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#HomilySantaMarta

9 March 2020

When we recall that we have sinned and have a sense of shame, this touches God's heart, and He responds with mercy. Today let us ask for the grace of a sense of shame. #HomilySantaMarta

10 March 2020

Today the Lord calls all of us sinners to dialogue with Him: "Don't be afraid." "Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow" (Is 1:18). #HomilySantaMarta

12 March 2020

We ask the Lord today for the grace of not falling into indifference, the grace that all the information we have about human suffering might penetrate our hearts and move us to do something for others. #HomilySantaMarta

13 March 2020

Today let us ask the Lord for the grace to not forget the gratuitous nature of revelation. God manifests Himself as a gift, He made a gift of Himself for us, and we must give it, helping others see it as a gift, not as our possession. #SantaMarta

14 March 2020

Through the parable of the Prodigal Son (Lk 15:1-32) the Lord helps us understand the problem: living at home but not feeling at home, because there's no paternal or fraternal relationship. #HomilySantaMarta

15 March 2020

The #GospelOfTheDay (Jn 4:5-42) tells us about Jesus' encounter with a woman, with a sinner who had the courage to tell Him the truth. May the Lord grant us the grace of praying always in truth. #HomilySantaMarta

16 March 2020

God always acts through the simple things: the simplicity of everyday work, the simplicity of prayer. But the worldly spirit moves us toward vanity, toward appearances that end in violence. #HomilySantaMarta

17 March 2020

The parable Jesus tells us (Mt 18:23-35) is very clear: asking forgiveness means forgiving. Both go together and cannot be separated. Forgiving is a condition for going to heaven. #HomilySantaMarta

18 March 2020

Our God is near and asks us to be near to one another. Perhaps right now we cannot draw near physically to others for fear of contagion, but we can reawaken in ourselves a habit of drawing near to others through prayer and mutual help. #HomilySantaMarta

19 March 2020

On this Feast of #StJoseph let us ask the Lord for the grace to live in the concreteness of everyday life and also in the 'concreteness' of the mystery. Entering into the mystery is not about dreaming; entering into the mystery means to adore. #HomilySantaMarta

20 March 2020

The God of tenderness will heal us of all life's wounds and of all the bad things we have done. Returning to God means returning to an embrace, the embrace of the Father. #HomilySantaMarta

21 March 2020

The Lord forgives all our sins, but He needs me to show them to Him. The #GospelOfToday teaches us how to pray, how to draw near to the Lord: humbly, with our "souls exposed", without make-up, or dressing ourselves up with our own virtue. #HomilySantaMarta

22 March 2020

In Jesus' presence, the true sentiments of the heart come forth. Let us read the #GospelOfTheDay (Jn 9:1-41) to understand what happens when Jesus passes by. #HomilySantaMarta

23 March 2020

The first requirement for prayer is faith, the second is perseverance, and the third is courage. In these days when we need to pray more, let us ask ourselves if we pray like this. The Lord never deludes! He makes us wait, but He never deludes. #HomilySantaMarta

24 March 2020

The #GospelOfTheDay (Jn 5:1-16) tells of a paralytic ailing from pessimism, sadness, tepidity: a poisonous fog surrounding the soul that doesn't allow it to live. Then there is the symbol of our new life: the water that Jesus used to regenerate us in Baptism. #HomilySantaMarta

27 March 2020

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to fight against the evil spirit, to dialogue when we need to dialogue but, in the face of the spirit of fury, to have the courage to remain silent. #HomilySantaMarta

28 March 2020

The people of God have a sense of knowing where the Spirit is, of knowing the paths of salvation. The people of God follow Jesus. They can't explain why, but they follow Him. And they never tire. #HomilySantaMarta

29 March 2020

Profoundly moved and troubled, He weeps (Jn 11:35). We ask the Lord for the grace of weeping today before all the people who are suffering the consequences of this pandemic. May today be for everyone like a Sunday of tears. #HomilySantaMarta

30 March 2020

The Lord does justice for the innocent woman, forgives the sinner, condemns the corrupt ones, helps the hypocrites convert themselves. Each of us has our own story, our own sins. Let us look at the Lord who does justice, but who is also extremely merciful. #HomilySantaMarta

31 March 2020

Jesus took our sins upon Himself to the point of making Himself sin. It's not easy to understand this; we will never fully comprehend it. We can only contemplate, pray, and give thanks. #HomilySantaMarta

1 April 2020

"If you remain in my Word, you will indeed be my disciples" (Jn 8:31). The disciple is someone who is free because he or she remains in the Lord. To remain in the Lord means allowing oneself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. #HomilySantaMarta

2 April 2020

May our Christian existence be like that of our father Abraham: aware of having been chosen, joyful in moving toward a promise, and faithful in fulfilling the covenant. #HomilySantaMarta

