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Tuesday of the twenty-sixth week in Ordinary Time Year 1

Gospel

Lk 9:51-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He resolutely took the road to Jerusalem.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

Gospel reflection by Fr John Purnell

Today's Gospel reading is the foreshadowing of Jesus's suffering, crucifixion and ultimate death. Jesus knew his arrest and death were on the cards, yet despite this he held fast to his decision to travel all the way to Jerusalem. Jesus therefore had no time to stop and relax awhile in the towns dotted along the way. He had a task to fulfil, a task that would change the world and he knew it.

He knew it was most likely that he would be arrested, scourged and tortured and even die for this cause.

Today place yourself in the shoes (Sandals) of Jesus and just imagine the storm of emotions that must have been whirling around in Jesus's mind and heart knowing what was going to happen in Jerusalem?

Despite these horrid emotions and fears he still firmly and resolutely decided to make the journey, non-stop to Jerusalem!

Throughout the Gospels we constantly see this strong evidence of Jesus's faith and trust in God the Father. Today's reading is a clear example of the depth of trust Jesus had in God.

Do we have such faith and trust? I hope so. We have to nurture our faith and trust in God each and every day! This creates a foundation and a relationship with God that will support and sustain us whenever we are in need. Today let's ask Jesus to deepen our trust and faith in him, no matter what road we are taking towards our Jerusalem!

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