



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

Reflections with Fr. Mark

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Dear Parishioners,

Our faith calls each of the baptized to become evangelizers. We spread the faith through word and action and through teaching others about our faith in Jesus Christ. We speak of our Sacred Scripture and of our Tradition. We reach out to those who are searching and thirsting for the relationship we have with God and teach them how to walk in the footsteps of a spiritual journey. It is our destiny to share our faith.

Through the centuries, however, we know there are times and peoples that have used faith or religion as a weaponized two-by-four to bat peoples and cultures over the head and into submission. We know of parents and families who have performed in much the same way. This practice usually did not end up happily but met likely with rejection, rebellion and separation. This method was not good evangelization.

Our saint of the day is St. Augustine of Canterbury who lived during the Sixth Century as a Benedictine priest. He later was made a bishop and sent to “Christianize” the British Isles. He is known as the Apostle to the English. St. Augustine’s approach to evangelization was to respect the indigenous practices of the people he encountered. He did not condemn but took some popular Anglo-Saxon rites and incorporated them into Christianity.

In today’s world, we might consider what practices we might consider absorbing and consecrating as a method of evangelization. Just a thought! It may be a better approach than the ineffective spiritual two-by-four!

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Mark

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