

July 21, 2019 – Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

*MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED
NOW AND FOREVER!!!*



SPIRITUAL PONDERINGS

Christopher Robin



Synopsis: The movie begins with Christopher Robin telling his friends from the Hundred Acre Wood that he would be leaving soon to go away to boarding school. After boarding school, Christopher Robin meets a woman named Evelyn and has a daughter named Madeline. He also serves in the British Army during World War II. The movie picks up with him again as an adult working for Winslow Luggage. This is a job that often keeps him away from his family.

Back in the Hundred Acre woods, Pooh discovers that he is all alone and cannot find any of his friends. Pooh decided to go through a magical door that leads him to London where he runs into a grown-up Christopher. Christopher Robin is amazed to see Pooh alive in the real world and quickly decides he has to take Pooh back to the woods.

Christopher Robin reunites Winnie the Pooh with the other friends in the Hundred Acre Wood and then returns home. Christopher Robin forgot his briefcase though in the Hundred Acre Wood and so the gang, meeting up with Madeline for the first time set out on another adventure to get Christopher Robin his briefcase back.

The movie ends with Christopher realizing that nothing is more important than his family and him coming up with a great idea that saves the luggage company.

Spiritual Insights:

The first spiritual insight I saw in the movie was the lesson that Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin talk about and that is the idea of doing nothing. Christopher Robin explains to Pooh that it is important sometimes to just do nothing. I believe this is because we sometimes define ourselves by what we do or the money we make. We need to stop do stuff and simply be. We need to prevent business from being coming a status symbol. When we stop and do nothing we also learn that God loves us even when we are doing nothing because God's love is unconditional.

Thomas Merton put it this way:

Some of us need to discover that we will not begin to live more fully until we have the courage to do and see and taste and experience much less than usual... And for a man who has let himself be drawn completely out of himself by his activity, nothing is more difficult than to sit still and rest, doing nothing at all. The very act of resting is the hardest and most courageous act he can perform.

Sometimes we keep ourselves so busy that we don't know what is going on in our own lives.

The second spiritual insight comes from the relationship between Christopher and his daughter Madeline. Christopher claims that he loves her but he spends so very

little time with her. It reminded me of the song the "Cat's in the Cradle" by Cat Stevens. The song ending verse is: "

I've long since retired and my son's moved away - I called him up just the other day - I said, I'd like to see you if you don't mind - He said, I'd love to, dad, if I could find the time - You see, my new job's a hassle, and the kids have the flu - But it's sure nice talking to you, dad - It's been sure nice talking to you - and as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me - He'd grown up just like me - My boy was just like me

At the end of the song the father realizes that his family did not need all the money he brought home as much as they needed him to spend time with them.

The third spiritual insight comes from the diversity of Winnie the Pooh and his gang is. In addition to Winnie the Pooh, you have timid Piglet, Bouncing Tiger, Kanga and Roo, Rabbit, and Eeyore. Each has a different personality and each allows the other to be themselves. We should appreciate the difference in others and allow others to be themselves.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Sunday

Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. - Henri Nouwen

Monday

If you have the courage to imitate Mary Magdalene in her sins, have the courage to imitate her penance! - Pio of Pietrelcina

Tuesday

We don't have to earn divinity because we are divine through God's grace.

Wednesday

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." Calvin Coolidge

Thursday

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Friday

Are you ready to do good like an on-duty fire fighter is ready to fight fires?

Saturday

Criticism of others is thus an oblique form of self-commendation. We think we make the picture hang straight on our wall by telling our neighbors that all his pictures are crooked. - Fulton J. Sheen



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

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Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Spiritual Reflection: Mother Teresa, one of the busiest people ever, encouraged others to "Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more." Being busy is alright as long as we don't miss the presence of our Lord.

Spiritual Questions

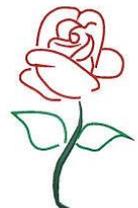
1. Why was Martha so busy?
2. Why was Mary not busy?
3. How can we become more present to the present?
4. Name someone who you have been neglecting?
5. What is the "better part"?



PRO-LIFE

Grant Success

Prayer for our Courts and Judges
Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of our nation. You alone rule the world with justice, yet you place in our hands the solemn duty of participating in the shaping of our government. I pray today for our President and Senators Who have the responsibility of placing judges on our courts. Please protect this process from all obstruction. Please send us men and women of wisdom, Who respect Your law of Life. Please send us judges with humility, Who seek Your truth and not their own opinions. Lord, give all of us the courage we need to



do what is right and to serve you, the Judge of all, with fidelity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!



St. Monica Society

Please join us in praying a special prayer each month for Catholics who have fallen away from their faith.

Jesus Christ, Lord of all things, You see our hearts; You know our desires. Possess all that we are, You alone. We are Your sheep; make us worthy to overcome the devil Amen.



Catholic Prayer

THE CROWN OF THORNS NOVENA

*Repeat the following Novena prayers every day for 9 consecutive days.

NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Jesus, You did suffer and die that all mankind might be saved and brought to eternal happiness. Through the Agony of Your Crown of Thorns I offer it to Your Eternal Father that You will hear our pleas for further mercy on the souls of:

After each invocation say: "My Jesus, mercy and relief through Your Sacred Wounds."

My dear parents and grandparents,
My brothers and sisters and other near relatives,
My godparents and sponsors of Confirmation,
My spiritual and temporal benefactors,
My friends and neighbors,
All for whom love or duty bids me pray,
Those who have offended me,
Those who have suffered disadvantage of harm through me,
Those who are especially beloved by You,
Those whose release is near at hand,
Those who desire most to be united to You,
Those who endure the greatest suffering,
Those whose release is most remote,

Those who are least remembered,
Those who are most deserving on account of their services to the Church,
The rich who are now the most destitute,
The mighty who are now powerless,
The once spiritually blind, who now see their folly,
The frivolous, who spent their time in idleness,
The poor, who did not seek the treasures of Heaven,
The tepid, who devoted little time to prayer,
The indolent, who neglected to perform good works,
Those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the Sacraments,
The habitual sinners, who owe their salvation to a miracle of grace,
Parents who failed to watch over their children,
Superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them,
Those who strove for worldly riches and pleasures,
The worldly minded, who failed to use their wealth and talents in the service of God,
Those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own,
Those who blasphemed and committed sacrilege without due reparation,
Those who violated the dignity of the human body and mind through impurity,
Those who are Purgatory because of me,
Those who did not provide for the life hereafter,
Those whose sentence is severe because of the great things entrusted to them,
The popes, kings and rulers,
The bishops and their counselors,
My teachers and spiritual advisors,
The deceased priests of this diocese,
The priests and religious of the Catholic Church,
The defenders of the holy Catholic Faith,
Those who dies on the battlefield,
Those who fought for their country,
Those who were buried in the sea,
Those who died suddenly, in accidents and from other causes,
Those who died of sudden illness,
Those who suffered and died of lingering illnesses,
Those who died without the last rites of the Church,
Those who shall die within the next twenty-four hours,
For those who procured abortions or aborted their children,
For those who promoted or practiced contraception,
For those who gave scandal, especially to children,
My own poor soul when I shall have to appear before Your judgment seat.

PRAYER

Eternal rest grant unto all of these, O Lord;
and let the perpetual light of Your countenance
shine upon them soon. Amen.

