

## Glory Days

Back in the 1980's Bruce Springsteen did a song titled "Glory Days" the song was about three people ... a man who could not stop thinking about his hot shot baseball days in high school , a women who kept thinking about her lost youth and beauty and a father crushed by being laid off at a Ford factory after working the line for 20 years then finding he was considered too old for any other job.

Part of the lyrics go:

"And I hope when I get old, I don't sit around thinking about it But I probably will

Yeah, just sitting back trying to recapture

A little of the glory of,

well time slips away

And leaves you with nothing mister but

Boring stories of

Glory days well they'll pass you by Glory days in the wink

of a young girl's eye

Glory days, glory days”

I could not help but think about that song as I read in a commentary, I use ... this quote on today's Gospel, “Jesus is a window to the freedom and vastness of eternity and the entry into the life of God's Trinitarian Being.” On this weekend we celebrate our Countries freedom our Gospel and the reading of Saint Paul talk to us not only about true freedom but also the true Glory days. It is amazing to me that we are not told much of Jesus before He started His ministry. They are called the hidden years. They are hidden because Jesus never talks about them. He directs His followers and each of us to the true glory of the Kingdom. The kingdom of heaven and how we are to strive to follow the Lord's prayer of praying and working works of mercy to make this world and our lives about bringing His Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven.

I am not being dismissive of any of the issues of today but we can certainly see the problem with our world and our own hearts when we listen to the crowds and the beating drum of our own thoughts. Words that express the remedy to everything seemingly seems to be that we want justice and we want peace and take 10 different people and we will get 10 different remedies to bring peace and justice.

But take time this week to spend with today's readings and don't ignore the Responsorial Psalm ..... and let us ask ourselves if Jesus leads us to the Father what is the essence of our Father the Psalm tells us The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is Good to all and compassionate towards all His works. Then later says let them (let us) discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

Throughout our Church history when things looked darkest God through The Spirit has given us Saints to show us the light..... as we see in the Psalm ..... Divine Mercy was always with us it is not new. But today we have Saint Faustina who brings forth the Mercy of God. In our Nicene Creed that we will be saying soon we know that there will be true justice when Jesus comes again but we. as Christians have a duty no matter if we are clergy consecrated or of the laity to be agents of His mercy here on earth. Saint Faustina in her diary tells us these words of Jesus: as He calls us to a community that encompasses the world..... and as the Gospel says His yoke is easy and burden light

For He tells Saint Faustina; Anyone can be a member of this community:

In paragraph #1158

A member of this community ought to perform at least one act of mercy a day; at least one, but there can be many more, for such deeds can easily be carried out by anyone, even the very poorest. For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray-that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis, we shall receive the eternal verdict.

To work towards our heavenly goal is not either sad or gloomy. It is the core of our truest faith, our truest hope and should guide our truest charity.

