

3 Easter Wednesday 2020  
JN 6:35-40

The Gospel every day this week is taken from Jesus' famous Bread of Life Discourse, probably the most well known discourse in all of John's gospel. This discourse, this teaching further expounds a point I made in response to Governor Cuomo's offensive comment discrediting God for the lower numbers of infections versus the higher numbers that were projected. Notice in today's Gospel, not even Jesus take credit for His good works. Everything Jesus does points to the Father. "I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me." (JN 6:38) It boggles the mind that something Jesus does not take credit for, Governor Cuomo does.

Today's gospel is that part of the Bread of Life Discourse that speaks about eternal life. One of our dearest parishioners came home from the hospital last Tuesday. She was on a vent in ICU and many were storming heaven on her behalf. When she came off the vent, I was able to speak to her on the phone and she said she had several "near death" experiences. She saw the

“Light” several times. She saw Jesus, who said, “I am the Light of the world.” So one blessing for this family is to have the affirmation of what we all believe so dearly, that we will be “raised on the last day,” words spoken by Our Blessed Lord twice in today’s gospel.

I will say, in a bittersweet way, that we have also lost some relatives of parishioners. We will all know at least one who completed their journey to the Father because of this pandemic. But for every one of them, it’s bittersweet, bitter for us who will miss them, but sweet for them, who have been raised to eternal glory. It’s what every single one of us is waiting for, to be with Our Blessed Lord.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them!