

St. John Paul II Parish, Sellersburg IN

The First Fifteen

The Spiritual Life and Evangelization Commission asked that all parish meetings begin with a program we are calling “The First Fifteen.” We are asking all parish meetings to begin with a few minutes of faith sharing. One person in the group reads the reading provided below (which corresponds with this next week’s weekend readings) and everyone is given an opportunity to reflect and share on the readings. The questions below are simply a way to stimulate your reflection. You can use them or anything that strikes you about the word of God.

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“A am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me in this hour. Father glorify your name.’” Then a voice came down from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “Angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Questions to Ponder:

1. During Lent we deprive our physical body to give life to our spirit. What things have you done to feed your spirit this Lent? Do you see a change in your faith life?
2. Jesus hears the voice of God but others think the voice is thunder or an angel. Have does God speak to us in this modern age? Is God speaking to you during Lent?
3. Have you been drawn to Jesus? How is this manifested in your faith life?

End with the Glory Be

“Glory Be Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen”