

✠ Passion Sunday 2018

“And therefore He is the mediator of the New Testament: that by means of his death for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament, they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”

"The ignorance of God leads to the violence of passions". "For we have terrible enemies: the devil, certainly, the world of which he is the prince and ourselves because in us everything is not ordained.

Since the original sin the passions have a hard time balancing and yet, a passion is not that bad. It may be beautiful, a passion that which pushed the Heart of Jesus reminded the merchants of the temple the purpose of the house of God was perfectly ordered.

Is not the death of the Lord, the summit of His love, called Passion? What, then, is a passion and how can temperance help us to put some order in our wounded but redeemed humanity, assumed by the Word and glorified by Him, as the magnificent gospel of ‘today’?

Passions are the affections, emotions, or movements of sensibility-the natural components of the human psyche-that impel one to act or not to act for what is perceived as good or bad. The main passions are love, hatred, desire and fear, joy, sadness and anger.

The primordial passion is love, brought about by the attraction of good. We like the good, real or apparent. As you can see, morally, passions are neither good nor bad, but they receive their moral value according to whether they contribute to good or evil, virtue or vice.

The disorder is in the lack of moderation, the resignation of the will before the instincts and finally the total lack of self-control.

We are all made of the same clay and the one who has never got annoyed when another driver dives into a parking place before you;, the one who has never felt his senses ready to faint at the thought of a chocolate mousse on Ash Wednesday, that one can esteem himself as having reached a heroic and virtuous life. But our experience of the confessional confirms it to us, the passions chained us, dragged us, in short, they are an obstacle! So must

we eliminate them? Be careful! Danger! Who wants to make the angel makes the beast!

We must save the man, the whole man, and that is where our beautiful virtue of temperance comes in. Cardinal Virtue, it comes to help us to order things in relation to their end, it proceeds from the rational life of man and, as such, assumes the concurrence of his will.

My dear brothers and sisters, greediness, impurity, disorderly affections, put order in all this. Let's put God in the middle of everything.

"Nihil carias Christi. "

Our bodies are holy vessels and self-mastery gives real joy because it makes God live. Never believe the demon of "It's not possible! »It is not possible to turn off the television, the cell phone, the radio for 5 minutes of prayer while one will find this time to chat with a friend, to smoke a cigarette...? It is not possible to fast on Lenten Fridays to do penance while for a diet we are ready to tighten our belts?

May temperance animate us, let balance be present always in our holy faith between body and soul, eros and agape! This virile virtue is connected with many others but strength comes to support it to mark its determination, to move, from progress to progress.

Faced with the temptations of intemperance, avoid the frontal shock: the flight is always excellent, prayer arms us, and often a bit of humour serves to disarm the rebel passion.

In this month of Saint Joseph, may this holy patriarch, beloved and loving husband of Our Lady, Saint Joseph, very chaste, very prudent, Saint Joseph, vir Justus, help us and support us. Amen .