

CHRIST OUR HOPE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FAITH IN LAITY CORNER

Monday, March 04, 2019

Reading-Sir. 27:4-7; Lk. 6:39-45

8th Sunday of Ordinary Times



## ***Eye Splinters***

Everyone could agree that the most irritating occurrence is to have a small object enter one's eye. Many times the smaller the item, the more annoying it can become. What our mouth says belies our true feelings and thoughts towards an issue! The readings this week, ask us to be mindful of what can mar or disturb vision. The 1st Reading points to the fact that our life on earth is really testing ground for what is to happen hereafter.

*“When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;*

*so do people's faults when they speak.” (Sir. 27:4)*

Clearing of the husk, reveals the true and genuine grain. People show exactly what their heart lies through their speech. It is when we fire the pottery, its quality and beauty are truly revealed.

*“The furnace tests the potter's vessels...*

*the test of a person is in conversation.” (Sir. 27:4)*

What we led our voices to, will be the focus of our interest? Question: Do we seek truth or opinion? Do we ask questions before our choices? It is with good reason to believe

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that you will not allow a blinded person in your driver's seat, while you the sighted relax in the backseat, confident that all will go well.

*'And he told them a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person?*

*Will, not both fall into a pit?'* (Lk. 6:39)

There is a need for us to reflect on what we see, believe, and trust. It is important to ask ourselves what could we do to become more self-reflective in our dealings with each other, and the world around us. There is the inclination to see the faults of others near and far and overlook or ignore facts about our errors.

*'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,'* (Lk. 6:42)

As humans, it is uncomfortable to admit our misdeeds, we like to deflect our behavior on others. There are perfect examples in our politics today!! There is the notion that as long there is no immediate repercussion – our faults can be covered and hidden. Truth always surfaces, there is no doubt that in the end truth will dominate, and put the liars to shame. It is necessary to be mindful that in our speech and our concern for the wrong deeds of others, does not supersede the benchmarks used for ourselves.

*"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;*

*then you will see clearly to remove the*

*splinter in your brother's eye."* (Lk. 6:42)

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season, there should be the need for us to be critical of our spiritual life and removing all visual obstructions to have our sights on holding ourselves to a higher standard, than we see around us.

***What is the splinter in your eye?***

**Carnival/Mardi Gras will flow into Ash Wednesday, may we make a strong commitment to remove the things that blind us, and replace them with actions of clear vision.**

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