

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the human heart what God has prepared for those who love Him” 1 Cor 2:9

Most of us would agree that life is hard. There is suffering now and ahead. What is it that keeps you going?

Today’s Gospel is filled with hope. Jesus tells us “...those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead... can no longer die for they are like angels, and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise...” “He is not God of the dead but of the living, for to Him all are alive.”

My ‘go to’ story in the Gospel about life after death is the story of Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Lazarus was at the point of death. They sent for Jesus. They knew He could heal their brother. But Jesus had hesitated and by the time He came, Lazarus had been buried four days. Martha was angry with Jesus. “Lord”, she said, “If you had been here my brother would not have died!” He answered, “Your brother will rise again.” She responded, “Yes Lord, I know he will rise again on the last day.” And then He answered with these incredibly strong words, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” Martha said, “Yes, Lord I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

So what keeps you going? There is a song many of us love; “When you walk through a storm hold Your head up high And don’t be afraid of the dark At the end of the storm There’s a golden sky And the sweet silver song of a lark”

We have a secret source that keeps us going; The Holy Spirit. God pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts every moment of our existence. Especially God shares His Holy Spirit in the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. He pours His Spirit into us in the Sacrament of Forgiveness, Reconciliation; in Marriage. The Spirit of God is praying within us as often as we breathe.

The Spirit of God is with my sister and your family member as they suffer day after day. Life is hard but the glory of God that shines within us makes even the hard times joyful

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