

Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, May 17th 2012

“Your sorrow will be turned into joy.” Joy and sorrow seem opposites, and we are apt to think that it is by avoiding sorrow that we come upon joy. But the Gospel says that it is by the transformation of sorrow that joy comes. Do not avoid your sorrow; do not pretend that it is not there; go into it in the power of God’s transforming Spirit and it will turn to joy. Where are answers to be found in our life? At the back of the book, as in the children’s arithmetic? No! But in the questions, in the problems! Our faith directs us into our life, into the very texture of it in all its particularity—not out of it to an illusory beyond.

Bible Diary - CMF