



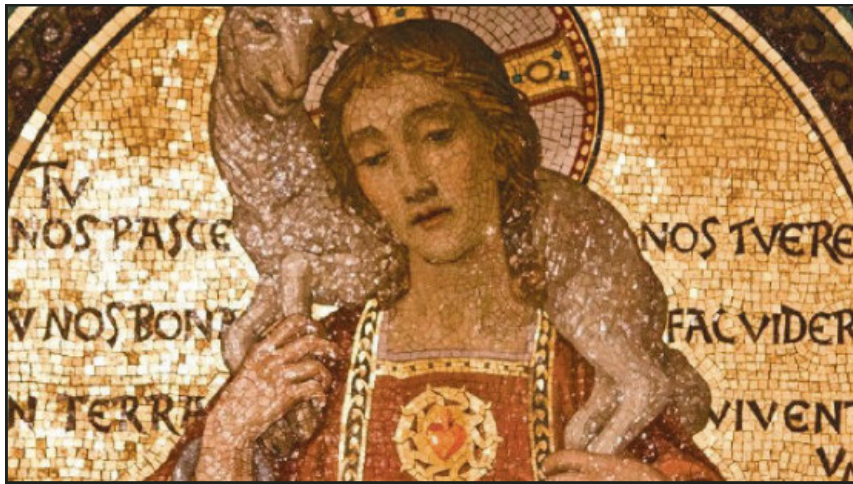
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Jesus knows our heart scars



By Sr. Maria Frassati

He goes to my darkest depths and places his divinity there ...

Sr. Maria Frassati is a member of the Sisters of Life.

Years ago, while camping with my parents, I found myself needing to borrow my dad's luxury pickup truck to get to Mass. Full back seat and truck bed, the thing was stunning in all its deep blue radiance, and incredibly empowering to drive. When I made the comment I'd need to drive it, Dad hesitantly handed over the keys. My mom asked him, "Do

you trust Sr. Maria with your truck?" to which he responded, "No. But *I trust Jesus with Sr. Maria.*"

It's hard for us to entrust the treasures of our hearts to other people — even with people we know well. After years of watching me grow in my espousal to Jesus through my consecration, and himself growing to know the Lord, Dad could freely entrust me to the heart of Jesus.

But do *I* entrust myself to Him, with the same ease? Does He really understand our broken hearts, and every dark crevice within it that still refuses to heal completely in this life? Our *heart scars*, as it were?

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on Good Friday, I was amazed at the multitude who came to venerate the cross: frail elderly, men and women in business suits and fancy shoes, young mothers with infants in their arms, police officers and homeless — all bending to kiss the wounds on Jesus' body, not just to reverence his bodily wounds, but even deeper, to console the blows humanity has wrought on His Sacred Heart. His heart knew the pain of betrayal, being stabbed in the back by an intimate friend. He was abandoned by His closest friends at His hardest hour.

The heart pierced with the spear easily sums up our human story: We pierce God's heart with our hate, our indifference, and our betrayals, big and small, and He responds by mercifully giving *Himself* to heal us. But when the Father raised Him up, and the light of glory overcame His holes in His hands and feet, among the greatest consolations to us is that His glorified heart scars join the ranks of glorified wounds. But where can we see them?

Enter, the image of the Sacred Heart. Especially for us cradle-Catholics, it's easy to glide past the Sacred Heart statue and remain unmoved. With his unreal rosy complexion and often troubling paint job, He can seem so distant, and frankly, so irrelevant. Yet His glorious heart wounds are a sign of hope for us. A heart on fire, yet unconsumed by the flames. A heart wounded, yet victorious.

In His Incarnation, Jesus not only forever united Himself to our human flesh, He forever united Himself to the human experience. And not just any human experience, but to *my human experience*, going to

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my darkest depths and placing His divinity there. Loving with a truly human heart, He experienced all that we do, especially the gut-wrenching things that seem to shatter the heart apart; grief, loneliness, and rejection.

But He didn't live there. Instead, He lived in the embrace of His Father, with total reliance on His love. That's our path to freedom.

How do we live in His victorious freedom, and let His glorified heart scars heal ours?

First, we need the courage to be vulnerable. Yes, it's painful, and petrifying. Shame researcher Brené Brown shares in her book *Daring Greatly* that, paradoxically, while we fear being vulnerable ourselves, we admire and find attractive those who are willing to be vulnerable. Because, "Vulnerability is not weakness; it's our greatest measure of courage."

Vulnerability means forgiving. As Mother Teresa says, "People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway."

