



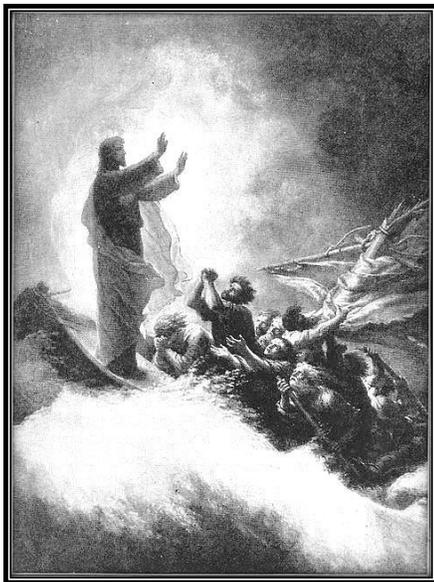
## **“JESUS CHRIST: THE ONE GOOD PERSON” (ON THE WATERFRONT AND AT 37 SOUTH OCEAN AVENUE)**

*Holy Mass on the Waterfront* “unofficially” began two weeks ago on *Trinity Sunday* when the First Truth proclaimed after the coming of the Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding of the Holy Spirit on *Pentecost* was that there is one God and in Him, three Divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Last Sunday, we gathered on the Waterfront and celebrated the second Truth proclaimed after *Pentecost*, namely that the Second Divine Person of the Holy Trinity not only took flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the words of the first “Hail Mary”, but He actually takes flesh on our altars through the repetition of His own words spoken with the lips of the Priest: “This is My Body, This is My Blood”!



As the Word becomes Flesh and dwells amongst us today, we come to the Waterfront on the *XII Sunday in Ordinary Time* when – two days removed from the universal celebration of the *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* when we recalled how Christ’s Heart was pierced by misguided human beings, and one day removed from the universal *Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* when we recalled how Mary’s Maternal Heart was pierced by that same offense so much did she love her Son, – the Heart of America, the Christian Heart of America is breaking as we remember that offense, as it continues to be perpetrated today in the so-called name of justice. Remembering the words of Christ: *Whatever you do to one of these the least of My brethren, you do to Me.*



Yes, our Christian heart is breaking as irrational behaviour and contempt for the dignity of the human person (regardless of race, language, skin colour, sex, or creed) destroys statues and the memory of Christopher Columbus (a Catholic Christian) who wrote:

*“No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service.”*

*“It was the Lord Who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures, a strong and clear testimony from the 44 books of the Old Testament, from the four Gospels, and from the 23 Epistles of the blessed Apostles, encouraging me continually to press forward, and without ceasing for a moment they now encourage me to make haste.”*

*“My hope in the One Who created us all sustains me; He is an ever present help in trouble ... When I was extremely depressed, He raised me with His right hand, saying, ‘O man of little faith, get up, it is I; do not be afraid.’”*

*"I prayed to the most merciful Lord about my heart's great desire, and He gave me the spirit and the intelligence for the task: seafaring, astronomy, geometry, arithmetic, skill in drafting spherical maps and placing correctly the cities, rivers, mountains and ports. I also studied cosmology, history, chronology and philosophy."*

Yes, our Christian heart is breaking as statues and the memory of President George Washington (an Anglican Christian) are destroyed. George Washington who wrote:

*"No one can rejoice more than I do at every step the people of this great country take to preserve the Union, establish good order and government, and to render the nation happy at home and respectable abroad. No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than United America. Wondrously strange then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means, and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us, so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass. The Great Governor of the Universe has led us too long and too far on the road to happiness and glory, to forsake us in the midst of it. By folly and improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost."* (June 29, 1788)

And so what do we do? Well we can look to a human person created according to the image and likeness of God, Doctor Ben Carson (a Christian) who in a recent interview with George Stephanopolus on ABC said:

*"You know, we've reached a point in our society where we dissect everything and try to ascribe some nefarious notion to it. We really need to move away from that. We need to move away from being offended by everything, of going through history and looking at everything, you know, of renaming everything -- I mean, think about the fact that some of our universities, some of our prestigious universities, have a relationship with the slave trade. Should we go and rename those universities?"*

*"It really gets to a point of being ridiculous after a while. And, you know, we are going to have to grow up as a society."*

And yes we can turn to the words of another Christian whose statues are also being torn down by misguided young people who have had their brains washed clean by an anti-Christian agenda that writes the headlines and rewrites the textbooks. Those words are these:

*"Soldiers! Let us humble ourselves before the Lord, our God, asking through Christ, the forgiveness of our sins, beseeching the aid of the God of our forefathers in the defense of our homes and our liberties, thanking Him for His past blessings, and imploring their continuance upon our cause and our people. Knowing that intercessory prayer is our mightiest weapon and the supreme call for all Christians today, I pleadingly urge our people everywhere to pray. Believing that prayer is the greatest contribution that our people can make in this critical hour, I humbly urge that we take time to pray - to really pray. Let there be prayer at sunup, at noonday, at sundown, at midnight - all through the day. Let us pray for our children, our youth, our aged, our pastors, our homes. Let us pray for the churches. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word 'concern' out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for our nation. Let us pray for those who have never known Jesus Christ and His redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice."* (Robert E Lee)



And in the words of Pope Francis (from *Laudato Si*):

*"Hope would have us recognize that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems."*

*All it takes is one good person to restore hope!*

And in the words of Father Arcoleo: May we never forget that Jesus Christ is that one good Person.