

I enjoy legal drama ... courtroom shows ... not only Judge Judy, but also shows like Suits and The Good Wife and How to Get Away With Murder.

In the law, things must be proved in various ways ... this is called the "burden of proof."

- Reasonable suspicion
- Reasonable to believe
- Probable cause for arrest
- Some credible evidence
- Substantial evidence
- Preponderance of the evidence
- Clear and convincing evidence
- Beyond reasonable doubt

In today's reading from Isaiah, we hear a whole list of things that will happen:

- A shoot shall sprout
- The Spirit of God shall come
- A judge who judges justly
- The proud and the wicked will be stricken
- Wolves will be herded like sheep
- Cows and lions will graze together
- Babies will play with poisonous snakes

And we look for the burden of proof.

But what we need here is not legal mumbo jumbo, what we need is faith. The docile faith of a child, as Our Lord reminds us in the Gospel.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us pray for a deeper Faith - that we might trust God, and knowing God's generosity, expect the miracles He has promised.