KEEPING FAITH FIRST-WORD SEARCH

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Catechizing Corner!

Jesus had great compassion for those who followed him. He taught them many things. When he enjoined them to listen, he was in essence preparing them for the mysterious nature of his teaching. He insisted that holiness is an issue of ethics. Sins of the tongue defile. However, something extremely noteworthy was taking place in this dialogue that would have raised the eyebrows of every observant Jew in the gathered crowd. Jesus insisted that the distinctions between clean and unclean, sacred and secular, in no way separated a person from contact or relationship with God. We can only be separated from God by our own attitude and behavior.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,

<u>Cycle B</u> Paulist Press

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Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Faith Sharing Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Mark7:1-8,14-15,21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem

gathered around Jesus,

they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals

with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the **Pharisees** and, in fact, all Jews,

do not eat without carefully washing their hands,

keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace

they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they

have traditionally observed,

the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human **precepts**. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them,

"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person;

but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft,

murder,

adultery, greed, malice, deceit,

licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.

All these evils come from within and they defile."

The Gospel of the Lord

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

<u>Children</u>: How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart? ?

<u>Teens:</u> Jesus tells us to take care in what we say and do. How do you treat your family & friends? Do you watch what you say and do?

Family: Do you and your family live by the letter or the spirit of the law?

<u>Adults:</u> Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

Closing Prayer

Lord, please fill us with your wisdom and your compassion for others. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Gospel Glossary

Pharisees are group of teachers among the Jews at the time of Jesus; he frequently rebukes them in the Gospels for their hypocrisy.

Doctrine is a particular principle, position, or policy taught or advocated, as of a religion or government.

Precepts means a commandment or direction given as a rule of action or conduct.

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