

Jesus Christ,
you see my heart,
you know my
desires. Possess
all that I am
—you alone
— St. Agatha

No man or woman can possibly observe all the commandments at all times – but nonetheless, it is a life of perfection and holiness, that we as a people of God, strive towards.

Jesus understands this inner conflict we face, and He responds by expressing and simplifying the Father's love for us. That is, Jesus shows us how we can live in love, within God's laws. For example, by sharing our weaknesses or even our misgivings with the church/one another, our honesty and practice of accountability enables us to grow in love, humility, and self-awareness. In this way, we become effective witnesses, even if our efforts may seem insignificant.

Throughout our journey of striving to abide by these Commandments, Jesus assures us that we are known by Him; that He knows our struggles and weaknesses; that He knows the promises we try to keep and those we have failed to. Jesus assures us of His presence by listening to every prayer, even when our prayers consist of only sighs, groans and tears. **Jesus is truly our most loving comforter.**

These blessed assurances are beacons of light in our valleys of darkness; our hope in our daily struggles. And as we cling to His promises, our suffering finds meaning, and the impossible now seems possible. Let our hearts take courage, for our God is a dependable God who loves and assures us, every step of the way.

Let us always remain in His love. †



Scripture of the Day:

Ez. 33, 7-9;
Ps. 94: 1-2, 6-9;
Rom 13: 8-10;
Mt 18: 15-20.

Weekly
WORD

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME: BLOOD POURED OUT FOR YOU AND MANY

**TRUE LOVE FULFILLS
ALL THE LAWS**



There is a compendium of truths (*and laws*) to soak in this week. St Paul sets us up for the occasion as he reminds us that *love* is the answer to every one of the commandments. The Commandments are, therefore, the elixir of life that we should try to live by. It is a set of laws most of us know nearly by heart. Yet, while it rolls off our lips easily, they are at times not so easy to obey.