THE GOOD NEWS

In Love, we were created for Love-for Relationship with God who is Love

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." 1 John 3:1

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." *Jeremiah* 29:11

Sadly, sin has broken our relationship

"For the wages of sin is death." Romans 6:23

In self-sacrificing love, Jesus bridged the gap caused by sin to restore our relationship with God

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." *John 3:16-17*

Christ assumed our human nature so we can be partakers of the Divine Life and
Communion of the Blessed Trinity.
Dying, He took our sins upon Himself.
Rising from the dead, He gave us New Life.

We can experience this restored Personal Relationship with God

Where is God in your life? Outside? Part of it?

"Listen! I am standing at the door knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me." Revelation 3:20

Will you open the door and invite Jesus into the CENTER of your life?

If so, step out in faith and pray from your heart...

Lord Jesus, I come before you just as I am. Thank you for loving me unconditionally! I am truly sorry for my sins. Please forgive me. In your name I forgive everyone who has offended me. I renounce Satan, the evil spirits, all their works and all their lies. I give myself entirely to you, Lord Jesus. Be the center of my life. I welcome you, my Lord, my God, my Savior. Heal me. Change me. Strengthen me in body, soul and spirit. Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. I love you, Lord! I want to follow you always. Amen.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation seals this new start in our relationship.

"If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

To Nurture your Relationship with God

- Set aside time for conversation with God each day
- Read the bible beginning with the New Testament.
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- Participate in Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day.
- Get involved with community in the parish.
- Share your faith with others.

Learn the teachings of the Church, which can guide you in your life as a follower of Christ.

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