

Second Hand Preacher

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2015

Hebrews 4:14-16

Most of us don't like our leaders to be all talk. We like when they speak to us in plain language and they are concise. There is integrity in this practice. We are more likely to trust a leader who has been straightforward with us. I believe this is true about our faith as well. We do not have to figure out how many angels can fit on the head of a pin. We have a more pressing matter. We have our salvation to think of.

The author to the Hebrews gets it right. He goes right to the heart of the matter. Our faith is not a concept, but a person. Jesus Christ is that person and he embodies pure love. We have a great high priest who is able to sympathize with our weakness. He was made weak and there is strength in weakness. He died for our sins in order to rise into newness of life. Jesus opened the gates of heaven creating a path that we are to follow.

It is not a path we tread alone. We are Catholic Christians. We are a universal people who cling to the Christ. We not only belong to him in name, but we are to take the action to express our faith. We are to care for the poor, visit the imprisoned. Caring for the weak and standing up for the rights of the worker is about who we are. We are called to be protectors of all life from conception to natural death. We are to live out the Creed in order to show our belief and defend our faith. We are called to be one, holy, and apostolic. We are individuals who are the living stones of our universal Church. We have a great High Priest who loves us very much.