



Daily Mass Readings Friday, April 3rd, 2020

**Readings: JER 20:10-13
Gospel JN 10:31-42**

Reflections from Father Blessing

In the gospel today Jesus continues to give testimony that He is the Son of God. The people continue to come to believe in Him, in spite of the Pharisees' criticism of Him. I imagine at some level the people are afraid because they are hearing talk of the authorities putting Jesus to death. However, Jesus' words are so convincing and his message is so powerful that they place their trust and hope in Him. They risk going into the streets to hear Him despite their fear.

In the first reading we hear Jeremiah who also faces persecution. He entrusts himself to God, whom he believes will rescue him from the power of the wicked. In both readings we hear a message of trust in the midst of fear.

If Jesus were walking the streets today, what do you think He would say? Do you trust that I am the Son of God and that the Father has power over all things? Do you believe that the Father knows what you need before you ask? Do you trust that the Father will feed you as He feeds the birds of the sky? Do not be afraid, I am with you always!

