

FROM THE PASTOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

In the Gospel today, we hear about how Jesus tells Thomas (and the other Apostles) that He is “the way and the truth and the life.” It is interesting that we often think of Jesus as a “good teacher” who shows us one way of getting to God. With this attitude, we think that we can listen to what He has to say and we can “take it or leave it.” But the truth is that Jesus is the fullest manifestation of the heart of God, for He IS God: the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He does not tell us a particular way, but rather He IS the Way to God. He isn’t merely a teacher of a particular truth, He IS the Truth. He doesn’t just tell us about one way we might find life, He IS LIFE itself! Very often in our pluralistic and relativistic culture, we think that there is no absolute truth. Jesus’ life death and resurrection shows us the very heart of God, and it is through Him that we get to know God – He is absolute Truth.

This is an *incredible* truth – God is *knowable*! He isn’t just some amorphous force or energy field way out there. He wants to be known. He loves us deeply and desires that we love Him. Read the Bible (especially the Song of Songs), and you will see the greatest love story ever – for it is the love story between God and humanity. Every lover desires for His beloved to know Him, and so does God. We can know God because He has made Himself knowable in Jesus – he reveals Himself to us. Remember the meaning of life – the reason God made us – to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life, so that we can be happy with Him forever in the next. If we are to love God, we need to be able to know Him. God made Himself knowable so that we can love Him

This day, may we come to know God more intimately. May we spend time with Him so that we can love Him.