3 April 2020

It would be good to stop a moment this Friday to think about the sorrow of Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, and to say "thank you for accepting to be our Mother". In the motherhood of Our Lady we see the Church's maternity which welcomes everyone. #HomilySantaMarta

4 April 2020

We should adopt the habit of examining the process of temptation in ourselves, which changes our hearts from good to bad: How did the process begin in my soul? How did it grow?... May the Holy Spirit enlighten us to have this interior awareness. #HomilySantaMarta

6 April 2020

We will be judged on our relationship with the poor. When Jesus says, "The poor you will always have with you", he is saying, "I will always be with you in the poor; I will be present there". This is at the center of the Gospel, so much so that we will be judged on it. #HomilySantaMarta

7 April 2020

There are always times in life when we fall, each one of us is a sinner. But what matters is our attitude before God. We ask for the grace to persevere in service and, when we fall, the grace to weep as Peter wept. #HomilySantaMarta

8 April 2020

Let's think of the little Judas that we all have within ourselves. Every one of us is capable of choosing between loyalty and self-interest. We are each capable of betraying, of selling, of making choices based on our own interests. Where are you, Judas? #HomilySantaMarta

13 April 2020

We will either bet on life, in favor of the resurrection of our people, or we will bet on the god of money, turning back to the tomb of hunger, slavery, war, the making of weapons, of children without an education. #HomilySantaMarta

14 April 2020

To repent means returning to faithfulness. Today let us ask for the grace to look beyond our own security, and to be faithful even before the tomb and the collapse of so many illusions. Remaining faithful is not easy. May the Lord keep us faithful. #HomilySantaMarta

15 April 2020

God's faithfulness is a patient fidelity to His people. God listens, guides, explains slowly, and kindles the heart as He did with the two disciples who had traveled far from Jerusalem: He made their hearts burn so they would return home. #HomilySantaMarta

16 April 2020

The #GospelOfTheDay (Lk 24:35-48) is one of my favorites: "Their joy kept them from believing" (v. 41). To be filled with joy: It is not merely being happy, positive, but is something else. It is to be filled with consolation, filled with the Lord's presence. #HomilySantaMarta

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The joy of the Lord is your strength (Neh 8:10). The joy of the Lord is the great strength we possess which drives us to continue being witnesses of life. Today let us ask for the grace of this joy, which is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. #HomilySantaMarta

17 April 2020

The disciples had progressed in familiarity with the Lord. May the Lord also teach us this familiarity with Him, which is personal, but always communitarian: a familiarity in everyday life, in the sacraments, in the midst of the people of God. #HomilySantaMarta

18 April 2020

Where does the Apostles' courage come from? It is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Boldness - courage - is a gift that the Lord gives on the day of Pentecost. The Christian mission is born from this gift of the Holy Spirit. #HomilySantaMarta

20 April 2020

To be Christian is not only to fulfill the Commandments, but "to be born again" and allow the Spirit to enter in us and carry us wherever He wants. This is the freedom of the Spirit. May the Lord help us always to be docile to the Spirit. #HomilySantaMarta

21 April 2020

Many things can divide communities: money, vanity, gossip. But the Spirit comes to save us from divisions. The Holy Spirit is the Master of harmony. He creates harmony in the community, because He Himself is harmony, the harmony between the Father and the Son. #HomilySantaMarta

22 April 2020

Let us allow the love of God - who sent His Son Jesus - to enter into us, and help us see with the light of the Spirit. Let us ask ourselves: Do I walk in the light or in darkness? Am I a child of God? Or have I ended up like a poor "bat"? #HomilySantaMarta

23 April 2020

Peter's secret weapon is Jesus's prayer. Jesus prays for Peter that his faith might not fail. What He did with Peter He does for all of us. Jesus prays for us before the Father, showing His wounds, the price of our salvation. #HomilySantaMarta

24 April 2020

Jesus formed the hearts of the Apostles to serve the people. He taught them the pastoral attitude of being near the people of God. Pastoral ministry is not accomplished with structures, but with the heart of a shepherd. Let us #PrayTogether for the Church's pastors. #HomilySantaMarta

25 April 2020

The #GospelOfTheDay contains the Lord's final greeting: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel" (Mk 16:15). Faith always carries us out of ourselves. The faith needs to be transmitted and offered above all with witness. Go out so that people might see how you live. #HomilySantaMarta

26 April 2020

What patience the Lord has with each of us! He respects our situation, walks at our side as He did with the disciples of Emmaus, and listens to our dissatisfactions. He respects us. He enjoys listening to how we speak so as to understand us well and give us the correct response. #HomilySantaMarta

