



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 podcast to discover Jesus the Master; encounter him through a presentation, Scripture, and reflection

February 2021 – Having A Relationship with Jesus, the Divine Master

Scripture: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. – John 3:16-17*

Virtue: Knowledge. *The gift of knowledge corresponds to the virtue of hope, which better helps us to understand the meaning of God. – St. Thomas Aquinas*

Quotes:

- *Christian faith is not only a matter of believing that certain things are true, but above all a personal relationship with Jesus Christ... Only in this personal relationship with Christ, only in this encounter with the Risen One do we truly become Christians. – Pope Benedict XVI*
- *It is necessary to awaken again in believers a full relationship with Christ, mankind's only Savior. – St. John Paul II*
- *Being a Christian means having a living relationship with the person of Jesus; it means putting on Christ, being conformed to him. – Pope Francis*
- *And only where God is seen does life truly begin. Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him. – Pope Benedict XVI*

Catechism of the Church:

- **no. 27** *The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for: For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator*
- **no. 31** *Created in God's image and called to know and love him, the person who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know him. These are also called proofs for the existence of God, not in the sense of proofs in the natural sciences, but rather in the sense of "converging and convincing arguments", which allow us to attain certainty about the truth... Allow the light and the healing presence of Christ to shine brightly through your lives. In that way, all those who come in contact with you will discover the loving kindness of God.*

Spiritual Exercise

Print the following statement, and have it placed in a few visible places to remind you how important you are to God!

Why did God make you? *God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world,
and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.*

We can evaluate our personal relationship with Jesus Christ is by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- Is there any need I do not bring to Jesus?
- Do I seek the means Jesus gave for experiencing him?
- How would my prayers change if I embraced a personal relationship with the Divine Master?

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