

## *A Message from Fr. Jim*

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asked this question to His apostles and friends. He asks this question to you and to me. “Who do you say that I am?” The way you and I answer that question has determined and will determine who we are and how we will live. It will determine our eternity.

How well do we know Jesus? What are the things that give Him pleasure? What causes Him to act in one’s life? What are the different ways He reveals Himself and shares His desire for you?”

Jesus invites all to His Sacred Heart to find meaning, value, peace, love and so much more. Jesus offers only the very best. Sometimes in the struggle of daily life what Jesus offers seems to be opposed to the things the world offers. For example the world encourages people to have it your way, do what you think is best; pursue power, money, popularity, sensuality, a comfortable living. In the face of the world and its allurements, Jesus asks us the question “Who do you say that I am?” In other words-Do you think that these things are important to Me? Then why do you pursue these things and not Me? To really be truthful to ourselves and to God, we must know why we are here, why we exist and the ways and means by which we remain connected with the very source of our existence.

“Who do you say that I am?” Everyday our answer to that question should be more descriptive, more intimate, more genuine and more honest. We can only be true to our answer by truly knowing what Jesus says about himself. We do this by reading the Holy Scriptures, saying the rosary, attending mass, private prayer, acts of charity and alms giving. The more we pursue Jesus the more we can answer that question. Peter answered “You are the Christ” and it radically changed his life and attitude.

I would like to invite all adults to attend Rite to Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes on Mondays, beginning this week, at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall to hear more about He who loves you, Our Lord and God, Jesus.

God Bless,  
Fr. Jim