

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Readings: 1) Sirach 27:4-7 2) 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 3) Luke 6:39-45

Sunday Liturgy

The Focus for today's Mass is: Let us be faithful in speech and action.

The first reading today uses the example of a sieve to show how grain (good fruit) is separated from the husks (the dead shell). Tribulation and difficulties are sieves in our own lives – and when we are shaken, the real fruit of who we are will be revealed in both our speech and actions.

The writer of Sirach gives examples of how what is good is separated from what is poor, especially in speech. Saint Paul reminds us that Christ has defeated death – it no longer has power over us. In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parable of the blind leading the blind to show there is a difference between what is good and what is evil.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

With confidence and trust,
let us bring our prayers and petitions before our heavenly Father.

For Church leaders, may they continue by God's grace,
to be strengthened by the Good News of the Gospel.
We Pray to the Lord.

For peoples of every nation,
may they deepen a commitment to civil speech.
We Pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick in mind and body;
may God restore them to the fullness of life and health.
We Pray to the Lord.

For all those who have died,
may they come to share in the fullness of Christ's glory.
We Pray to the Lord.

For this faith community,
may we have the grace to imitate Christ in welcoming all.

For our own personal intentions..... (long pause)
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your son, Jesus Christ.