

OUR WISDOM & THE MYSTERY OF GOD

Dear sisters and brothers, as we come to the Eucharist this morning, let us bring to the Eucharist all that will happen to us in the course of this day: the people we will meet, the various incidents that we will face, and we pray that God will equip each one of us with the strength to live this day to the fullest.

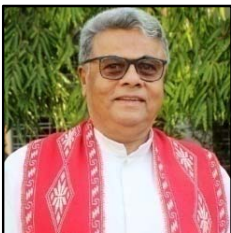
In the first reading of today, St. Paul is writing to the Corinthians, the Church at Corinth, in Greece. St. Paul is experiencing a difficulty: the people of Greece were known for their wisdom, and they wanted the faith to be packaged in wise sayings and teachings. St. Paul tells them that their wisdom is not sufficient to understand the mysteries of the faith.

St. Paul is not condemning intelligence or wisdom, but to rely only on human intelligence to understand matters of the faith is to be foolish, because in faith, there are aspects of mystery. In life also, there is mystery. For instance, the people who are suffering in Kerala because of the major tragedy of the rains and floods may ask themselves, 'Why did this happen to us?', and there may be no wise answer. At times, we sit before the wisdom of God and we have to submit to that wisdom.

May we, in our lives, also find our certitude, not in the strength of our own intelligence but in the mystery of God that unfolds to us every day and at every moment.

As we say the Lord's Prayer, let us ask that we may submit our own intelligence to the mystery of God's plan in our lives.

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The Mass is ended. Let us go in His wisdom and love.



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