

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Year

(Is. 50:5-9, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35)

THEME: LET YOUR WORKS MANIFEST YOUR FAITH IN GOD.

God has a special message for us today. He wants us to make our Faith in Him practical in what we do or through our actions.

Jesus wants us to make him present in the world today, through our good works.

St. James, through the second reading today tells us, that, "faith by itself with out good works is dead." (Jam.2:14-18)

It is not enough for one to say, that I am a Christian with out works showing for it. People saw the work Jesus was doing and said, "This man is the Son of God" and believed in Him. People also saw the good deeds and works the apostles were doing and called them Christians (Christ-like), and became their followers (early Christians).

Today we need to show our faith by what we do. People need to see in our daily lives and actions that we are truly sons and daughters of God. We need to show to people through our actions that we are believers in Christ.

The word of God we hear every time, the Eucharist we receive, the church we attend, the prayers we say, all need to bear fruits in our actions. For instance, the Prayer for Vocations we say every weekend, it is not enough to say those prayers, close the book and leave everything here. We need to follow it up by our actions. We need to encourage vocations, we need to talk to our children and explain to them the need for one to serve God as a priest or as a nun. We also need to support and pray for those who are already in it.

True faith in God calls for service to the people. Sacrifice on our side for the good of others.

Again, this weekend is the Parish Ministry Sing-up. This is also a good time for us to show our faith in God by helping out through these ministries in the church.

SIGN-UP today and serve your God and others, as an altar server, Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, etc.

Let us say YES to the invitation to be member of the Choir, Parish Council, Appeal Fund Committee, etc. and manifest our Faith in God, through these services.