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Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time



September 1, 2024

A Sabbath Thought

"The unexamined life is not worth living," said Socrates. But what about unexamined hearts? If we constantly seek distraction, we will never have the time for looking inward. Yet, what is in our hearts determines who we are.

About Today's Bible Readings

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8

The divine commands Moses tells the people are not meant to be a burden, but are intended to be a source of wisdom and enlightenment for those who wish to serve God.

Responsorial Psalm: 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

R. One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

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

Before the water is the Word. It is the Word that converts our hearts and moves us to baptism. Always in the beginning is the Word.

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

What is the source of sin? In answer to that question, Jesus points to our restless hearts. The heart - that symbol of love - is often the source of evil.

ENTRANCE RITE:

- V. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The Decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
- R. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 147:5

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- V. Great is our Lord and mighty in power: to His wisdom there is no limit.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate unclean. unwashed. their meals with that is. hands. For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity. theft. murder. adultery. malice. deceit. areed. licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – Sept. 1st

22nd Sunday - Ordinary Time 8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 8th

Solemnity Brotherly Love 8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 15th

24th Sunday - Ordinary Time 8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 22nd

25th Sunday - Ordinary Time 8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday - Sept. 29th

26th Sunday - Ordinary Time 8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – October 6th

27th Sunday - Ordinary Time 8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – October 13th

Solemnity The Christian Family 8:00 AM – Holy Mass 9:30 AM – Holy Mass

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexus, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban and Kenneth Borah.

Our Father....

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 8th; Picnic Debriefing Meeting, In the Fellowship Hall, after the 9:30 Mass. If you helped the day of the Picnic or just attended, please join us as we discuss what went right and what could be improved for next year. All input and ideas are welcome. Everything considered, things went well but we can do better next year with your help.

Sunday, September 8th; Deadline for contributions to our Ukrainian Relief Effort. Please leave your donations on the designated table in the Hall. See the Newsletter for details.

Sunday, September 15th; The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 Am.

Sunday, September 15th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass. All women of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a \$5.00 Donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off for your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. (Exclusions Apply) Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your Shopping Pass now!

