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Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays
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Where Are You Staying?

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A Prayer Poem by Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND, for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time—Cycle B, January 15, 2012

Rabbi, ... where are you staying?" (John 1:38b)

While on earth since his birth, Jesus stayed in unexpected places.

The Lamb of God stays in a stable where animals feed,

The King of Kings stays in Bethlehem, the city of David,

The "carpenter's son" stays in Nazareth, the holy family's home.

"Come, and you will see." (John 1:39)

Today, if we ask Jesus, "Where are you staying?"

He still surprises, for he is still found in unexpected places.

The Food of Life, in hovels where poverty is rampant,

The Physician of Souls, in hospitals and hospices where the sick await healing,

The Comfort of the Sorrowing, in the hearts of the lonely and neglected,

"Come, and you will see." (John 1:39)

Remember, the Son of man has no place to lay his head;

he still remains the itinerant preacher walking the highways and byways.

About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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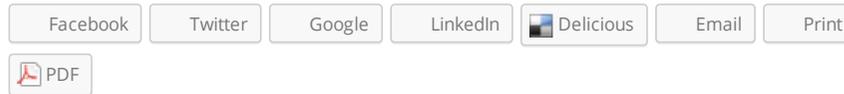
Where does he stay? With you, with me, with whomever invites him to stay.
When he gets ready to leave your door, he turns, then smiles and says to each,
"Come, and you will see." (John 1:39)
"Walk with me; be my love, my compassion and my hope in this world's
wounded, unexpected places."
"Come, and you will see." (John 1:39)

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Gia January 12, 2012 at 12:47 pm



You touch my life with beauty and simplicity!!!

I need to always remember to 'come and see!'

<3 you always!

G

REPLY

Mary January 12, 2012 at 3:26 pm



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I read this before going to my office today. It inspired me "to come and see" Who would come to my office this day.

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Sr Juliemarie McDonald January 12, 2012 at 8:04 pm



Gia, let me know who comes to see you and where do you take them?

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Sr Juliemarie McDonald January 12, 2012 at 8:05 pm



Mary, I am happy the poetry inspired you. I hope whoever visited your office was inspired by you.

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Sr. Susan Wolf, SND January 13, 2012 at 5:31 am



The word that got me thinking in this poem was "unexpected." Many times in life I have been surprised to find Christ in places, situations, and people where I was not expecting to. I have learned that when I am expecting to find Christ in situations, places and people, I am never disappointed. In fact, my day is happier. This little insight has made me want to work on my expectations. Thanks, Juliemarie.

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Sr Juliemarie McDonald January 13, 2012 at 12:27 pm



Susan, thanks for renewing an old insight. Expecting Jesus anytime, anywhere, and with people makes life brings us the fulness of life that Jesus wants for each of us.

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Angelstarspeaks January 15, 2012 at 10:24 am



Valerie Pinney January 26, 2012 at 2:47 pm



Dear Sr. Juliemarie, Thank you for your insightful words. God gave you such a gift. January 15th was Dr Martin Luther King Jr's birthdate as was my mother's. They were both humble and courageous people. They invited Jesus to walk with them on their difficult journeys. Before we invite Jesus to stay with us I think we might need a bit of humility as well. I have been enjoying your poems. Please keep them coming! V

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