

JUNE 8, 2020
Monday of the 10th Week in OT
Matthew 5: 1-12

“BEATITUDES, A SELF-PORTRAIT OF JESUS”

People like doing portrait painting because it expresses their own selves. They manifest their feelings, emotions, or state of being through painting. It shows their inner core. The Beatitudes can be a very special kind of portrait. Jesus spoke these beatitudes as if He is painting a portrait of Himself. “He is poor in spirit, in that He depends on God for everything; He is gentle and humble of heart; He mourns because God’s will is not being done on earth as in heaven; He hungers and thirst for what is right, for what God wants, and is prepared to suffer to bring that about; He is merciful to the broken and the sinner; He has a purity of intention, wanting only what God wants; He works to make peace between God and humanity and among human beings. In painting this word-portrait of Himself, Jesus was also showing what His followers should aim to be.”¹

My sisters and brothers, we are called to try and fit that portrait that Jesus gave us to aim. And I know, we can not do it alone, we can not be the persons of the beatitudes, we need the power, guidance and help of the Holy Spirit who molds us into Christ’s image and likeness. We can be the persons of the beatitudes only in and with God. So, let us ask the Lord in this Eucharist that we can always live the beatitudes every day of our lives. Be a blessing to others now and always.

¹ www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie