

SUNDAY, Feb. 27, 2022
The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FOCUS: *From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.*

We all know there are times when something “slips out” in our speech. There are times when we perform some questionable action or react more strongly than we intended. The Scriptures today alert us to the relationship of what is in our hearts and minds with what is on our lips. Only goodness can overcome evil and produce goodness – as incorruptibility and immortality overcome that which is corrupt and mortal, and as Jesus Christ overcame the sting of death.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sirach writes of revealing the qualities of things: pottery in a furnace, a shaken sieve, the fruit of a tree, and the speech of a person. In the second reading, Paul affirms Jesus’ victory over sin and death. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that a person with a store of goodness in his or her heart produces good, while a store of evil produces evil.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: *With confidence in God’s love and mercy, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions.*

- 1) For the Church, may God’s grace empower us in our efforts to share the Gospel message, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the salvation of the world, through the mercy of God may all come to know the Gospel message and the ways of righteousness and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who experience addiction, may God’s grace come upon them, bringing healing to them and their families, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here, may the Lord purify our hearts and minds and fill us with his goodness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God may they be with Christ in paradise, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: *Heavenly Father, in confidence we bring before you our petitions. In your love and mercy please answer them according to your will, we ask through your Son, Christ our Lord.*