

Daily Mass Homily
8 April 2020
Wednesday of Holy Week

“At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, for the Lord became obedient to death, death on a cross: therefore, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Reading 1: Isaiah 50: 4-9a (*third oracle of the Servant of the Lord*)

Psalm 69: **“Lord, in your great love, answer me.”**

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we encounter Judas going to the chief priests and asking what they were willing to give, if he handed Jesus over to them.

When we hear this, I think that our first reaction is to be against. Just like yesterday in the gospel reading when Jesus was gathered together with the twelve and he tells them that one of them was going to betray him. They all went around in a chorus, denying that they would ever do such a thing. I am sure that many of us as we read or hear this gospel proclaimed think the same thing. I would never betray the Lord. I would never do what Judas did, yet time and again we do the same thing as Judas, sometimes for even a lesser price than thirty pieces of silver.

Think about the times that we have skipped prayer or going to Mass simply because we didn't feel like it or wanted to sleep in for an extra hour. What about the times that we deny Jesus when He is standing right beside our car alongside the road? What about the times that we have denied Jesus when we have been asked to do something at the parish, or when we spend an extra two or three hours on the internet going down another rabbit hole or when we would rather escape to anywhere rather than help your children with their online learning? Again, another list that can go on and on.

As we come to this final day before we enter into the Sacred Triduum, let us take one final look in our hearts and present these final weaknesses and sins before Jesus. Let him put these sins and weaknesses to a final death so that He can heal them and raise you from their power as He raises from the dead on Easter Sunday. Then, we can once again know without any doubt that we are forgiven and redeemed. We just have to follow him.