



Daily Reflections

April 22, 2017

Scripture

Mark 16: 9-15

When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told his companions who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After this he appeared in another form to two of them walking along on their way to the country. They returned and told the others; but they did not believe them either. But later, as the Eleven were at table, he appeared to them and rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed those who saw him after he had been raised. He said to them, "Go into the whole world

and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

Our Scripture Reflection

When The Risen Lord appeared to His disciples on Easter He gave them a mission. In today's text they are called to go out to "all the world." For sure, there are many great missionaries who have taken up that call, literally. However, for most of us, going out to all the world is just not possible. So what are we to do? Perhaps some of the most challenging missionary activity is within our own four walls, within our family. That means we are called to witness to Jesus, to live as He lived each day.

Food for your Journey

There's an old story of the great opera-writer, Puccini, who died suddenly before he had a chance to finish his opera, Turandot. One of his fellow-composers, Franco Alfano, wrote two final scenes that completed the story. When the opera premiered at Milan's La Scala opera house in 1926, the famous Arturo Toscanini was the conductor.

Toscanini got to the place where Puccini had left off, and then he stopped the performance. With tears in his eyes, he turned to the audience and announced: "This is where the master ends."

Then he raised his baton once again and declared, "This is where his friends continue." And he concluded the performance.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Help me to be the best version of myself at all times. When others see me, may they see You at the same time. Amen.