

FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK

Fear not, little flock. These words, which correspond to the beginning of the Gospel of Saint Luke, in its long form, help us situate ourselves in the invitation the Lord offers us on this 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: to take refuge in the Lord's love.

In recent years, we have faced very difficult times, a pandemic that, while it is true, has already passed, has left deep scars. We see wars that never end, widespread violence in our country; a lack of dialogue between ideological positions, which has only divided and fragmented the population.

And if we add to all of the above personal concerns—housing, health, work, etc.—we find ourselves facing a not very encouraging outlook, which can generate fear, insecurity, and, why not, hopelessness.

That is why Jesus, knowing us, speaks to us with this tenderness: "Do not be afraid, little flock, you are my people."

But in this context, how will we overcome fear? We find the answer both in the second reading and in the Gospel.

First, strengthen our faith, what is the way to possess, what is expected.

And then, have a vigilant attitude, preparing ourselves each day as if it were the last, seeking to please our heavenly Father in all things.

Knowing that he always listens to us, accompanies us, and supports us; and furthermore, this promised inheritance of being with him for all eternity awaits us.

Let us ask the Virgin Mother of God that this may be a reality in our lives. Amen.