



Daily Reflections

July 18, 2018

Scripture

Matthew 11: 25-27

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,

and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

Our Scripture Reflection

The religious leaders of Jesus’ day were highly respected and revered by the people. Jesus’, however, would expose many of them as hypocrites because they did not practice what they preached. In today’s Gospel reading, He calls the people, “the childlike”, to be humble and to trust in the revelation of God’s only Son. Only through Jesus will they know the One, True God.

Food for your Journey

Tradition, G.K. Chesterton once said, is the "democracy of the dead," by which he meant to remind the living that while we may be the church Visible and Militant, we are also the church on earth, and in the minority. It is easy to forget that fact as we go about our business being the Church Busy; indeed, the present-centeredness of the church may be its most consistent heresy.

--Peter J. Gomes, "All sinners, all saints," *Christian Century*, October 22, 1997, 941.

We would do well to remember the Christian character and virtues of generations long gone. Gomes goes on to say, "It is reassuring to know that those saints who went before us were aided by the very God whom they loved and served, and that this great cloud of witnesses is rooting for us now."

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You and You alone are the very Presence and revelation of God Almighty. May all people come to know You, and therefore, to love You and serve You. Only in You will we find true Peace. Amen