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**Advent 2020: Bible Study on Purpose via Zoom:
Seek the Gift of Jesus! Healing the Racial Divide
[Reflections on The Word with Purpose; John 8:32-33]**



3rd Week of Advent: JOY: Follow the Law of Gradualness: To Heal, Transform & Send

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom
repeated Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm via Zoom



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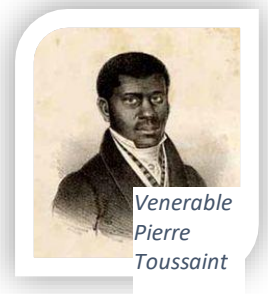
Opening Prayer & Reflections: Justice & Peace give Joy that goes through death into Life. The Bread & the wine express what leads to joy. Justice is the woman. Peace is the man. Because of the Fall sin causes inequality and violence to all relationships. Psalm 51:3-4 "Have mercy on me Lord, in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Wash me clean of my offenses and of my sin cleanse me." 1 John 1:10 "if we say we have never sinned, we make Him a liar and His word finds no place in us." Joy will mature as forgiveness leads us to holiness. When Mary said they have no wine – they have no Joy. John 2:3

1. Reconciliation as the Counsel for Healing Care. (2 Cor. 5:1-21)

- a. The human condition
- b. Walk by faith and not by sight
- c. The love of Christ impels us
- d. No longer human judgment - the old order has passed away.
- e. The ministry of reconciliation.

2. Training in the discipline of touching the wounds of others (1-800-FOR-GIVE)

- a. Forgiving wants God to show compassion on His fallen people
 - i. Moses pleads with the Lord for His people. (Ex. 32:11-14)
 - ii. 7 X 70 – Jesus teaches unconditional forgiveness. (Matt. 18:21-35)
 - iii. And Jesus sends, His Apostles into a broken world. (Jn. 20:22-23)
- b. Chosen as a Catholic Christian to be sent to renew the face of the earth vs. Irresponsibility. (Ps 130)
 - i. To avoid judgment, don't pass judgment. (Matt. 7:1)
 - ii. Judge those within? (1 Cor. 5:12)
- c. Best way to remember is to teach.
 - i. Watch our verbs – we should, you must, we have to, you ought to
 - ii. Our Lord Jesus asks – "What do you want me to do for you?"
"Lord, I want to see ..." (Mk 10:46-52)



Venerable
Pierre
Toussaint

3. Sharing an experience of accompanying someone facing a loss

4. The Word to Follow – Mark 2:1-11

- a. We are called to be stretcher bearers. (Eph. 4:2)
- b. Heal the cause – the effects will take care of themselves. (1 Cor. 3:6)
- c. We are God's co-workers. (1 Cor. 3:9; Gen. 45:4)
- d. The stone rejected by the builders, becomes the cornerstone... (1 Peter 2:7-9)
- e. In this spirit, "if anyone asks you the reason for this hope of yours, be ever ready to reply, but speak gently and respectfully." (1 Peter 3:15-16)

