

Bishop Jaime Soto – Homily for Holy Thursday,  
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*Penance Service*

Our faith in the Lord Jesus is lived with the keen awareness of the “Already” and the “Not Yet.” The saving death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus has already brought us His undying love, His unquenchable life-giving Spirit, and the unfading light of His truth.

Our own sad sins and the aching sins of the Church remind us that we have not yet embraced all that His mercy has poured out for us. The joy and peace of the Kingdom has not yet come to a world sickened by sin and wounded by violence. His grace has not yet healed our broken homes or restored our wounded Church.

This painful tension brings us here this afternoon. We look to our crucified Lord and beg him to touch all that is not yet healed. We rely on the pardon and mercy of the Spirit that he has already breaths upon us. We believe that His heavenly Father already waits to embrace us. We rest in the arms of the Good Shepherd who already carries us on the journey towards the Kingdom to come.