

What Are We Doing and Why?

Behold the Lamb 13

God gives us the best he has to offer, even should we put him to death, and never takes it back. The best God has to offer is symbolized as ‘the Lamb of God’ in the Bible, particularly the Gospel of John. But just *how* does this gift of God’s best ‘take away the sin of the world,’ as John the Baptist said of Jesus, as we pray at Mass today? Recall the description of ‘the sin of the world’ way back in *Behold the Lamb 5* in this Bulletin last Fall (the weekend of October 19/20) as rooted in *fear: the fear we feel in the face of our fragile and vulnerable human nature. We are created in the image and likeness of God, but we are not God, and so are not in control of our lives. Nothing can fill us with fear like being out of control.* At root, it is fear that drives us to all the endlessly varied life-destroying and love-defeating behaviors that are sin. But when we experience love that gives its best, and never takes it back, no matter what, we can be set free from such fear. It can be taken away.

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