

Why did Jesus come?

To show us the face of God? To be our salvation? Our hope?

To love us? Certainly! And more!

In today's gospel it seems that Jesus came to make us his family. In the gospel when Jesus is told that his family has come to see him, he asks: Who are my mother and brothers and sisters? Then looking over the crowd he says: Here are my mother and brothers and sisters. Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.

So we are family to Jesus and to one another. And like all families, it is complicated. In families we are called to love and support one another, to grow together as one. To hold the best interest of each other, to always be there for one another. We all know that, and more, is the way of family life. And on most days we do it to the best of our ability. And when we don't we reach deep inside and touch that place of love and apologize

Because that is the will of God – to love one another as Jesus has loved us. And as complicated as that is, in the end Love changes everything.

May we come to know our place in the family of Jesus – and love our families and all the families of Jesus.