

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Husband came home from the psychiatrist looking very worried. "What's the problem?" his wife asked. "The doctor told me I could have no worry and perfect peace of mind if I take a pill every day for the rest of my life," he explained. "So what? Lots of people have to take a pill every day their whole lives," she replied. "I know," said George, "but the doctor gave me only four pills!"

Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of changes in the leadership of our nation. Things may change when new leadership comes. Not everyone likes the change or new things, but it is inevitable. We all want to bring good things to everyone.

Today's readings talk to us about the reality of the world. It focuses continuously to listen to God's voice. As we all know, evil exists in the world. We all want to get rid of the evil. There are some satanic forces that holds us for not doing good. It brings division among people.

God tells us two things today. First, He will take away the evil from the world. Secondly he will speak to us through signs of the times.

In the first reading, people of Israel worried, when Moses was about to die. The Chosen People were terrified because they were about to lose the person who had been successfully leading them through the wilderness toward the Promised Land. They were also going to lose a prophet who had been keeping them informed of Yahweh's will. When he died, how would they find out what God wanted of them? God promised them through Moses that he will listen to them. God takes care of us continuously. He never leaves us abandoned. He promised to give someone from their kin.

In the Gospel, Jesus' ministry is unveiled. He called the disciples to be with him and to preach the good news and authority to drive out demons (Mark 3: 14-15). Here is where Jesus is showing them to use the power of God. People were amazed at what happened. He calls us to listen to him. Today in the Gospel, we see the two reactions: the unclean spirit reacts to Jesus that he is the holy one of God. The people were amazed at what was said.

Let us think about our own reaction to Jesus today? How do we look at him?

Sometimes we try to ignore Jesus Christ in our lives. We are frustrated with things happening around us so we expect God to demolish everything right away. But what is our faith in God when things don't happen in our way?

We are called to be the disciples on mission. He started the mission. His mission is still working on us. He has given the power to us to destroy the evil with our ability. We need to understand the signs of the times and listen to God's voice. He speaks to us every day through the sacred scripture and other events and people. Let us listen to him and try to follow him in our life.

No doubt we can think back to people who have made a lasting impression on our lives – either for good or bad. There may be people in our past whom we remember with pain and discomfort. We want everyone grow in their faith stronger and healthier. Let us pray and be a good example.