

Daily Mass Homily  
23 March 2020  
Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

**“As for me, I trust in the Lord. Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my affliction”**

Reading 1: Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalm 81: **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Gospel: John 4:43-54

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that you all had a blessed week. Saturday the weather was so perfect, Sunday was not that bad either, certainly Monday brings us back to our usual Oregon Spring weather.

I certainly missed you all on Sunday. It was so strange to not only have one Sunday Mass instead of four or sometimes even more, but what I really missed was not seeing all of the people. That is such an important way that I as a pastor can check in with all of you. Please be assured of my prayers and I pray that you all were able to still remember the Lord's Day in your own way at home.

Each day there is an antiphon that is assigned for that day, two actually. The first is the Entrance Antiphon that is recited at the beginning of Mass. If you attend Daily Mass, you will be familiar with this verse. The second is what is called the Communion Antiphon and during Daily Mass the congregation recited this with the priest after the priest has received communion.

Today, the Entrance Antiphon starts us off by reminding us to trust in the Lord. “As for me, I trust in the Lord.” This is so important for us to remember and even recite each and every day, even more so during this time where things seem to change day by day. What is open, what is not open? Where can we go today, that we might not be able to go to tomorrow?

With all of these changes and restrictions that we face each day, it can be very hard to have trust in anything. Many of the things that we think of as always

being available suddenly are not. When all of this uncertainty is going on around us, we have to remind ourselves that we are a people that trusts in the Lord.

We trust that God sent his son Jesus to live and walk among us so that we can have light in a world in which there is darkness. By following Jesus, we are able to come to the eternal place where God wants us to live forever.

Now is a time to trust in the Lord. To trust that he will continue to lead us through these dark and stormy days, and we will come out at the end as we always do, following Jesus our Victorious King!

Where do you need to trust in Jesus today? Draw near to him and know that he is there with us.