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Sunday, April 6, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Homily: Pastor Broghan

1st and 2nd Scriptures Reading: (John Giard)

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Psalm 126

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

John 8:37-43

³⁷ I know that you are descendants of Abraham; yet you look for an opportunity to kill me, because there is no place in you for my word.

³⁸ I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence; as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.'^[a]

³⁹ They answered him, 'Abraham is our father.' Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did,

⁴⁰ but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

⁴¹ You are indeed doing what your father does.' They said to him, 'We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me.

⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word.

John 8:52-59

⁵² The Jews said to him, 'Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death."

⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?

⁵⁴ Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, "He is our God",

⁵⁵ though you do not know him. But I know him; if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.' ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?'^[a] ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.' ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.