

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



“Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him...”

Outside of the liturgy we don't use the word glory.

But glory is not a specifically religious word. It means high renown or honor won by notable achievements. It denotes fame, prestige, praise and distinction.

Celebrities have glory. The famous have it too. As do the wealthy and the beautiful.

Perhaps, outside of Mass, we do not speak of glory, but we seek it. That's because its antonym is shame and obscurity. Who wants that?

Jesus speaks of himself as being glorified. But his glory is not what the world thinks.

He sees his crucifixion and death as a glorification.

There, where he will be, as Psalm 22 says, 'like dirty water poured out'

A man who 'has no beauty, no looks to attract our eyes' as the Prophet Isaiah foretold.

A man of sorrows, like a lamb led to the slaughter, before whom all turn away.

This is his glorification. He, and only he, knows that his crucifixion will not be the end. While everyone considered him covered in shame and destined for obscurity, He knew that the Father would not abandon him to the pit of death.

This is faith. This is the Faith of the Church. It is the faith into which we were Baptized.

Faith is not a stiff upper lip. It is not trying a bit harder. It does not mean looking on the bright side.

Faith is neither a feeling, nor an emotion.

Faith acts within the deepest recesses of our soul. It makes the impossible, possible. It makes all things new.

Today, in the liturgy, God offers us the possibility to see his Glory, especially the least likely of all places: our cross. That is what Easter is.

Happy Easter, Fr. Sean