

Exiles

Why Go Back?

Not a habit or a have-to, but the heart is the reason.

Discussion Questions

1. Why have you been coming to Mass online even though you don't "have to"? What has been the reason you have kept showing up each week? Please share.
 2. Can you imagine what it was like for the Jews to choose to stay in exile in Babylon? What parallels might there be between their decision to stay away and the modern decision to stay away from Mass? Don't be afraid to speculate and use your imagination.
 3. Has anyone ever asked you for a "reason" why you are Catholic? What did you tell them? If you were asked right now, what might you say?
 4. God Himself is the heart of our faith. Is your encounter (and subsequent relationship) with God at the heart of your faith? Why or why not?
 5. To love God is to care for the "least of these" and to obey His commands. Are there times when obedience is very clearly love...and times when it doesn't feel like love? Please feel free to share.
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God in Real Life

This week, reflect on what it is to have a reason for our hope. And what you would need in order to be able to give a reason why you are Catholic.

To the Heart

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." John 14:21