

Our Lady of Lourdes is a pilgrim church coming to know the Kingdom of God by being Christ to the world

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Catholic Church

February 2024

Life Without the Sun (Son) Means We Walk in Darkness

The month of February is usually cloudy, overcast, and gloomy and those of us who live in Wisconsin are tired of being trapped indoors and are in need of spending time in the sun. When we go through periods of time without sunlight, we notice that our personalities change and some of us become withdrawn, cranky, or downright irritable. We long for the sun and we hope that it will change our mood in a positive way. Although the sun is hiding behind clouds it doesn't mean that the sun isn't there; the sun is always burning brightly and giving light through the clouds.

In the same vein, those of us who walk with Jesus, the Son of God on a daily basis also have days when we have a difficult time seeing the Son in our midst; however, we continue to look for signs of Jesus' presence, perhaps in the smile of a child; in the laughter of co-workers; in the touch of a friend; in the phone call from a distant relative; in a meaningful liturgy; etc. Without the Son, our lives can be cloudy, overcast, and gloomy. We long for the light of Christ to shine upon us and bring comfort and peace into our world. We may go through periods in which we experience the absence of the Son, but this doesn't mean that Jesus isn't present—Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is always at work around us.

This is a perfect time of year to reflect on what the prophet Isaiah said: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." When the light shines, it removes the darkness; it warms the surrounding area. There are times when we find ourselves walking in darkness and wandering aimlessly through life. It is important to remember that when we were baptized the light of Christ shone upon us, just as the eastern star pointed the way to the newborn king born in the manger. That light of Christ is always burning in our midst.

The month of February doesn't have to be a time of darkness because we can bring light to people in our midst. We can allow the Son to shine through us as we journey through life. Take some time today to ponder the way in which we can most affect the mood of others in a positive way. How do we experience the Son of God in our midst? How are we disciples revealing the light of Christ to others? Who is revealing the light of Christ to me on a daily basis?

May we all walk in darkness towards the sun (Son)!

Blessings,

Maryrose Wolf

Director of Administrative Services

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