Fourteen Sunday Ordinary Time A: July 5, 2026
Come to Me…

These words of Our Lord in the Gospel of St. Matthew are some of my very favorite. We have just celebrated a few weeks ago the Feast (Solemnity) of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In 1675, Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, revealing to her His Heart, on fire with love for all men, but surrounded mostly by indifference. The Lord made the following promises to all those who would try to respond to His Heart, love for love.

(1) "I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.

(2) I will establish peace in their homes.

(3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

(4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.

(5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.

(6) Sinners will find in my Heart the source an infinite ocean of mercy.

(7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.

(8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

(9) I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.

10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

(11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.

(12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment." Copyright (c) 1996 EWTN

My friends, listening to the words of our Divine Lord today, I invite you to hear these words of the Lord as both a consolation and a challenge. Shall we see, in responding to the words and promises of the Lord in our daily lives, how much He can do for us and for a world desperately seeking peace?