



The Gospel & Homily † el Evangelio y la Homilía

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Quinto Domingo después de Pentecostés



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.



Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



Homily

Some beautiful words from Jesus today. Words that you have heard from the first bible studies in your young life... or your life through the years. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." Yoke, meaning my world and my responsibilities to God; my love and my devotion to mankind as the savior God sent.

That seems like a huge yoke to bear, a strain that would make someone rough and tough.

Jesus would also take your yoke – your burden. That means all of your burdens. You may have something very troubling, but just talk to Christ through prayer and share the weight of your life.

But Jesus goes on to say that he is meek and humble of heart and that we should find rest for ourselves.

To be meek is to be patient and gentle. It is not weak and shy. We know that Jesus had strength beyond what humans could ever have. We know he was gentle and patient more than we could measure or express in words. Jesus was the opposite of anger and malice.

We have to work hard to be good Christians, and yes, it is sometimes a burden; a big burden for some of us.

You may think you know where some people are going when they die – to heaven or to hell. I suggest you not judge them; that's a sin. Also, you should resist the urge to speculate on where some people may be headed. Every time you are tempted to do that... think instead about putting your own house in order.

Confessing silently each week and being forgiven for your sins is spiritually healthy. Part of absolution for your sins always has a promise from you... sort of like those disclaimers you see on TV. You may say it softly and bow your head a little but you must feel it: "Lord, I promise that I will do my very best to avoid doing those things again."

Before God, you are responsible for your life. You've had a lifetime of religious education which you will be reminded of on judgement day. If you think being a good girl or good boy has been a burden,

wait until you explain your life at the entrance to heaven. Some will have an easy interview, some will have a long and complicated examination.

I teach that you live your life and you make your own decisions. There is reward or there is punishment waiting for humans who live on this earth. There is mercy and compassion, but there is also justice. God is the Judge of the living and the dead.

Jesus said, 'Take my yoke. Take the burden and pull it across the field of life.' It may seem difficult to bear but it yields a wonderful bounty. Jesus promises that his yoke is not really that heavy to bear and that your burden is light.

Finally today, take these words home with you... Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest."



Evangelio Mateo 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesús dijo: «¿A qué compararé la gente de este tiempo? Se parece a los niños que se sientan a jugar en las plazas y gritan a sus compañeros: "Tocamos la flauta, pero ustedes no bailaron; cantamos canciones tristes, pero ustedes no lloraron." Porque vino Juan, que ni come ni bebe, y dicen que tiene un demonio. Luego ha venido el Hijo del hombre, que come y bebe, y dicen que es glotón y bebedor, amigo de gente de mala fama y de los que cobran impuestos para Roma. Pero la sabiduría de Dios se demuestra por sus resultados.»

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo: «Te alabo, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra, porque has mostrado a los sencillos las cosas que escondiste de los sabios y entendidos. Sí, Padre, porque así lo has querido. »Mi Padre me ha entregado todas las cosas. Nadie conoce realmente al Hijo, sino el Padre; y nadie conoce realmente al Padre, sino el Hijo y aquellos a quienes el Hijo quiera darlo a conocer. Vengan a mí todos ustedes que están cansados de sus trabajos y cargas, y yo los haré descansar. Acepten el yugo que les pongo, y aprendan de mí, que soy paciente y de corazón humilde; así encontrarán descanso. Porque el yugo que les pongo y la carga que les doy a llevar son ligeros.»



Homilía

Algunas hermosas palabras de Jesús hoy. Palabras que escuchó de los primeros estudios bíblicos en su vida joven ... o en su vida a través de los años. "Toma mi yugo sobre ti y aprende de mí". Yugo, que significa mi mundo y mis responsabilidades con Dios; mi amor y mi devoción a la humanidad como el salvador que Dios envió.

Parece un gran yugo para soportar, una tensión que haría a alguien rudo y duro.

Jesús también tomaría tu yugo, tu carga. Eso significa todas tus cargas. Puede que tenga algo muy preocupante, pero solo hable con Cristo a través de la oración y comparta el peso de su vida.

Pero Jesús continúa diciendo que es manso y humilde de corazón y que deberíamos encontrar descanso para nosotros mismos.

Ser manso es ser paciente y gentil. No es débil y tímido. Sabemos que Jesús tenía una fuerza más allá de lo que los humanos podrían tener. Sabemos que fue gentil y paciente más de lo que podíamos medir o expresar con palabras. Jesús era lo opuesto a la ira y la malicia.

Tenemos que trabajar duro para ser buenos cristianos, y sí, a veces es una carga; Una gran carga para algunos de nosotros.

Puede pensar que sabe a dónde van algunas personas cuando mueren: al cielo o al infierno. Te sugiero que no los juzgues; Eso es un pecado. Además, debe resistir el impulso de especular sobre hacia dónde se dirigen algunas personas. Cada vez que sientas la tentación de hacer eso ... piensa en poner en orden tu propia casa.

Confesar en silencio cada semana y ser perdonado por tus pecados es espiritualmente saludable. Parte de la absolución por tus pecados siempre tiene una promesa tuya ... algo así como esos descargos de responsabilidad que ves en la televisión. Puede decirlo suavemente e inclinar la cabeza un poco, pero debe sentirlo: "Señor, prometo que haré todo lo posible para evitar volver a hacer esas cosas".

Ante Dios, eres responsable de tu vida. Has tenido toda una vida de educación religiosa que se te recordará el día del juicio. Si crees que ser una buena niña o un buen niño ha sido una carga, espera hasta que expliques tu vida en la entrada al cielo. Algunos tendrán una entrevista fácil, otros tendrán un examen largo y complicado.

Enseño que vives tu vida y tomas tus propias decisiones. Hay recompensa o castigo esperando a los humanos que viven en esta tierra. Hay misericordia y compasión, pero también hay justicia. Dios es el juez de los vivos y los muertos.

Jesús dijo: 'Toma mi yugo. Tome la carga y llévela a través del campo de la vida ". Puede parecer difícil de soportar, pero produce una recompensa maravillosa. Jesús promete que su yugo no es realmente tan pesado de soportar y que su carga es ligera.

Finalmente hoy, lleve estas palabras a casa con usted ... Jesús dijo: "Vengan a mí todos los que trabajan y están agobiados y yo les daré descanso".

