

Daily Homily

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time, Monday

31 August 2020

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Here is the progression of things, at least for the *weekday* Mass Gospel, the Sunday Gospel is completely different...

- After the Advent and Christmas Season, the season of Ordinary Time for the weekday readings takes up with Mark's Gospel. We read somewhat continuously through Mark's Gospel during the week. We at least read through those parts of the Gospel that we do not normally read on a given Sunday.
- This is "interrupted" by the Church's yearly retreat of Lent. The Gospel readings during Lent/Easter take up a different rhythm.
- Coming out of Lent/Easter, we take up with Matthew's Gospel, this is what we have been reading through somewhat continuously, in this time period.
- Today, we make a switch. Today, we begin with Luke's Gospel. We will be in this Gospel, during the weekday for the rest of the liturgical year, again, the Sunday Gospel selections are on a different rhythm.

So get ready to hear, once again, Luke's perspective in helping the reading and the listener to choose with a complete YES the one from Nazareth, Jesus Christ.

Luke calls us to identify with Jesus who is caring and compassionate toward the poor and lowly, the outcast, the sinner, the afflicted, and all those who are completely dependent on God. He also highlights his severe reaction to the proud, self-righteous, and those who are dependent on material gain. More than any Gospel writer he is concerned with Jesus' mercy and compassion. More than any other Gospel writer he is concerned with the role of the Holy Spirit, the importance of prayer, the dignity of women, and the call to human repentance. In Luke's Gospel Jesus is particularly demanding of those who follow him, his Apostles and disciples – he wants detachment from family and material possessions. To those who respond Jesus offers salvation, peace, and the fullness of life.

Today we receive Jesus' mission statement. We hear in words what he will roll out before us in deeds.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me,  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

So if you are feeling poor in any way, locked up and imprisoned, blind, oppressed, or if you are ready for a year that is acceptable ... get ready ... the Gospel of Luke is presenting to us, in a real way, this Jesus who is coming to you.