

Monday, June 7, 2021

Monday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

The Sermon on the Mount. We are now in Matthew's Gospel after following Mark's Gospel during this Liturgical Year's Weekdays in Ordinary Time. It will conclude with the last several months of Ordinary Time following Luke's Gospel, thus giving us a wealth of the synoptic Gospels at daily Mass throughout the year. The blessings are bestowed upon us by Jesus, who will fulfill these words and grant us a share in them when we open our hearts and allow Jesus to do that work in us. St. Paul speaks about encouragement, especially when we are afflicted. Christianity, clearly from Jesus' words, mentions persecution, which is an affliction. We are encouraged because we await the reward Jesus speaks of, which is heaven. Let us take to heart Jesus' words of encouragement to all of us when persecution comes because we follow Him: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

God Love You!

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