



Daily Mass Readings Friday, March 27th, 2020

Readings: WIS 2:1A, 12-22

Gospel: JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Reflections from Father Blessing

The people are filled with fury in the scriptures today. In the reading from Wisdom we hear them say, 'Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us.' In the gospel, Jesus was not able to travel into Judea, because they desired to kill him.

When we read these scriptures do we get angry with the people for their lack of understanding? I used to get a lot angrier with them, but lately I have come to realize how much I identify with them. Maybe these times are weighing on me. I find it very tempting to want to lash out when someone criticizes me.

I don't think I am alone. I bet at this time, there are a lot of people who are anxious about the world. It is understandable that we are tempted to lose our patience with others. Although these are difficult times, these can also be graced filled moments. These are opportunities for us to learn more patience, not only with others but also with ourselves. We are sometimes our worst critics. All we can do is our best and let the chips fall where they will. If we make a mistake, we don't dwell on it. We are to own it and move on.

The people in the scriptures were afraid of such criticism. It should not be that way with us, for God promises us the same recompense of holiness which he promised the prophet. May we, who express faith in Jesus who knows where he is from, come to rest in the knowledge of our own source of life. Jesus knew that he was sent by God, may you come to know that you were sent as well. Remember that God has a plan and that you are a part of it.

