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Office Hours: Monday & Sunday - Closed

Tuesday to Saturday - 10:00am to 3:00pm

A collaborative ministry of the Carmelite Fathers and Lay Parishioners



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 1/2, 2025

Pastor:

Fr. Jerald D'Souza, OCD

Associate Pastor:

Fr. Alexander Braganza, OCD

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Norman Dumais

Deacon Dale Laing

Deacon in Training:

Cruzel Lacao

Office Assistant:

Rachael Ramaswamy

Administrative Assistant:

Fe Badajos

Bookkeeper:

Cindy Kreutzer

Hospitality:

Everyone in the Parish!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am,

12:30pm & 5:00pm

Igbo Mass:

First Sunday of the Month:

2:00pm

Adoration:

First Friday of the month:

9:30am to Noon

Reconciliation:

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:

After the morning Mass

Saturday: 3:00pm to 3:45pm

Baptisms:

An initial appointment with

one of the Priests is required

before attending a session.

Confirmation:

Registration is closed.

Society of St. Vincent De Paul:

(403) 975-4318 (Food Hampers)

THERE IS AN inclination in human beings to support each other. Whether it's parenting, teaching, donating or governing, part of our nature is concern ourselves with the well-being of others. However, Christ wisely points out in today's Gospel that if we lack sight, we will not be able to offer others direction or guidance.

There is the old saying: we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. If we are blind, we won't be able to show others the way. A person who cannot see the ultimate good (God) won't be able to share goodness with others. However, an honest desire to guide others may be, for some, a point of conversion. If we recognize shortcomings in the world, in our peers and in ourselves, then this recognition of the need for God may spur us on to seek God more fully in our daily lives.

Jesus also says in the Gospel that only "the good treasure of the heart" can produce good. As challenging as change can be, may our experience at Mass today, where we open ourselves to an encounter with Christ, guide us in re-evaluating our life's choices. Christ showed us, through his life, death and resurrection, how to obtain the glory of perfect life in God. May our hearts be ready to be filled with God's goodness.

- Living with Christ, March 2, 2025 Andrew Hume

Readings: 1st Reading: Sirach 27.4-7
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.54-58
Gospel: Luke 6.39-45

God sees the heart and always will. We may put on a great show of words and actions, but it is what is at the root of these that is so clearly visible to God. Focusing on the faults of others, no matter how true, takes the focus off of our own faults. The words of Jesus also recall the first reading, as he reflects how a sound tree cannot produce rotten fruit and how a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit - and how a person's words flow from what fills their heart.

- How have you experienced "observing the splinter" in another's eye while "ignoring the log in one's own" - either in being judged by someone else, or by being the one to judge?
- How does this echo another statement by Jesus: "let the one without sin cast the first stone" (John 8:7) and "judge not lest you be judged?" (Matthew 7:1)?
- Commentator Dave Barnhardt says this section of the scripture is also about seeing clearly enough to help someone else: "How confident are you that you see clearly? Do you think you see clearly enough to help others see? Do you think you see clearly enough to help without hurting? How many people are walking around doing harm, all the while convinced that they are helping?" Thought?

(Reflection: Diocese of Saskatoon)

