

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

We hear the Trinity in Genesis: “Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness.” We hear also God’s first commandment to man: “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.” God then rests on the seventh day, making that day “holy”, after completing “all the work he had done in creation”.

Jesus loves the Pharisees so much that he speaks the truth to them. The devil deceives and lies to us, even flattering us when we think we have done a good thing, such as adding more rules and regulations to help us follow God. That is where the Pharisees become deceived. This is where Jesus intervenes and shows us true love. Jesus always keeps the Father first, loving Him and obeying Him until death. However, Jesus will show us that we do not love the God whom we do not see if we do not love the other whom we do see. Let us not “nullify the word of God” by trying to fulfill the law of God. We can try all we want but we cannot fulfill the law. Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and only “through Him, and with Him, and in Him” are we able to fulfill the two great commandments. Jesus, raised on the Cross, looked to heaven and loved the Father with all His mind, all His heart and soul, and all His strength; and stretching out His arms on the Cross, He loved us and invited us to come to Him, for He is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

God Love You!

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