

Notes from the Liturgist, Ace Tupasi

“Suffering” in the Light of “La Pieta”

This weekend, I will begin to discuss the beautiful meaning of suffering in the light of “La Pieta.” This topic will be on 3 consecutive weekends.

Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? He can stop it, He’s God, so why doesn’t He? Why do our loved ones have to suffer and die, and why is there so much suffering in the world? - - - human questions

Think about this – if God (*remember Jesus is God*) allowed His own mother to suffer, why not us? God, being God, could have prevented our Blessed Mother from suffering, but He didn’t. She experienced one of the most excruciating pains that a mother could go through – the death of her Child, on Good Friday. Why did God allow this to happen? If He was going to prevent anyone from suffering it would have been our Blessed Mother’s. But He didn’t. Why not?



Looking at the Pieta reminds us that there is meaning in suffering, though we may not fully understand the meaning of it during our lifetime. Going through pain and seeing our loved ones suffer can be heart-wrenching. Your suffering could be physical, spiritual, emotional, or financial. It can be so hard and scary and leave you feeling hopeless.

Regardless of what kind of suffering it is, we will all hurt during our lifetime. Mary suffered greatly, and like Jesus, she trusted in God’s plan and embraced her cross. She had total confident abandonment to the will of God and trusted in Him completely. There would be no Easter, without Good Friday. No resurrection without the crucifixion.

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