

Fr. Romeo Evangelista Homily
Weekday Mass – Friday, June 19, 2020
Cycle A

It is natural and normal for us to relate to God as a Being absolute in power and in will. Hence, He can do all He wants and nothing is impossible for Him. This, therefore, is one important revelation that the Christian Faith proclaims: that God is not just power and might but that He is also God of the meek and the downtrodden. Because of this; He is God with a heart that understands the depth of human pain and frailty. In fact, the entire earthly mission of Jesus illustrated this. He came and shared compassion to the lost, the last, and the least, even to public sinners whom society judged as far away from the rule of God. The Sacred Heart of Jesus, indeed, is not just love – it is the abyss of mercy and compassion.

I remember visiting a family, they asked me to bless their new home. The wife showed me a beautiful image of the Sacred Heart hanging above the dining table. And she said, “Father, I have it displayed here so everyone can see when they come to visit us”. “That’s really nice”, I said to her, “but also remember this is not just for everyone to see, but to remind us of God’s great love and compassion that we need to imitate in our life, always remember that the best devotion is imitation”.

Jesus points to His wounded heart, receiving nothing but the ingratitude of humanity. Yet He loves, and loves to the point of shedding His blood and giving His life on Good Friday.

In the likeness of the Sacred Heart, our hearts should not bow out in the midst of anger, violence, and all seemingly overwhelming forces of darkness and evil. The classic expression goes: we must not be overcome by evil, but we must overcome evil with good.