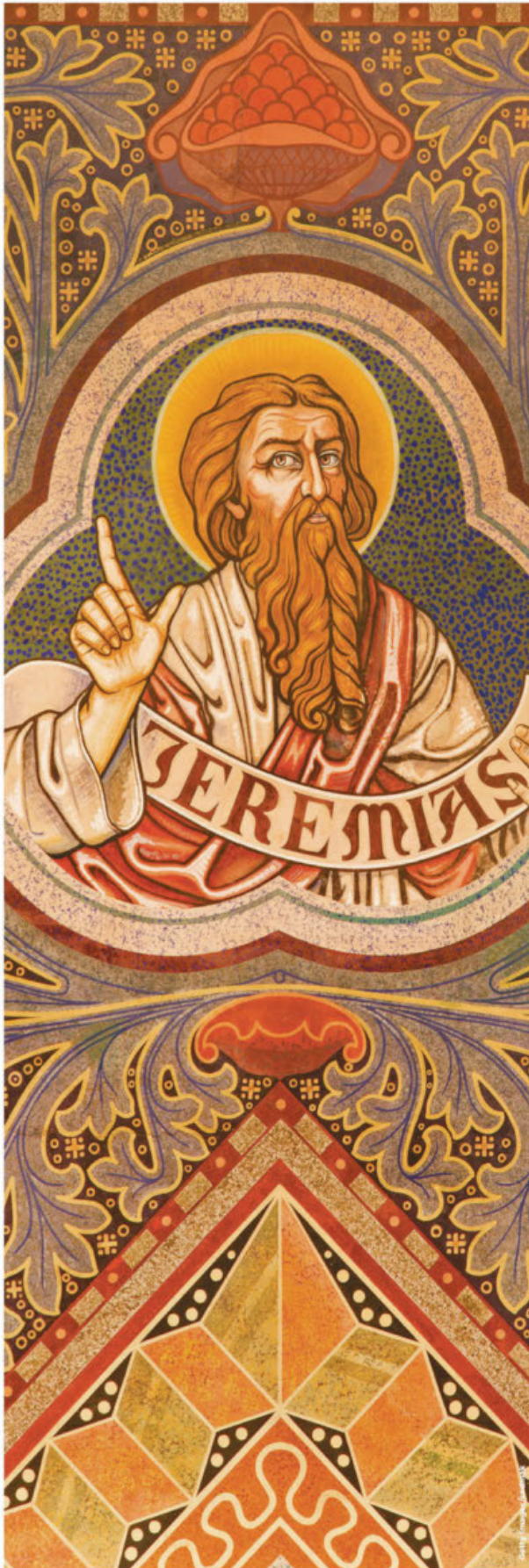
It means loving others even when we aren't loved in return. In the heart of Jesus, we see a heart willing to be vulnerable for the sake of love. But it's only possible when, like Him, we rest in the Father, knowing our hearts are safe in the hands of the One who made it, who will never break it, but is forever holding our very being in existence with the utmost love and reverence. Jesus, who fully reveals man to himself, shows us that life's not about being bulletproof. It's not about putting your heart in a steel box so that nothing can hurt you. It's not about refusing to hope big so that you can scrape by life and not get disappointed. It's about having the courage to be open enough to receive reality, with total reliance on the Father's love, and let Him use it to sanctify us, *heal us*. And, if we only have faith, we'll see that His creativity in loving us knows no limit.

Second, we can let Him use our suffering hearts to transform us into vessels of His mercy. The Divine Mercy image gives us another insight into His Sacred Heart: His wounds don't stream anger or vengeance, but mercy. Mercy pours from His heart scars, and they can pour from ours too. Suffering, lived well, creates a space in the heart to shelter others who are wounded. And the more we unite our broken hearts with Jesus' own Sacred Heart, the more He will transform our hearts to radiate His own patient, gentle, and merciful love.

Jesus holds out His wounded heart as a beacon of hope for anyone who has experienced heartbreak, rejection, and failure. "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures," said St. John Paul II, but "we are the sum of the Father's love for us, and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus."

We begin to live in freedom when we let the truth of God's love penetrate our very bones, and we, like Jesus, grow to be totally dependent on the Father. *We're safe in His hands*. And if we confidently give Him our broken pieces, the ones we think we've broken beyond fixing, we'll be amazed at His creativity as He uses them to mold the beautiful mosaic of our salvation story.

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June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 | Rom 5:12-15 | Mt 10:26-33

Written by
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

When I was in middle school, I came upon a group of students who had singled out another student, accusing her of some pretty rotten things. The Lord must have helped me to be brave that day because I decided to step in and defend her. Thankfully, calling them out on their cruelty was enough to fend them off. Thank God for his presence and aid in that moment! In the first reading today, Jeremiah tells of his experience of being betrayed and accused: "All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped [they say]; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.'" But Jeremiah does not lose heart, saying also, "the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion." And Jesus' words in the Gospel echo the resolve of Jeremiah when he says: "Fear no one ... What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light ... And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." It seems pretty clear, then, that our job is to bring the Good News of Jesus into the world whenever we can and let his light shine forth by our words and actions. We are commissioned to be warriors for Christ who should not fear injury but rather call upon him in our need and trust in his goodness and mercy to render aid.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Stepping into a conflict or situation can be difficult. But we are not meant to do it alone. Yes, we are called to proclaim the Word of God at every opportunity – to let "zeal" for our Father's house consume us, as we heard in the psalm. And the task at hand may seem a daunting one – until we focus on the second part of the Gospel and soak in the depth of the love Jesus has for each of his children. Matthew writes: "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." We are not alone as we do the work of the Father; rather, we are known and loved by him and strengthened by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. We can feel emboldened by this as we pursue the everlasting gift of heaven.

