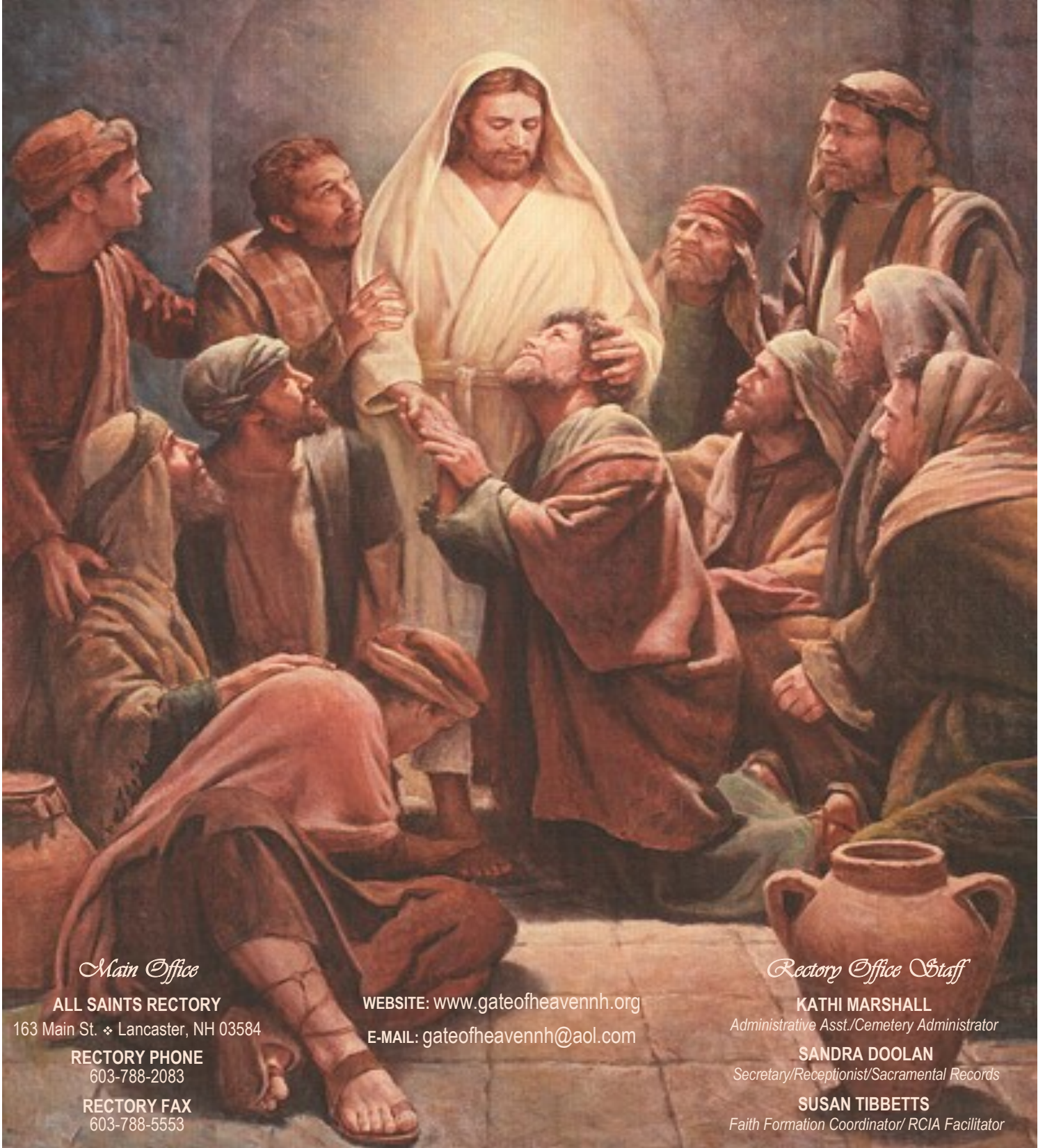


# Gate of Heaven Parish

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## WELCOME TO GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

To every traveler who comes through our towns and stops to visit in one of our churches we say, “Welcome, friend, come and worship with us.” You can join us at All Saints Church, Saint Agnes Church, Saint Matthew Church or Saint Patrick Church. We are all one family, and you are welcome at our table. If you plan to move on, we pray you safe travel. If you plan to stay we hope you find peace and fulfillment. Regardless of your situation, we thank you for stopping in to join our hearts with ours as we pray in our Father’s House!

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**St. Matthew & St. Margaret Cemeteries**

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### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation/Confession**

Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. at St. Matthew Church in Whitefield. Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at All Saints Church in Lancaster. You are always welcome to set up a personal appointment by calling the rectory.

