



Day 7: Sent Out

Jesus, Son sent forth from the Father

“And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.” 1 John 4:14

As Jesus the Son enjoys perfect communion and love with His Father, this Love is not meant just for them. In the fullness of time, the Father sends Jesus, His Son, into the world to be its savior and redeemer, and to be the perfect revelation of the Father’s love. Jesus is sent from Heaven so that in His very Person we might be able to share in the very life of God. He “came that we might have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). So, we see here that at the core of the Sonship of Jesus is love, and it is a love that is sent out to overflow into the world. This ‘sending out’ is the mission of Jesus. And as the perfect Son of the Father, Jesus is sent out to restore in full the very sonship that is ours.

Mary, a Mother who sends

As the Mother of Jesus, Mary’s vocation is to be a mother who nurtures, prepares, and, with her “yes” to the Father, “sends out” her Son in faithfulness to His mission. Mothers have a unique and specific role in preparing their sons for their mission in life. With the foundation of love, delight, and security at Nazareth, Mary created a type of garden around Jesus that allowed Him to mature and grow in His humanity. With this experience, Jesus was prepared for His public ministry and ultimately for the mission of His passion, death, and resurrection. In a particular way, the Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-12) is a great example of the power of the Mother who sends her Son into His mission. Mary’s confidence in Jesus’ mission at that moment ushers in His public ministry. And as her humble Son, Jesus receives His mother’s invitation to be ‘sent out’ and inaugurate the Kingdom of His Father.

St. Juan Diego and Us

You are sent out on mission. Implanted within the depths of your heart through your baptism, you have been given a special call and anointing from God. This call is fed, nourished, and intensified through the sacraments and the gift of prayer. The intercession and the example of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, alongside all of the other members of the Communion of Saints, are given to you to help “rekindle the gift of God” (2 Tim 1:6). For St. Juan Diego, his mission involved bearing the glorious Tilma, filled with flowers, which for the natives symbolized divine truth, and the miraculous image of Our

Lady to the prudent bishop. In a real way, Mary prepares and “mothers” us every step of the way, just like she did for Juan Diego. Dear brother, please be encouraged: you do not need to receive mystical revelations or apparitions. At every Mass, you are entrusted with the gift of the *real presence* of Jesus’ Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. He comes to feed you that you may feed the world with the gift of His love, with the truth of His word. And at the end of every Mass, we are sent: “Go forth and announce the gospel of the Lord.”

Prayer

O Jesus, we adore You, we love You, and we thank You for the gift of Your presence. We thank You for sending us Jesus, Your perfect Son, to save us and bring us new life. Renew and anoint our own sonship, that we too may be ready to be sent out by You to spread your Kingdom. We ask You now to hear this prayer.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Mother of us, draw us close to your heart. As you prepared St. Juan Diego for his mission and called him to be your instrument, we give you permission to come into our lives and to do the same thing. Prepare us and help us to live our mission in full. Please come and fill us with your love.

Amen.

After reading today’s reflection, [pray the Litany of Restoration of Sonship](#).