





**TODAY'S READINGS:**

**FIRST READING: EX 33:12-23 PSALM 99**

**SECOND READING: PHIL 2:1-13**

**GOSPEL: MT 21:28-32** 28 "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 29 "'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. 30 "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. 31 "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

**PRAYERS:** Denise Morton, Jean Mann, Paddy Sander, Mike & Lindi, Marlene Palm, Deborah Lewis, Lynda Main, Keith Johnson, Casey Bennett, Andrew Edward, Lynn Edward.

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**From John Main OSB, "The Christian Crisis, "THE PRESENT CHRIST (New York: Crossroad, 1991), pp. 74-76.**

The call to the modern person, the call to all of us, is to become spiritual, and to become spiritual we have to learn to leave behind our official religious selves—that is, to leave behind the Pharisee that lurks inside all of us—because, as Jesus has told us, we have to leave behind our whole self.

All images of ourselves coming as they do out of the fevered brain of the ego, have to be renounced and transcended if we are to become one with ourselves, with God, with our brethren—that is, to become truly human, truly real, truly humble.

Our images of God must similarly fall away. We must not be idol-worshippers. Curiously, what we find is that they fall away as our images of self fall away, which suggests what we always guessed anyway, that our images of God were really images of ourselves. In this wonderful process of coming into the full light of Reality, of falling away from illusion, a great silence emerges from the center. We feel ourselves engulfed in the eternal silence of God. We are no longer talking to God or worse, talking to ourselves. We are learning to be—to be with God, to be in God. [. . .]

On the spiritual journey it takes more energy to be still than to run. . . .Most people spend so much of their waking hours rushing from one thing to another that they are afraid of stillness and of silence. A certain existential panic can overtake us when we first face the stillness, when we first enter into this state of pure being. But if we can once find the courage to face this silence, we enter into the peace that is beyond all understanding. No doubt it is easier to learn this in a balanced and stable society. In a turbulent and confused world there are so many more deceptive voices, so many calls for our attention. [. . .]

We trivialize ourselves if we set limits to the energy available to us for this inner journey—the journey to our own heart, to the presence of Christ within us. . . .The power source from which we draw our dynamism for this journey is inexhaustible, as St Paul tells us, "It can be measured by nothing less than the power that God exercised in raising Jesus from the dead."

**After Meditation, "Infinite Silence,"** Fr. David Maria Turoldo (born 1916, Servite order), from UDII UNA VOCE, Mondadori, 1951.

**INFINITE SILENCE**

Lord, for You only do I sing,  
that I may ascend  
to where only You are,  
infinite joy.

To joy turns my weeping  
when I begin to invoke You.  
Only in You do I rejoice,  
awesome vertigo.

I am your shadow.  
I am deep disorder,  
my mind the faint firefly  
in the deep darkness

who goes looking for You, inaccessible light.  
For you this heart faints,  
this shell that is full of your Echo,  
O infinite Silence.

**ALL SAINTS DIARY: OCTOBER 2011**

- MONDAYS 13H30 BRIDGE (Beginners Welcome)
- TUESDAYS 12h30 PRAYER GROUP
- SATURDAYS 12H00 TO 13H00 BELL RINGING PRACTICE (CONTACT BRIAN STACEY ON 0824946453)
- THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: Worship meeting at 19h30
- FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: Choir practice at 14h30
- LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: Flower Guild at 09h00

**NB: MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

- 17H00 PARISH EXEC MEETING
- 18H00 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**October**

Saturday	8	15h00	Messy Church
Friday	14	9—12 noon	Nursery School rehearsal
Saturday	15	9—12 noon	Nursery School concert
Sunday	16		Bishop Brian's visit
Saturday	22	9—12 Noon	Baptism Preparation
Sunday	30	09h00	Patronal Festival