

Friday, February 12, 2021

Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

There was a movie some years back called *Bruce Almighty* and the main character, Bruce, was given the opportunity to be “God”. Bruce came to learn that this incredible role belongs only to God!

In our first reading today, the serpent deceives and leads our first parents “to be like gods” by partaking of the forbidden fruit. Fear enters their lives for the very first time as they “hid themselves from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.” The Good News is that God was looking for them because He cares for them!

Jesus restores hearing and speech to the deaf and mute man. It is another great sign that He who is God came among us, to share our human nature, and to restore us to our original state. Restoring this man in his hearing and speech shows that God came to restore all of us, especially with courage that comes from the Holy Spirit. We may be whole physically but we are all deficient spiritually. Why do you think Jesus says numerous times, “Do not be afraid”? He has come to give us the life that existed before the Fall. The interior life is restored through the forgiveness of sins! We are “blessed” when our “sins are forgiven” because we become a new creation in Christ!

God Love You!

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