

Daily Homily
Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Monday
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Jesus seems to be annoyed, exasperated, indignant at the prodding Pharisees and Scribes. They are asking for a sign. Jesus calls them evil and unfaithful.

They have all the sign they could possibly need:

Reluctant and upset prophet, Jonah, was in the belly of the whale for three days. However, he was not consumed. That upset prophet became a whale's upset stomach and he was thrown up on the shores of Nineveh to bring to them a message of repentance. Those people listened to him. Jesus will spend three days in the belly of the earth, a tomb. He will not be consumed. He will rise from the dead. This is all the sign we really need. However, do people listen to him?

The Gentile, the foreign queen of the south traveled a long distance to find King Solomon in order to test his wisdom and when she found him and kept company with him and he explained every obscure thing she could ask ... it is said that it "took her breath away." She stood with someone filled with insight, understanding, knowledge, and wisdom. The Pharisees and Scribes don't have to travel anywhere or into any foreign land to find wisdom. Jesus doesn't just have wisdom. He is wisdom itself. That's the only sign we really need. However, do people listen to him?

In this Eucharist today... not just a sign and not just a symbol... but we consume him, only so that he can rise in every fiber of our being and in every aspect of our life. Today, in this Eucharist, we not only share his breath-taking company but we consume his insight, understanding, knowledge, and wisdom. This is really all we really need. May we listen to him.