27 April 2020

At times in life we distance ourselves from the Lord and lose the freshness of the first call. Let us ask for the grace to always go back to that first encounter, in which He looked at us, spoke to us, and placed in us the desire to follow Him. #HomilySantaMarta

28 April 2020

Many times we make comments that set off a small daily lynching. May the Lord help us to be righteous in our judgments and not to begin or follow gossip that provokes an undeserved condemnation. #HomilySantaMarta

29 April 2020

When confessing our sins we must not be abstract, but simple and concrete like children: "I am a sinner because of this, this and this." This leads me to feel ashamed. Being concrete makes me serious rather than vaguely feel a sense of being a sinner. #HomilySantaMarta

30 April 2020

Our witness opens the way for others. Our prayer opens the door to the Father's heart. Let us ask the Lord that we might live our work with witness and prayer, so that the Father might draw people to Jesus. #HomilySantaMarta

1 May 2020

"Work" is the word the Bible uses to describe God's creative activity: "God completed the work He had been doing" (Gen 2:2). God entrusted this task to mankind: Work is the human vocation. #HomilySantaMarta

2 May 2020

A crisis is the moment to make a choice. This pandemic is a time of social crisis. How should we react? With perseverance, silence, and fidelity to God and decisions made earlier. A moment of crisis is like passing through fire to become stronger. #HomilySantaMarta

3 May 2020

Good Shepherd Sunday is a beautiful Sunday, one of peace, meekness, and tenderness because our Shepherd cares for us. "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want" (Ps 23).

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4 May 2020

Some ideas cause division to the point that the idea is more important than the Holy Spirit who guides us. May the Lord free us from divisions, and help us understand this great mystery of Jesus: He is everyone's Shepherd, in Him we are all brothers and sisters. #HomilySantaMarta

5 May 2020

There are certain attitudes that do not allow us to progress in knowledge of the Lord: wealth, apathy, rigidity, clericalism, worldliness... Freedom is lacking, and we cannot follow Jesus without that freedom.

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6 May 2020

It is not easy to live in the light. The light makes us see many ugly things within us: vices, pride, the worldly spirit. But Jesus tells us: "Take courage; let yourself be enlightened, because I save you". Let us not be afraid of Jesus's light! #HomilySantaMarta

7 May 2020

To be Christian is to belong to a people freely chosen by God, and to remember those who have preceded us on the journey to salvation. Let us ask the Lord for the awareness of belonging to the people of God which, in its totality, has the sense of the faith. #HomilySantaMarta

8 May 2020

How does the Lord console? By drawing near, while speaking little. Through truth: He neither speaks formalities nor deceives. Through hope: "Do not let your hearts be troubled". The Lord's consolation is near, true, and opens to us the doors of hope. #HomilySantaMarta

9 May 2020

The Church strives forward between the consolation of God and the persecution of the world. The Holy Spirit creates harmony within the Church. The evil spirit destroys. Let us place our trust not in temporal power, but in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. #HomilySantaMarta

10 May 2020

It takes courage to pray. To pray is to go with Jesus to the Father who will give us everything. The Church progresses with this courageous prayer, because the Holy Spirit teaches us that we do very little, but it is God who "does things" in the Church. #HomilySantaMarta

11 May 2020

What does the Holy Spirit do in us? He reminds us of everything Jesus said. He teaches us to understand it better, to grow in our understanding of the faith. He accompanies and supports us in discernment. He enlightens us in life's decisions, both great and small. #HomilySantaMarta

12 May 2020

The peace the world gives isolates us from others. It lulls us to sleep, and is temporary and sterile. The peace the Lord gives is lasting, fruitful, contagious. It makes us go out to create community. It is filled with hope because it looks toward Heaven. #HomilySantaMarta

13 May 2020

"Remain in me and I in you" (Jn 15:4). This "remaining" is not passive but active. It is a mutual remaining. "I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:5). We branches need the lymph, and the vine needs the fruit of our witness. #HomilySantaMarta

14 May 2020

All of us – brothers and sisters of every religious tradition – unite today for the day of prayer, fasting, and penance called by the Higher Committee for Human Fraternity. #HumanFraternity #PrayTogether #HomilySantaMarta

15 May 2020

The perfect path to follow Jesus is not rigidity, which brings turmoil, but the spirit of evangelical freedom, which always brings joy. #HomilySantaMarta

16 May 2020

What is the spirit of the world that Jesus talks about (Jn 15:18-21)? It is a way of life, a culture of the temporary that doesn't know how to be faithful. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for the grace to discern between what is worldliness and what is evangelical. #HomilySantaMarta

17 May 2020

Our society has a sense of being orphaned that touches our sense of belonging and fraternity, because the Father is missing. Let's ask the Holy Spirit for the grace to rediscover the Father, who gives us a sense of meaning in life. May He make us one family. #HomilySantaMarta