

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD...

We continue advancing on the path of the Beatitudes, this message that Jesus gave us in the Sermon on the Mount; and as a prelude that prepares us to begin the upcoming season of Lent, Jesus speaks to us about the importance of living the commandments in our daily lives.

Nowadays, we are very accustomed to certain technological advances that guarantee our safety, and because we are so used to them, we don't give them the importance they deserve.

For example, traffic lights, alarm systems, vehicle sensors, speed limit signs, security cameras, panic buttons, etc.

Similarly, in our spiritual life, we have the commandments of God's law, which guarantee our spiritual well-being and give us the assurance that we are walking toward salvation, toward eternal life.

In the first reading, taken from the Book of Sirach, we are reminded that if you wish, you may keep the commandments, from which we understand that God respects our freedom to choose good and seek what is best for us; in this decision, I will also have my reward. I will have life or death, according to the choice I have made.

That is why Psalm 119 tells us, "Blessed is the one who does the will of the Lord," and we will be blessed, because we will have peace, joy, happiness, and harmony with God and with our brothers and sisters.

To be able to choose correctly, we must have wisdom, but not the wisdom of the world, rather the wisdom of God; this is what the Apostle St. Paul reminds us of in his letter to the Corinthians.

And in keeping with all of the above, Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, "I have not come to abolish the law," that is, I have not come to destroy it, I have not come to remove it, but to fulfill it. We understand "law" to mean the commandments of God's law.

Now, Jesus invites us to make the fulfillment of the commandments a response of love to God and of knowing how to choose correctly; not to fulfill them out of obligation, but as a reflection from our hearts.

In conclusion, on this sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited, first, to give thanks to God for the commandments He has given us, which show us the path to happiness.

Second, to continue growing in the knowledge of our faith, asking the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom to choose correctly what is best in our lives, and finally, we are invited to grow in love for God through living and fulfilling the commandments.

May we, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, the faithful woman, give a generous response to our Father God who loves us so much. Amen.