

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**Gospel text (Mk 1:29-39): ... Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, “Everyone is looking for you.” ...**

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***Prayer: a relationship with Jesus which is “personal” and at the same time “communitarian”***

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**Today, we contemplate Jesus praying. His example is eloquent. In His teachings He drew a complete picture of the authentic mankind. He shows us how to be a man: fundamentally, starting from God, and only living in relation to God.**

**God is not someone unknown or distant: in Jesus He shows us His face. To live in relation to God includes talking and listening to Him, which requires discretion, essential in a love relation. The Holy Scriptures tell us that God addresses each one by calling him by his name: God’s love for each one of us is totally personal and brings in itself that mystery of what is unique and cannot be disclosed before men.**

**—This discretion, essential in my prayer, does not exclude the “communitarian dimension”: The “Our Father” itself is a prayer said in the first person plural and only by becoming part of “us” as God Sons will I be able to go beyond the limits of this world and raise myself up to God.**