



## The Gospel & Homily † el Evangelio y la Homilía

21 June 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost - Tercer Domingo después de Pentecostés

### Special Announcements

Greetings to our church family,

Mass is not scheduled for today and will be suspended again while we wait for better signs that the virus will abate.

News and statistics for Florida are not looking good. Watch real news closely. I will stay in touch with each of you as we plan our church schedule for the months ahead. Let's continue carefully and be concerned for our health and safety.

I will continue to make video recordings for Sunday Mass and post them about 9:00a on Sundays.

link to video Mass for Sunday 21 June 2020 is here > <https://youtu.be/hqpYUmKM3ks>

I invite your comment by email to [michael@spcath.org](mailto:michael@spcath.org)

Let us stay in touch as a church family. Have faith in the Lord,

Fr. Michael

### Other announcements

- Happy Father's Day... no birthdays or anniversaries
- Get well to Steve, who is in the hospital



In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.



**We pray**

*Suscipe - St. Ignatius Loyola*

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty,  
my memory, my understanding and my whole will.  
All that I am and all that I possess, You have given me:  
I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will.  
Give me only Your love and Your grace;  
with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more.  
† Amen

## Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do. And I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

My God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love you above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.



May the Lord have mercy on you,  
find goodness in you,  
pardon and deliver you from your sins;  
and bring you to everlasting life.



## Collect

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”



## Homily

What are you afraid of these days? There are many things you could be afraid of. Certainly the virus that is spreading across the world; that one thing. Maybe spiders or snakes?

For several months we’ve all been affected by a pandemic virus. It makes us fearful and anxious for those we care about and for all the people of the world. The virus has no favorites; it infects anyone it finds. We get no model of confidence from our government. The science has not yet found a solution. We only see the numbers rise every day.

Today is a day to listen to the Gospel very closely, listen to this lesson closely. When you are done listen to it again. We need these words of encouragement and firm words from Jesus.

Jesus said, ‘Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.’

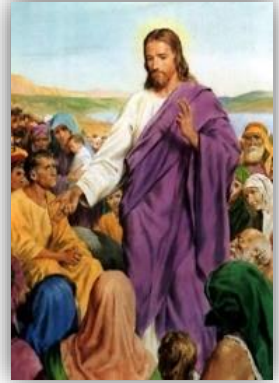
Meaning... evil people or diseases on earth can take the life and body but only the devil can kill the body and soul.

Jesus says, “do not fear.”

In the first reading, in Genesis, an angel told Hagar, do not be afraid. In the gospel Jesus tells his followers (and also to us today),

The apostles were not brave warriors. Jesus had to pump them up frequently to face the challenges he set before them. He does this in the gospel we read today. In fact, in three different verses, he reminds them not to be afraid.

This is a time of formation and tough talk by Jesus is the subject of the latest lessons we have shared. Listen as I tell you more of what seem to be harsh talk by Jesus... but by thinking about what is said it becomes an encouragement to be faithful to God.



Staying at home has become a necessary but annoying fact. It's the first and most important means to try and contain the virus. Separate yourselves from society as much as possible. This is awful. We aren't cold and unfriendly people.

Take this lesson from Christ and use it today. God sets a challenge before you and asks you to remain faithful... to know he loves you always and will take you home to heaven when your day is here.

Do not be afraid.



### Evangelio Mateo 10:24-39

Un discípulo no está por encima del maestro, ni un siervo por encima de su señor. Le basta al discípulo llegar a ser como su maestro, y al siervo como su señor. Si al dueño de la casa lo han llamado Beelzebú, ¡cuánto más a los de su casa! Así que no les temáis, porque nada hay encubierto que no haya de ser revelado, ni oculto que no haya de saberse. Lo que os digo en la oscuridad, habladlo en la luz; y lo que oís al oído, proclamadlo desde las azoteas. Y no temáis a los que matan el cuerpo, pero no pueden matar el alma; más bien temed a aquel que puede hacer perecer tanto el alma como el cuerpo en el infierno. ¿No se venden dos pajarillos por un cuarto? Y sin embargo, ni uno de ellos caerá a tierra sin permitirlo vuestro Padre. Y hasta los cabellos de vuestra cabeza están todos contados. Así que no temáis; vosotros valéis más que muchos pajarillos. Por tanto, todo el que me confiese delante de los hombres, yo también le confesaré delante de mi Padre que está en los cielos. Pero cualquiera que me niegue delante de los hombres, yo también lo negaré delante de mi Padre que está en los cielos. No penséis que vine a traer paz a la tierra; no vine a traer paz, sino espada. Porque vine a poner al hombre contra su padre, a la hija contra su madre, y a la nuera contra su suegra; y los enemigos del hombre serán los de su misma casa. El que ama al padre o a la madre más que a mí, no es digno de mí; y el que ama al hijo o a la hija más que a mí, no es digno de mí. Y el que no toma su cruz y sigue en pos de mí, no es digno de mí. El que ha hallado su vida, la perderá; y el que ha perdido su vida por mi causa, la hallará.



## Homilía

¿De qué tienes miedo en estos días? Hay muchas cosas de las que podrías tener miedo. Ciertamente, el virus que se está extendiendo por todo el mundo; Esa única cosa. ¿Quizás arañas o serpientes?

Durante varios meses, todos hemos sido afectados por un virus pandémico. Nos hace temerosos y ansiosos por aquellos que nos importan y por todas las personas del mundo. El virus no tiene favoritos; infecta a cualquiera que encuentre. No obtenemos ningún modelo de confianza de nuestro gobierno. La ciencia aún no ha encontrado una solución. Solo vemos que los números aumentan todos los días.



Hoy es un día para escuchar el Evangelio muy de cerca, escuche atentamente esta lección. Cuando termine, escúchalo de nuevo. Necesitamos estas palabras de aliento y palabras firmes de Jesús.

Jesús dijo: 'No temas a los que matan el cuerpo pero no pueden matar el alma; más bien teme al que puede destruir el alma y el cuerpo en el infierno'.

Es decir ... las personas malvadas o las enfermedades en la tierra pueden quitarle la vida y el cuerpo, pero solo el diablo puede matar el cuerpo y el alma.

Jesús dice: "no temas".

En la primera lectura, en Génesis, un ángel le dijo a Agar, no tengas miedo. En el evangelio, Jesús les dice a sus seguidores (y también a nosotros hoy):

Los apóstoles no eran guerreros valientes. Jesús tuvo que bombearlos con frecuencia para enfrentar los desafíos que les planteó. Él hace esto en el evangelio que leemos hoy. De hecho, en tres versículos diferentes, les recuerda que no tengan miedo.

Este es un momento de formación y las duras charlas de Jesús son el tema de las últimas lecciones que hemos compartido. Escucha mientras te cuento más sobre lo que parece ser una charla dura de Jesús ... pero al pensar en lo que se dice se convierte en un estímulo para ser fiel a Dios.

Quedarse en casa se ha convertido en un hecho necesario pero molesto. Es el primer y más importante medio para tratar de contener el virus. Separarse de la sociedad tanto como sea posible. Esto es horrible. No somos personas frías y hostiles.

Toma esta lección de Cristo y úsala hoy. Dios te presenta un desafío y te pide que te mantengas fiel ... para saber que siempre te ama y que te llevará a casa en el cielo cuando llegue tu día.

No tengas miedo.

