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Fr Fasciale / Geelong. (38 years ago)
seemingly
therapist

What do you want to see happen?

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to have FrF removed from his priestly duties
 and to receive some recognition that these
 incidents did happen and I was not a little
 girl telling lies.

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I would like him to be investigated
 thoroughly and to find out if he has
 offended against others (besides us 3) and
 to be removed from his duties and to
 receive therapy.

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Ernie Smith - (re ^{Annville} REDACTED)
 Joe Petruskas (cfr + JOC - girl named REDACTED)

cold and unapproachable. Rather He is *'our Father in heaven'*, watching over us at all times. Our prayer can reach Him at any time, anywhere.

We have confirmation of this in today's readings. Jeremiah is having a tough time trying to get people to listen to God's message. He is ridiculed, denounced, betrayed by his friends but he is unshaken in his belief that the *'Lord is at my side, a mighty hero'* who will one day clobber his opponents.

The psalmist in a similar situation asks for God's help *'that never fails'*.

And in the Gospel, after warning His followers to expect trouble and opposition in proclaiming His message, Christ tells us not to be afraid. The God who cares even for the sparrows will be watching over us every moment of our lives.

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Proper of the Mass

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn): **God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps. 68)

Antiphon: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

RESPONSE: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Lector: It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

Lector: This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

Lector: The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! **The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (1) or (2) (or a hymn):

(1) **The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season.**

(2) **I am the Good Shepherd; I give my life for my sheep, says the Lord.**

Today's Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

Next Week's Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

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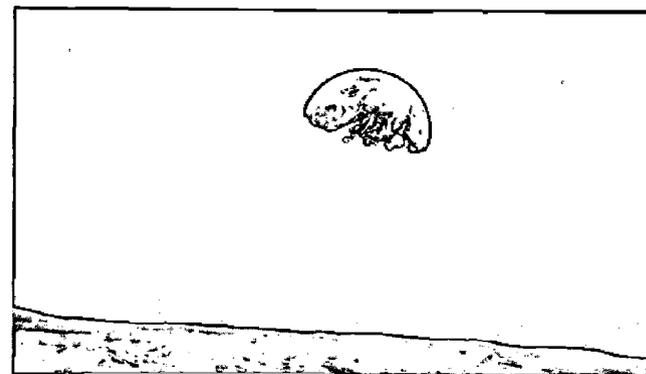
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Why would God bother?

Some people regard the Christian idea of God as quite childish. They may be ready to believe in some sort of a God out there or up there or wherever. But to believe that incomprehensible and remote Being could possibly be bothered about the likes of us is ridiculous.

And when you think about it their problem is understandable. Left to ourselves we too would find it difficult to imagine why an almighty God 'before whom angels bow in adoration' would value our prayers or why He would be interested in what we do or how we live, or why He would care about the joys and sorrows of Tom, Dick and Harry or their wives and children.

But of course we are not left to ourselves with our limited knowledge and imagination. God has told us in no uncertain terms of His measureless love and concern for each one of us.

He has demonstrated it in His dealing with the Chosen People as He guided and protected them, forgiving their frequent infidelities and restoring them to His friendship. Those of them who learned the lesson would have agreed with the psalmist who wrote: *'Yahweh is my light and my salvation, whom need I fear? . . . If my father and mother desert me,*

Yahweh will care for me still' (Psalm 27). *'Yahweh is my shepherd, I lack nothing . . . Though I pass through a gloomy valley, I fear no harm; beside me your rod and your staff are there, to hearten me'* (Psalm 23).

But much more convincing is the message God gives in sending His Son to redeem us and to illustrate His love in ways we can easily understand.

Jesus is the mirror of God to us. To Philip Jesus said, *'To have seen me is to have seen the Father'* (John 14:9). To have seen Him was to have watched Him show constant love and concern for people in their needs. The need could be trivial, such as requiring more wine for a wedding feast. The needs could be heart-rending like those of the sick to be cured, the lepers to be cleansed, the blind to see, the lame to walk. They could be needs of the soul such as faith to believe, forgiveness of sin. They could be needs like Magdalen's for courage to begin a new life or like the thief on the cross to die a good death. In the eyes of Christ no need was trivial and no person was insignificant.

Given this revelation of what God is like, we are assured that, infinite and transcendent though He is, God is anything but a distant, disinterested deity,