**Baptism/Marriage**

Please call the rectory to make arrangements. (For weddings, please call at least six months in advance of your planned wedding time.)

**Communion/Anointing the Sick**

Due to privacy laws priests must be asked by the family members to visit parishioners in the hospital or nursing home. Please advise us of those in need of the Church’s ministry, whether they are homebound or have been hospitalized. We are happy to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot get out to attend Mass. And if someone is ill or declining in health, the pastor is happy to come to their home, anoint them and bring them Holy Communion. Please call the rectory, and we will make the arrangements for you.

**Cemetery Arrangements**

Gate of Heaven Parish has four cemeteries—Calvary Cemetery, Water Street Cemetery, St. Matthew Cemetery and St. Margaret Cemetery. You are always welcome to make arrangements for your eventual burial in one of these cemeteries, as three of the four have sites to lease. Please call the rectory in order to ask about end-of-life preparations.

**Parish Bulletin**

If you, or someone you know, is homebound, please call the rectory and let us know.

We’d love to send them the weekly bulletin so they can keep up with the goings-on in the parish.

Also, if you are a snowbird, and head south or west for the winter, we can also get the bulletin to your winter address.

That way you always know what’s going on here at home!

*Please consider remembering our parish in your will.*

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## Third Sunday of Easter

*April 15, 2018*

### *This Weekend*

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

*(Third Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**4:00 p.m. (St. Matthew):** Gate of Heaven parishioners

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

*(Third Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**8:00 a.m. (St. Matthew):** Marilyn Foster by the estate

**10:30 a.m. (All Saints):** Leonard Fontaine, Dennis "Bud" Fontaine and Dick Fontaine by Eunice Fontaine

**5:00 p.m. (All Saints):** Charlie Fitch II by Kathi Marshall

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 16**

*(Easter weekday: White vestments)*

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

*(Easter weekday: White vestments)*

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

*(Easter weekday: White vestments)*

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

*(Easter weekday: White vestments)*

**5:00 p.m. (All Saints) NO MASS**

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

*(Easter weekday: White vestments)*

**7:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) NO MASS**

## Third Sunday of Easter

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

*(Third Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**4:00 p.m. (St. Matthew):** Catherine & Norman McLaughlin  
by Gloria McLaughlin

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

*(Third Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**8:00 a.m. (St. Matthew):** Easter Flower Intentions

**10:30 a.m. (All Saints):** Sister Jennifer Nadeau by her family

**5:00 p.m. (All Saints):** Deceased members of the Dickey & MacKinnon families by the estate



### *Daily Readings*

**April 16, 2018—April 22, 2018**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Acts 6: 8-15 / John 6: 22-29
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Acts 7: 51—8:1a / John 6: 30-35
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Acts 8: 1b-8 / John 6: 35-40
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Acts 8: 26-40 / John 6: 44-51
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Acts 9: 1-20 / John 6: 52-59
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Acts 9: 31-42 / John 6: 60-69
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Acts 4: 8-12 / 1 John 3: 1-2 / John 10: 11-18

### *Sanctuary Candle*

Throughout the month of April the sanctuary candle at All Saints Church will burn to designate the place of Christ's repose in loving memory of **Doug & Lorraine Marshall** as requested by *Kathi Marshall*. At St. Matthew Church the candle will burn in loving memory of **Darcy Hall Spaulding** as requested by her mom, *Connie Toussaint*.



### *Four Weekly Offering*

Weekend of April 7-8, 2018

<b>OFFERTORY:</b>	\$3,088.27
<b>E-GIVE:</b>	\$1,489.50
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**\$4,763.00 NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET OUR BUDGET.**

(There is no second collection next weekend, April 21-22.)

*Thank you so much for your support of our parish!!*

### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

What is the primary difference between an apostle and a disciple?

Answer: An apostle is "sent," and a disciple is "called."

### *Saying farewell to Father Matt . . .*

It has been a long several months waiting to hear when Fr. Matt would be leaving us following his original announcement that he had been reassigned. While an exact date has not yet been set, it is fairly certain that it will be in the month of June or perhaps early July. Because we want to give Fr. Matt a great send off, we went over his calendar and we've settled on Sunday, June 10, for his farewell party and Mass. We are currently working out the details of the party (it's going to be a big one), but the celebratory Mass (which may be Fr. Matt's last Mass at Gate of Heaven Parish), will be Sunday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m. at All Saints Church. We hope you will mark your calendars for this special day so you can join us for a huge celebration of love and gratitude. We'll keep you updated on the final party details!

