

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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## GOD'S LAWS

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

## MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

## ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

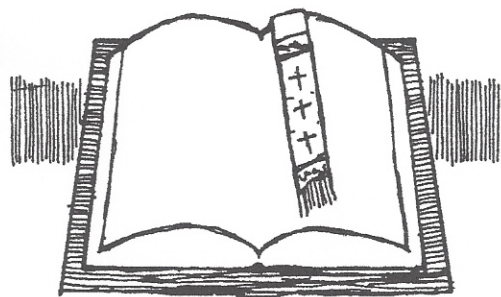
This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8  
Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5  
James 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27  
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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### DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called “catholic” (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today’s text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the “first fruits” of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the “word” as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become “doers” of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the “works” of love, for example, by caring for the “orphans and widows in their affliction.” Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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**\*Confessions will remain as a Drive-Thru for time being. Thank you**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Friday: St. Gregory the Great ; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**STOP THE FLYING**

*A flying rumor never has any trouble making a landing. —Anonymous*

**THE VALUE OF LABOR**

*Heaven is blessed with perfect rest but the blessing of earth is toil. —Henry Van Dyke*

**CARE OF CREATION**

*The Church has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere. —Pope Benedict XVI*

**FEAST OF FAITH**

**What Jesus Did, What Jesus Said**

The oldest account of what happened at the Last Supper comes to us not from the Gospels but from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me' " (11:23–24). In our celebrations of the Eucharist, we are obedient to Christ's command to "do this." The priest, acting in the person of Christ, does what Jesus did and says what Jesus said. He takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to the Lord's disciples. He takes wine, gives thanks, shares it with us. We believe that the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, but we continue to hold these words of Jesus in special reverence. They are called the words of consecration, and the elevations of the host and chalice, the genuflections of the priest, and the optional ringing of a bell and use of incense remind us that we are in the presence of the Lord. — Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Moses directs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

**Psalms** — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

**Second Reading** — Welcome the word that you have received and become doers of the word, not hearers only (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

**Gospel** — You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

\*\* Español \* Mass at Immaculate Conception

Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

- 5:00PM †Gerarda Fallago  
5:00PM †Francisco Napalan  
6:45PM †Alfredo Cisneros\*\*  
6:45PM †Candelario Hernandez Abalos\*\*

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30AM Intentions for Sam Suneri\*  
6:30AM †Deceased Members of the Canelo Family\*  
8:00AM †Maria Prado\*\*  
8:00AM †Jesus Gonzales\*\*  
9:30AM †Norma DeSouza  
9:30AM †Phillip Ebker Sr.  
11:00AM †Wilbur & Maria Kramer  
11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Fallago Family

Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30AM †Maria Evelina Soares  
6:30AM †Mary

Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

- 6:30AM †Delores Novak  
6:30AM †Ana Maria Evans

Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

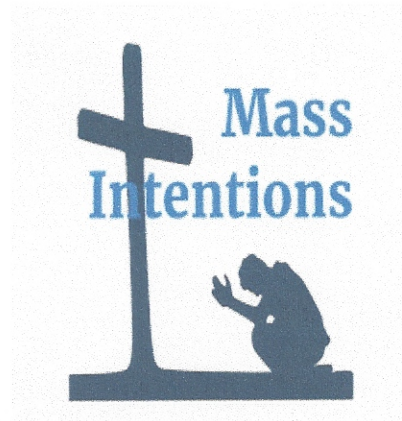
- 6:30AM †Daniel Hennings  
6:30AM †Edward Dimsey  
6:30PM Intensiones para RosaMaria\*\*  
6:30PM Intensiones para Deacon David y Deacon Jesus\*\*

Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 6:30AM †Maria Evelina Soares  
6:30AM Intentions for Emma Baesler

Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 6:30AM †Maria Cristina Marques  
6:30AM †Herman Salas






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PRAYER FOR THE SICK.


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