

AUGUST 29, 2021
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 15

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7: 1-8,14-15, 21-23

Being Doers of the Word

Saint James tells us, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves."

Perhaps these words of James are a good place to start after the many weeks we spent studying John chapter six. With John we were challenged to understand our responsibility to reciprocity. That is, we learned we must reach out to others in service and in the name of the Lord. God alone is not going to take care of everything for us as though we have no responsibility.

James reminds us "all good giving and every perfect gift is from above...." None of us generated the things of creation. God the Father has created all things, including us and He gives us life and all our needs as a result of love. We may be open to these gifts receiving them in love and sharing them in love.

God disciplines us along the way of life. The discipline shows itself in His Laws even as they are manifested in the Canons of the Church today. The discipline of the canons helps us to stay on the right path of life. They are there so that we may measure our actions and words against them as a guide. If our actions seem to be going mostly in the direction the canons say we ought to be going then we can be relatively sure we are doing "the right thing." If our actions do not measure up in this way we are not going in the right direction on the path of life.

Always, any laws, rules or canons must be in service to us people who seek the Lord's love. That is, they ought not to be such a burden to anyone that it stifles one's walk toward the Lord. There is always the possibility the laws themselves become the object of our being. They get in the way of our living in Love. I always remember what my Canon Law professor in graduate school said, "civil law is to be obeyed and canon law is to be interpreted."

Now, on the other hand this statement does not mean that just anyone, unqualified, can make up his or her own interpretation of the Lord's guidance as it comes through His Church. Such unqualified interpretation can lead to the slippery slope of relativism. That is, that nothing has a steady and permanent value, such as life itself. All values could then deteriorate into "whatever makes me happy is the rule."

One more thought that comes from Jesus himself through the Gospel story. One might follow the letter of the law but that does not make him or her good. One can appear to be good by following the law but manipulate it for one's own purposes. A person can have evil intent in using the law to the detriment of another or others. Thus, here is the summary of today's scripture readings.

Through observance of the Lord's commands, we will experience the fullness of life. Living in conformity with God's will frees us from false interpretation of good and evil. We, as Saint James understands, are all called to welcome God's word and to let it take root in our hearts. We are to make God's way a part of our life and be inspired to be doers of the Word.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
Is35:4-7a;Jas2:1-5;Mk7:31-37
Join in Scripture Sharing every Thursday evening, 7pm to 8pm.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	227
Tithes Collected:	\$4,621.00
Online Giving:	\$585.00
Total:	\$5,206.00
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Thank you!	

Next week's second collection is for Catholic University of America.

LITURGY FOR AUGUST 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: (All are Welcome/Manibussan

All are welcome in this place. Behold Love's amazing grace. All are welcome! All are welcome! Bring your hopes, bring your dreams. Mercy flows and Love redeems! All are welcome! All belong!

1. Welcome, all the broken hearted, all who sorrow and despair. You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!
2. Welcome, all who suffer violence, all who long for safety and peace. You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!
3. Welcome, all who are forgotten, excluded and dignity denied! You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!

- Welcome, all who work for justice, bringing hope, charity and peace! You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!

Psalm 15: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. /D. Pérez-Cuan)

OFFERTORY HYMN: (Seek Ye First/Lafferty)

- Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!
- Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!
- You do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, Aleluia!

COMMUNION HYMN: (Blest Are They/Haas)

- Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, their shall be consoled.
- Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**
- Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst, they shall have their fill.
- Blest are they, who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!

POST COMMUNION HYMN: (Only A Shadow /Landry)

RECESSIONAL HYMN: (Lead Me Lord/Becker)

Lead me, Lord, lead me Lord by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me Lord today!

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
- Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.
- Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace, all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in

your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward.

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, August 28
 4:00 p.m. † Eugene Gray by Bonnie Seibert
 † Earlein Stokes by Roberto
- Sunday, August 29
 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
 10:45 a.m. Jason & Family by Blessed Sacrament Parish
 † Rudolf Sertic by Zalac Family
- Monday, August 30
 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- Tuesday, August 31
 8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Richard & Margaret Schmelz
- Wednesday, September 1
 8:00 a.m. Dr. Alexander C. Ferreira by Selma Carr
- Thursday, September 2
 8:00 a.m. Daniel & Nathaniel & Dawna by Ed Batcho
- Friday, September 3
 8:00 a.m. † Edward Tomica by Joyce
- Saturday, September 4
 4:00 p.m. Anthony Steven Cirelli by Joyce
 Beatriz Mazuera by Selma Cordona
- Sunday, September 5
 9:00 a.m. † Herve Arsenault by Jean Pierre Kolodziejski
 10:45 a.m. † Earlein Stokes by Francine
 † Rosanne Polyachyk Johnny Pons