

Saturday, February 13, 2021  
Saturday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time  
*BVM on Saturday*

When we listen to the Word of God proclaimed at Mass, we should always listen to the Word and ask ourselves the same question God asks Adam today, “Where are you?” Where am I in this Word? With my situation of life, as I am living it today, where am I in today’s Word? What is God saying to me through this Word?

Finding ourselves in the Word is a grace revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. The Word comes to enlighten us of this fact: God cares for us! Even if we discover our sin and accept the consequence, we are filled with hope because God did not come to destroy us but to save us. We may see the truth of Adam’s answers to God today, but it also depends on his attitude and exactly how he answered God. He speaks the truth but perhaps in his heart he truly blames Eve and also God: “The **woman** whom **you** put here with me” – it may show that he selfishly defends himself and also blames God for the mess he finds himself in through disobedience. Have we not all blamed someone else or even God when life does not go according to our plans? The very first “Good News” (precursor of the Gospel) is found in these words from God: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.” The woman God has in mind is Mary and her offspring, Jesus. This is wonderful to hear as we have the option to celebrate Jesus’ Mother on Saturday!

In the Gospel, Jesus’ “heart is moved with pity for the crowd”. He cares for all of us! Word and Sacrament feed us because only God can satisfy us!

God Love You!

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