

Reflection Tuesday 5th Week Easter 2022

Successful athletes make many sacrifices to be good, or the best at their sport. They do it because of their love for the sport. Many believe that the greater the suffering the better you become. This is not Jesus' message. He does not ask us to go looking for suffering but to be ready to face it when it comes. The apostles in the Acts met with rejection and suffering. Paul faced death more than once. The hardships he faced seemed to encourage him to work all the harder and, in doing so, inspired others to persevere in their faith. This suggests that the evil thrown at the apostles actually helped develop and spread the faith not destroy it. Being faithful to Jesus, to the Gospel, will lead to evil destroying itself not the opposite.

Helen Keller: It [*the struggle with evil*] makes us strong, patient, helpful men and women. It lets us into the soul of things and teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of *the overcoming* of it.

My optimism, then, does not rest on the absence of evil, but on a glad belief in the preponderance of good and a willing effort always to cooperate with the good, that it may prevail.

Pope Francis: Jesus told us to turn the other cheek if attacked by an enemy. *“Turning the other cheek is not the loser’s fallback, but the action of those who have greater inner strength. Turning the other cheek is to overcome evil with good, which opens a breach in the heart of the enemy, unmasking the absurdity of his hatred. And this attitude, this turning the other cheek, is not dictated by calculation or hatred, but by love.”*

The first high-definition photos have been received from the Mars rover, Perseverance.

It has already found a McDonalds with a drive-thru lane, and a Walmart Supercentre, and has also started receiving calls from telemarketers.