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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Matt's Musings May 28, 2022

Memory

We are celebrating Memorial Day weekend. It reminds us of the importance of remembering. Our tradition honors memory. In the Jewish tradition, Passover/Exodus are key memorials of the power of God to free and liberate. In our Eucharistic celebration, we remember the saving action of Christ, especially on the cross. These memorials help us give thanks for God's saving actions in the past and help us to live confidently in God's continual saving action in our lives.

Taking time to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our nation is an altogether fitting action. Let us never forget what others have done for us. Unfortunately, this Memorial Day we remember Buffalo and Texas and yet another round of school shootings and the senseless loss of life that continues to plague our country. Schools, churches, movie theaters, concerts, nightclubs, etc. have all been targets of these senseless crimes. Schools are particularly cruel for the loss of such young and promising lives and the terror and brokenness left behind. Too often in the past, the calls have only been for thoughts and prayers, but others' calls for action have fallen on deaf ears. This time, the calls for sensible and real change to protect innocent lives seem to have some traction. Let us add our voices if you feel so moved.

My prayers this weekend will be grateful ones for the ability to live freely due to the protection provided by others. It will also be prayers for peace from violence. Hopefully, our relationship with and commitment to other nations will safeguard against future war. Hopefully, we as a nation can also find ways to work together to begin to eradicate future senseless mass and other killings.

Live Jesus!

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