

## 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of Ordinary Time – 2022 Fort Sumner

The gospel shows us Jesus disembarking from the boat into a place of the Gentiles... into a place where God was not known and loved for who he has revealed himself to be as we know from the scriptures.

What was their reaction? ? ? They ran to meet him. They ran to receive advice. They ran to be cured. As Gentiles who did not know God they wanted to get from God.

But we are not Gentiles.... We know God.... We worship him in spirit and in truth. We know he is here in the Eucharist. So how should we react when he comes to us? What should we do when we see him get out of the boat?

Instead of running to get something from God... shouldn't we be running to give something to God?

We know what he's done for us in the past. We see what he's doing for us today. We know what he's promised to do for us in the future. Shouldn't we give him thanks for all these things? The past, the present, the future?

Here is some wisdom from a Benedictine nun:

"I believe that we have a very great responsibility and a certain mission to fulfill here, and that we are too much inclined to forget it. For my part, I think of it whenever faced with trials, contradictions, or incomprehension (or sometimes after the attack has fallen!). We have received so much from the Lord that it is surely the least we might do to try to "console" him for those who hardly think of him, these billions of human beings who do not know him at all and for whom, nevertheless, he has suffered and died. And how he suffered and died!

Reparation ought to take the form of a familiar intercourse between ourselves and God. I love the prayer they say at Fatima: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you."

In an act of love and reparation... because we are thankful and we desire to trust the God we know and who knows us perfectly... three times let's pray that Fatima prayer:

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you"