

Daily Mass Homily  
6 April 2020  
Monday of Holy Week

**“Contend, O Lord, with my contenders; fight those who fight me. Take up your buckler and shield; arise in my defense, Lord, my mighty help.”**

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Gospel: John 12:1-11

### **Homily for Monday of Holy Week**

My dear brothers and sisters this Monday finds us at the beginning of Holy Week. We have entered into the holiest days of the entire year. These are days in which we find ourselves making that journey with Jesus during his final hours on earth that culminate with his death and ultimately his resurrection.

Our first reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah we find these words speaking to us about the chosen one with whom I am pleased. Who is the chosen one of God? It is Jesus, the servant that came into the world to teach us how to live. Sometimes the words that Jesus gives to us are words that can be very striking to us and often will hit us like a ton of bricks. This happens because the words remind us that some of the things that we do in our daily lives are ones that we must stop. But, most often the words that Jesus gives to us are gentle. As Isaiah describes they are words that are not ones crying out, nor shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he will not break. . .

Often Jesus speaks to us about our conversion in much more subtle ways. We find ourselves in that very situation right now. Yes, we are experiencing something that is very dramatic, we have been asked to stay home, work from home, go to school from home, socialize from home, but in real life stay six feet apart. This is a dramatic sign that God is using to get our attention. But what are we being told? That is where we must stop, be quiet and listen. There is no shouting or crying out or breaking of reeds. God is going to do something with this time that we are experiencing, and we have to listen. God is speaking to us in a very real way, what is he saying?

As we enter into this Holy week, let us take these final moments of Lent to continue to listen as God is speaking to us, most especially in the sacrifice and death of his Son, and let us do and follow what he is telling us to do.