

Homily
Friday of the 4th Week of Easter
May 5, 2023

Today is Friday of the fourth week of Easter. Easter! Yes, it is still the Easter Season. Happy Easter! I believe we need to be reminded of this because our world seems to be falling apart around us. Men can be women; women can be men; words are violence; silence is violence; you can be arrested for praying silently across the street from an abortion clinic; you can be sued and lose your business for not catering to groups that go against your consciousness; you can be fired from your job because you misgendered someone.

The reality is that the world is always falling apart. We have always had evil around us. The 'good ole days' always had corruption, crime, immorality of all kinds. And it all began with a piece of fruit and consent of the will. Regardless of the craziness around us, we always must look to our Lord and humbly say, "have mercy on me, a sinner." Then we look around us and ask, "How can I help? What can I do to make this world a better place? Where is my time best spent for the Glory of God?"

Our Bishop's pontifical motto, "Be grateful in all things," means looking at everything, bad, good, evil, holy, and giving thanks to our God for the opportunity to be Christ to the world. The world needs us more than ever. The world always needs us more than ever. And we take this time, the Easter Season, to remember all that God has given us – His Son, the Sacraments, each other – and ask, "how can I be Christ to the world?"