ENGAGE This world often tells us to do what makes us happy. Let's challenge ourselves to, instead, do what makes us *holy*, as we keep our eyes fixed on the path to eternity.



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Saturday, June 24, Vigil for Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Earl and Herman Beddoe (Dec)

Sunday, June 25, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Eileen Plasse (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Gallace Family (Dec)

Monday, June 26, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Ann Marchese (Dec)

Tuesday, June 27, Memorial of Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Steve Mercer (Dec)

Wednesday, June 28, Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, June 29, Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

8:00 a.m. Joanne Montazanti (Dec)

Friday, June 30, Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

8:00 a.m. Ann Deakins (Dec)

Saturday, July 1, Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00 a.m. Nadia Sing (Liv)

Saturday, July 1, Vigil for Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Bill Hueston (Dec)

Sunday, July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Aivars Jerumanis (Dec)

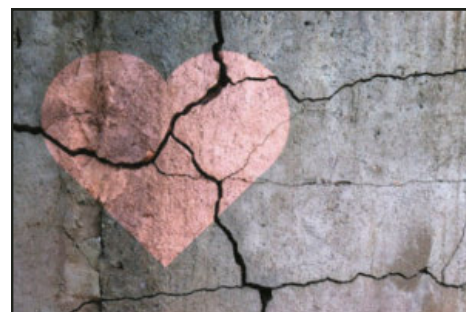
9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Mary Dziondziak (Dec)

Journeying Through Grief

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663



Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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O Divine Giver of all gifts, grant us the daily graces we need to follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the way we live out our lives and make use of our gifts.

Daily, may we renew with You our small part of the world by allowing Your will to be accomplished in and through us.

Help us to trust in Your love for us and to grow in our fidelity and relationship with You.

We thank You for the trust You place in us as stewards of our personal gifts. May the Holy Spirit guide us in placing our time, talent and treasure at the service of each other so that together we may faithfully witness the Christian message and thus become Your holy people.

Amen

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When I was a teenager, after a homecoming dance one year I took my date for a walk on the Potomac in downtown Alexandria. The moon was out and I was struck by how the light shimmered on the water. I remember focusing to try to see all the details of the dancing rays on the ripples. My date didn't see it and didn't really get it. She thought it was no big deal. It was a great date and a fun night, but for that one moment we saw the world from two completely different vantage points.

Two of the greatest gifts from God to each of us are life and time. Without taking care, we can easily miss the grandeur and beauty of both. Being mindful as an everyday steward means pausing to see the detail in all that exists around us. God's creation is not something created with a broad brush, but instead with the intricacies of a master painter.

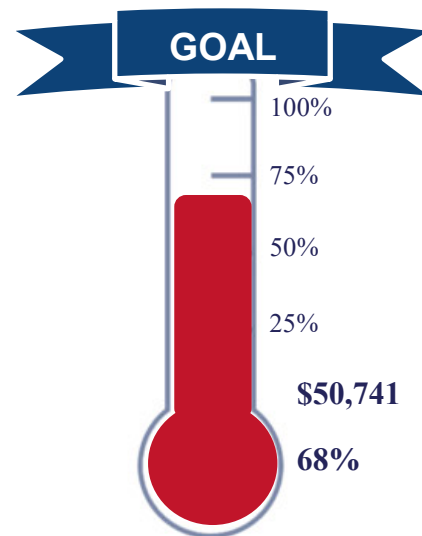
God created all things with purpose and a complexity only the divine could fully comprehend. Every single hair on our head has been counted! But when we take a moment to reflect on the beauty that is created by that complexity, we allow ourselves to revel in God's generosity. There is so much to give thanks for in this life. But you and I can't give thanks to God unless we really stop to take notice. When was the last time you stared in awe at the moon?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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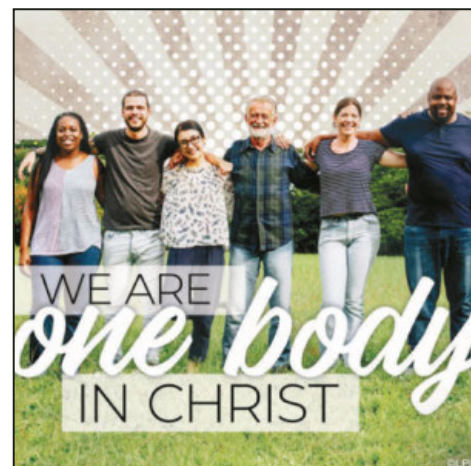


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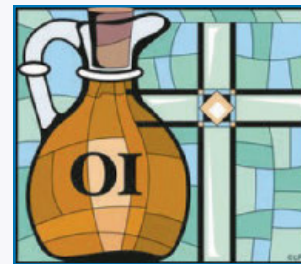
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