

Good Friday
April 19, 2019
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Is 52:13-53:12
Ps 22
Heb 10:16-25
Jn 18:1-19:42

Reflection

I didn't write up my Good Friday homily, but here's a summary of what I said:

1. We remember the recent fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.
2. It was a loss, but not total: the Blessed Sacrament was saved, along with artwork and relics; there was no loss of life but heroism; and also rescued was the Crown of Thorns.
3. The Crowning with Thorns is the Third Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary, and its fruit is contempt.
4. Jesus exhibited contempt for the trappings of the world; detachment when betrayed and denied by disciples, accused by high priests, mocked and struck by soldiers.
5. His one defender was Pontius Pilate!
6. But his powers were limited.
7. Jesus had the power...and this was affirmed by Pontius Pilate: he called him king, sat him on the judgement seat, and posted "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."
8. We share in the crucifixion by our sins and our pride...so Jesus saves us.
9. And he doesn't leave us alone, but entrusts us to his mother.
10. So we offer a Hail Mary for thanksgiving that Notre Dame Cathedral was not a total loss, and for the repose of the soul of Fr. Brian Hennesey of St. Martin de Porres Parish.