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5th Sunday of Lent (B)

21st March, 2021

Gospel: John 12: 20-30

”WE WISH TO SEE JESUS”

From time immemorial, Bethsaida was a small port on the Sea of Galilee but when the conquering Romans established a regional H.Q. nearby it became a focus of international trade with several languages spoken there. So when Greek speaking Jews, born abroad, came to Jerusalem for the Passover they turned to Phillip from Bethsaida to be their interpreter and to help them in arranging a meeting with Jesus about whom they had heard so much, saying “We wish to see Jesus”. Phillip, who seems to have been a Mr. Fix-it, got Peter’s brother Andrew on board and together they went to report the request to Jesus.

There is no report in the Gospel of any such meeting. Instead the Gospel write highlights what Jesus said about the fate that awaits Him. The imagery is powerful and His destiny inescapable. The seed must die, before it bears fruit. Suffering motivated by love will always bear fruit a hundredfold.



His suffering and death will bring us eternal love and life. His Resurrection ensures each of us shares in Resurrection. Such is our faith. To believe is pure gift to each of us. Lent is an opportunity to ready our hearts to unwrap the gift and be nourished in His love.

Carpe diem. Seize the day.

Beannacht.



Fr. Tom Clancy

SPRING DUES - 2021

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