus, his model and teachings. *Come Holy Spirit, spirit of peace!*

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