



THE ORDINARY WAY OF LOVE

This past Thursday/Ascension Thursday was one of six Holy Days of Obligation recognized by the Church in the United States. (Do you know the other five?) On that day, friends of Jesus, remembering what He said on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (10 May 2015): “you are My friends if you do what I command you”, participated in Mass in response to His Last Supper-command: “do this in memory of Me” (I Corinthians xi:24) and commemorated His return to the right hand of the Father.



That return of Jesus to the Father came forty days after He met Saint Mary Magdalene weeping outside an empty tomb; forty days after He appeared in the Upper Room and showed His hands and His side to His disciples; forty days after the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus recognized Him in the breaking of the bread; and shortly after He told Saint Thomas, “do not be unbelieving, but believe.”

Two thousand years after the Resurrection we believe that Jesus continues to show Himself to people when they are weeping, afraid, looking downcast, and doubting. He does this however, not in any “extraordinary” way, but rather in the “ordinary” way of love. The ordinary way in our mothers that we remembered last week on Mother’s Day. The ordinary way in our Servicemen and Servicewomen that we will remember next week on Memorial Day. The ordinary way of Jesus that we remember every time we go to Mass!

Whether the call to love leads to motherhood, the armed forces, or to Mass, we are all obliged to answer it. It is a call more important than any cell-phone call, yet it is a call that too many people put on hold. “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” (Saint Matthew XXII:37-40) And so, whatever you do, make sure that you do it in the Name of the Lord Jesus; make sure you do it in Love!



Please Pray for Those in Our Armed Forces:



Capt. Thomas Collins III, Anthony Costante, Tyler Daly, Juan Diaz, Ryan Dugan, Michael George Gonzalez, Daniel Ingin, Brig. Gen. Kevin Killea, Susana Ladino, Sgt. Ramon Marrero, Pvt. Jack McKnight, John Mediate, Sgt. Kelvin O. Melara, Airman 1st Class Jerome Miles, Lt. Cmdr. Colleen Minihan, Maj. Paul Minihan, Sebastian Moreno, Sean Joseph Mormon, Sgt. Allyson Parla, Petty Officer Floyd A. Rivera, Sgt. Sammy Rodriguez, Benjamin Rhodes, Edwin Sandoval, Doug Schambert, Paul Seiden, Luis Sic, PFC Ashley Sumner, Capt. John Talafuse, Lt. Matthew Talibon, Corp. Daniel Vargas, Chief Petty Officer William A. Vega, Capt. Jhonna Washington, Anthony Williams, Sgt. 1st Class Lynroy Williams; Lt. Cmdr. Brad Younger