



Reflection from Fr. Mike

As we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent this weekend, we are challenged to 'let go'. In the Gospel, the words of John remind us: "Unless a grain falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit".

We are called to bear fruit by living out the message of the Gospel. In the midst of so much division and racism, especially in the current anti-Asian tragedies, we have to hold onto that message and continue to be that source and voice of God's goodness and Love.

In a Church that right now does not model that inclusivity and compassion, we pray that our community might be strong in living out the words of Jeremiah in the first reading, 'I will be their God, and they shall be my people'. In their lives, those whom we admire and are beacons of hope, of justice let others know that God is leading us and guiding us to be bearers of this message in our own, everyday lives.

The community of St. James continues to be that beacon of hope, of understanding, of inclusivity.

Blessings to you and all our households as we prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery---in Jesus' Passion and Death, that leads to the New Life of the Resurrection.

*~ Peace,
Fr. Mike*