Homily 4-10-20 (Good Friday)

When I was a little boy we called this Friday ‘Good Friday’. This seemed like the wrong name. I thought it should have been called ‘bad Friday’. In Spanish we say ‘Holy Friday’. That seemed more appropriate for the day Jesus was crucified.

But if you think about it, there can be no Easter without Good Friday. In order to experience the joy of the Resurrection we must experience the sorrow of the crucifixion. Without Jesus’ death, there can be no rising from the dead. Without Jesus dying we are left in our sins. God reached out to us through the death of His Son. Nothing was held back.

This is a sad day. But it is a necessary day. For us to be saved, Jesus must lose His life. For us to experience joy, we must first experience sorrow.