

Fr. Jeff's Weekly Homily

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2008

READING 1: 1st Thm 2:15-17

For we cannot endure to see you in such a state.

Psalms 138

My soul is singing to you O Lord my God.

READING 2: 1st Thm 2:17-20

For we cannot endure to see you in such a state because you are ignorant of God's will for you do not have the Holy Spirit who is the promise of God.

GOSPEL: Matt 23:1-12

Woe to you who say you are righteous and despise others.

Everyday some ordinary person does something extraordinary. Everyday people like you and me do things no one thought they could. The scriptures are full of stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary things. In our second reading St. Paul reminds us that we are ignorant of God's will for us if we do not have the Holy Spirit. When we do not have the Holy Spirit we are like a person who says they are righteous but they are not.

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Did you see the US Golf Open? The year old Medea was playing a bad back nine as a pay-off. She was playing a bad back nine as a pay-off. She was playing a bad back nine as a pay-off. She was playing a bad back nine as a pay-off.

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American Gay Pride Day.

Students and friends thought we as just a rebellious teenager and had to get out of the country and we as determined to change the American church and the world. Mother Teresa's Bishop had to be back because we as a priest had to be ousted from these streets of a church. She persisted and now we go on. And being in the country you have no idea of any priest and pastor and parishioners advised against joining a Catholic church because of the Academy's influence.

My point is that on any given day, God can be a great teacher and a great friend.

What challenges are you up against in your life today? Students are dealing with teachers, parents, and a paced schedule that is not only for each of us; teenagers are intimidated by friends and the world in any way, there are those who suffer from additional ailments and those who are living with chronic diseases. But today people are always doing extraordinary things. We have just noticed it and we are aware of the possibilities we now have.

Some authors today try to convince people that the early American church suppressed information. But the American church had to do anything the Gospel might do. You would have to see the good news and we see countless examples of extraordinary people. Peter is a great example. He thought the centuries and today people are paying attention to nothing you would not have seen the courage God placed in each one of us and found the strength to persevere and endure. When we see there is no way the belief can say "way!" Of course Jesus told us we would but this is expected we are based on the word of Paul and Peter and so can be. And this is good news.

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