### *Catholic School meetings . . .*

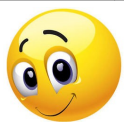
This is an exciting time for the North Country, as Mount Royal Academy North is now meeting with families concerning enrollment for this fall for grades PreK through 5). Please note that all students are welcome regardless of socioeconomic status. We would love to meet with you to discuss your questions or concerns, and to fill you in on some of our school logistics. Please contact Jill Colby ([jcolby@mountroyalnorth.com](mailto:jcolby@mountroyalnorth.com)) to schedule a meeting. God Bless!



### *Weekend Mass locations to change . . .*

This is just a temporary change, but during the weeks of May 14 through May 25, a new floor is going to be installed in St. Matthew Church. That will mean the weekend Masses of May 19-20 normally celebrated at St. Matthew, will have to relocate! On Saturday, May 19, the 4:00 p.m. Mass will be held at All Saints Church in Lancaster, and the Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. Mass on May 20, will be moved to St. Patrick Church. It's only for that one weekend, and we'll be giving you more reminders as we get closer to that weekend.

*The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.*



**Blessed be God, we shall find no changes of weather in eternity!**

St. Teresa of Avila

### *TABS to meet . . .*

Members of the Tabernacle Society are reminded of their upcoming meeting this Tuesday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall at All Saints. There are several major things to be discussed. Hope you will be able to attend. The meeting is open to all ladies of the parish!

### *Knights of Columbus meeting . . .*

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory at St. Matthew.

### *Catholic Women's Group to meet . . .*

Ladies of the Catholic Women's Group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory at St. Matthew. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us!

### *Keep kids safe . . .*

Did you know all students in our NH parishes and Catholic schools are taught personal safety lessons annually? The lessons help them identify trusted adults, respect themselves and others, stay safe online, and more. These lessons are offered through the Circles of Care and *Netsmartz* programs. To learn more about the personal safety lessons for children visit [www.catholicnh.org/circles](http://www.catholicnh.org/circles)

### *Reflection . . .*

Such great power exists in reflecting on the Passion of Jesus Christ and realizing that He experienced real pain, real despair, and true human emotions. Our God has such profound love for us that he would seek to walk among us and take part in the full human experience. Our God knows our pain. Our God is not one that rests in a faraway place unconnected to His creation. He is the one born in a manger and then crucified by those he would seek to save. He is then and now Emmanuel-God with us!

—Tracy Earl Welliver

Have you begun to stop trying to defend  
your sin? Then you have made a  
beginning of righteousness.

St. Augustine of Hippo

### *Worldwide Marriage Encounter . . .*

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are April 21-22, in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, in Warner, NH. For more information call Stephen and Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

### *Catherine of Siena: A woman of our times . . .*

St. Kathryn Church, 4 Dracut Rd., Hudson, NH, has the joy of welcoming Sister Nancy Murray, O.P. who will present a one-woman performance based on the life of St. Catherine of Siena. This presentation will be offered in the church Sunday, April 29, at 3:00 p.m. Sister Nancy, a Dominican Sister from Adrian, Michigan, brings to us a wonderful performance, revealing to us the great faith of St. Catherine and the beauty and depth of her relationship with Jesus Christ. This is general admission, so register now for complimentary tickets at <https://catherine-of-siena.eventbrite.com>. We only have enough tickets for the number of seats in the church, so don't delay! For more info contact Charlene in the parish office at 603-882-7793.

### *Upcoming sacraments . . .*

The sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at All Saints on Sunday, May 6. The sacrament of Confirmation will also take place at All Saints Church at 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, on May 6.

## *Scheduled Events*

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 14**

9:30 A.M. Confirmation Meeting #5 (*All Saints church hall*)  
3:00 P.M. Confessions (*St. Matthew Church*)  
7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting (*All Saints church hall*)

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

9:15 A.M. Faith Formation Grades K-5 (*All Saints church hall*)  
6:00 P.M. Grade 6 & Youth Ministry (*All Saints church hall*)

### **MONDAY, APRIL 16**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 17**

[**Rectory Office Closed**]

5:30 P.M. TABS Meeting (*All Saints church hall*)  
6:00 P.M. Knight of Columbus Meeting (*St. Matthew rectory*)

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18**

11:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (*St. Matthew Church*)  
5:30 P.M. Praying the Rosary (*St. Leo's Church, Lunenburg, VT*)  
6:30 P.M. Scouts Den Meeting (*All Saints church hall*)

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

1:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (*All Saints Church*)  
5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY DINNER (*All Saints church hall*)  
8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous (*All Saints church hall*)

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

[**Rectory Office Closed**]

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

3:00 P.M. Confessions (*St. Matthew Church*)

