

GOD OF LIFE

Introduction

As we come to the Eucharist, we celebrate today the feast of St. Andrew Dung Lac and his companions, who were martyred in Vietnam. In the 16th–17th century in Vietnam, about one lakh thirty thousand Christians were martyred because of their faith. Let us pray that we might all be confirmed in our faith, strengthened in our faith, and even prepared to die for what we believe.

Homily / Reflection

There is discussion among the scribes and Pharisees about what happens after life – what happens about relationships, about wives and husbands. Sometimes, the issues that are raised are trivial. Jesus brings them to the core of the faith: that God is a god of the living. Whether a person dies or is alive, God is God.

Everything can be understood in the right context if we come to the core of the Christian message. Jesus brings them to the truth: that we are relating to a God of life and of the living. Let us pray that for each one of us today, it may be a day of life, of living to the full.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in silence now for our needs and for the needs of the world. We lift these needs up to our heavenly Father.



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