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Danny Murphy – 5th Sunday of the Year 2018

This morning we're going to have two homilies, but don't get nervous, because as King Henry VIII said to each of his six wives: "I won't keep you very long." For our first homily, we'll talk a bit about the scriptures. For our second homily, we'll talk a bit about the Super Bowl. First things first, first comes the scriptures. Poor Job! He says, "My life is a drudgery. Months of misery have been allotted to me. I am without hope, I shall never see happiness again!" But, it seems to me, we all have things like that, don't we? Maybe days like that, maybe there are weeks like that, maybe even years like that! Here are two suggestions that hopefully will help us even in our darkest times. The first suggestion is that we try to remember this verse from today's Responsorial Psalm: "The Lord heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds." Dear God, please help me know that you do that for me when I feel like Job. The psalmist continues: "The Lord knows the number of the stars and calls each of them by name." Well, if God knows the number of the billions of stars and if God calls each of them by name, certainly, God knows each of us and calls each of us by our own name. Dear God, please help me experience your presence when I feel like Job. The second suggestion comes from the Jesuit, Fr. Anthony Demello. Tony tells us to picture yourself as the sky and your moods as the clouds. The sky allows the clouds to roll by. The sky doesn't become one of the clouds, just allows them to roll by. So too with us. We have to allow our moods to roll by. We can't allow ourselves to become our moods – let them roll by. Even the darkest clouds eventually roll by. They did for Job, they will for us! But what if we have physical pain, pain that is not going to go away. Suggestion; Do not allow your pain to beat you. It might knock you down, but don't allow it to knock you out! And don't identify yourself with your pain. You have pain, but you are not pain. You are a beloved child of God always. God is with you always. Maybe I could unite my cross of pain with his cross at Calvary and Jesus and I can carry it together. Poor Job. When we're having a Job day, perhaps we can pray: "I know nothing of tomorrow except the love of God will rise before the sun!"

Super Bowl Sunday – God help us! It doesn't matter whether or not you like football. It doesn't matter whether or not you intend to watch the Super Bowl. What DOES matter is

that each of us recognizes that there are more important things in life than the Super Bowl – far, far more important things in life than the Super Bowl – things like: kindness, service, love loyalty, honesty, humility – things like that. AND I think we all have to recognize that there's a more important game being played than the Super Bowl – it's the game of life. In the game of life, no one is a spectator, each of us is a participant. If you're going to watch the Super Bowl game tonight, thoroughly enjoy it. But for all of us, let's try to be winners in the most important game of all – the game of life!