



Daily Reflections

November 2, 2020

Scripture

John 6:37-40

Jesus said to the crowds:

“Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.

And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.

For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day.”

Our Scripture Reflection

Today in the Church we commemorate the feast of All Souls. We remember and pray for our loved ones who were “marked with the sign of faith and who are now at rest.”

In our Gospel, Jesus prays for those people whom the Father has given Him. Far from advocating a doctrine of “predestination”, the Lord is identifying those who have listened to Him and who have believed in Him and who, therefore, have begun to follow Him. Jesus, who will be going on ahead of His flock in order to “prepare a place for them” (John 14) will come back to take them with Him in the glorious resurrection. It is that promise and hope that we pray for on behalf of our loved ones on this special day.

Food for your Journey

Recently, I saw the Cuban film *Last Days in Havana* where one of the characters, a 15-year-old pregnant teenager, Yusisleydis, played by the Cuban actress Gabriela Ramos, declares in a monologue at the end of the film, “Mi miedo no es que el mundo se vaya a acabar, sino que el mundo continúe como está” (My fear is not that the world may be ended, but that the world will continue like it is). The Resurrection of Christ is the response to Yusisleydis’ fear. The Resurrection changed and continues changing the course of history. God intervenes in human history and breaks time to tell us that “another world is possible.” Thanks to the Resurrection of Christ, we can transform the world to make it better: and that’s Mission! The Resurrection enables us to change the actual reality of this violent and unjust world and re-create a more human, peaceful and solidary world.

—Jose Luis Casal

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Please hold my loved ones who believed in You a place in Your Heavenly mansion where You live and reign as Lord and King forever. Amen