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

### **MONDAY, APRIL 23**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

[**Rectory Office Closed**]

6:00 P.M. Catholic Women's Group Meeting (*St. Matthew rectory*)

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

11:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (*St. Matthew Church*)  
5:30 P.M. Praying the Rosary (*St. Leo's Church, Lunenburg, VT*)

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

1:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (*All Saints Church*)  
3:00 P.M. Cenacle of St. Monica (*St. Matthew sacristy*)  
5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY DINNER (*All Saints church hall*)  
8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous (*All Saints church hall*)

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

[**Rectory Office Closed**]

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

9:30 A.M. Confirmation Meeting #6 (*All Saints church hall*)  
3:00 P.M. Confessions (*St. Matthew Church*)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

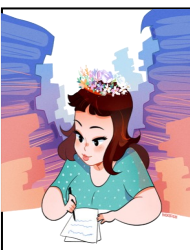
Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 / Psalm 4: 2, 4, 7-8, 9 / 1 John 2: 1-5a / Luke 24: 35-48



In today's readings we hear that Christ is expiation for the sins of all the world and wants all the world to hear that message from his followers. In the Gospel, two disciples have returned from Emmaus to tell their colleagues about meeting the risen Jesus on the road and recognizing him finally in the "breaking of the bread." Suddenly Jesus appears before the whole group, giving them proof that he is alive and not a ghost. He reminds them that the Scriptures about a suffering messiah had to be fulfilled and that they could trust his words because he had told them these things before they happened. Now that they are witnesses of all that has been said about Jesus, they must go out to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sin.

We can see an example of this preaching in the First Reading: Peter's speech to the Jews who had witnessed the healing of a crippled man at the Temple's beautiful gate. When the people come rushing toward them to see what is happening, Peter tells the story of the Jewish people's rejection of Jesus and the prophets and calls for their repentance. A word of caution: this text can sound painfully hostile toward Jews. It's important to remember that the Gospel writer recognized that they were the first and rightful heirs of the covenant and that God would never abandon them. The only way for the Good News to extend to the Gentile (non-Jewish) world was if Israel rejected God's covenant. Hence Peter's message of repentance indicates that the writer believes God will continue to be faithful to the Chosen People.

- 1.) Examine the context of Jesus' commissioning of the disciples in today's Gospel—their fear and their difficulty believing in him. Why do you think repentance and forgiveness are so important in Luke's story?
- 2.) As you reflect on the Second Reading, what clues can you find about the type of sin that the author is concerned about? Have you ever found yourself committing this sin?
- 3.) Slowly pray today's Responsorial Psalm. How might it bring consolation to one of a repentant heart?



**Because you asked . . .**  
**God does not seem very loving in the parable of the talents. He punishes the poor servant who was only trying to protect his master's money. If God is supposed to be a loving Father and Master, why is He so harsh?**

I think you are trying to make things tough on me! But this is a great question, and we can learn together. The parable of the talents comes from the Gospel of Matthew 25: 14-30. In this parable the money given really refers to the gifts we are given by God. Every one of us is given gifts, even non-believers. And God expects us to use those gifts for the benefit of the Kingdom. To share them in a way that brings his children together to love and care for each other. We don't all have the same gifts—some people may be great consolers and help those who grieve. Some people may be great artists and create works that inspire others. Some people may have the heart of a servant and work in a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Perhaps you are a great orator and speak about faith issues, sharing the Good News. Others are given wealth and are asked to share it with the less fortunate. When we use the talents we are given by God we touch others. We move them. We are doing the will of God. What God gave these servants were gifts of time, treasure

or talent. The first two servants went out and used what God gave them to increase the Kingdom—not in cash, but in souls. The last servant was given a gift and didn't bother to share it. He did squander what God gave him, because he denied his talents to anyone else. The easiest way to use your talents is to share your faith. Evangelize. Your example of faith is often enough to inspire someone else. Even in your conversation with friends, you reinforce each others' faith, and then each of you goes out and becomes an evangelist when you share it with someone else. And when we use our talents we are not only increasing the treasure of the Master's kingdom, but we earn God's grace which will ultimately help us to attain the Kingdom where the greatest Treasure is! There is a scripture that has always amazed me. It is James 5: 19. . . . *if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.* That's an incredible thought. Your God-given gift of kindness, consolation, even gentle admonishment, may turn someone's heart to reach for the Lord. You have made reparation for that person, yourself and a "multitude of sins." That is not a harsh Master. That is one who promises that even if you have the simplest gift and share it with others for the love of God, you can have the riches of heaven—not only for yourself, but for others too. How great the Master is! KM