

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register.

We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

ANointing of the Sick MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30pm Adoration
6:00pm Mass

CONFessions

Saturday 4:30pm – 4:50pm
Sunday 8:00am – 8:20am
Also by Appointment

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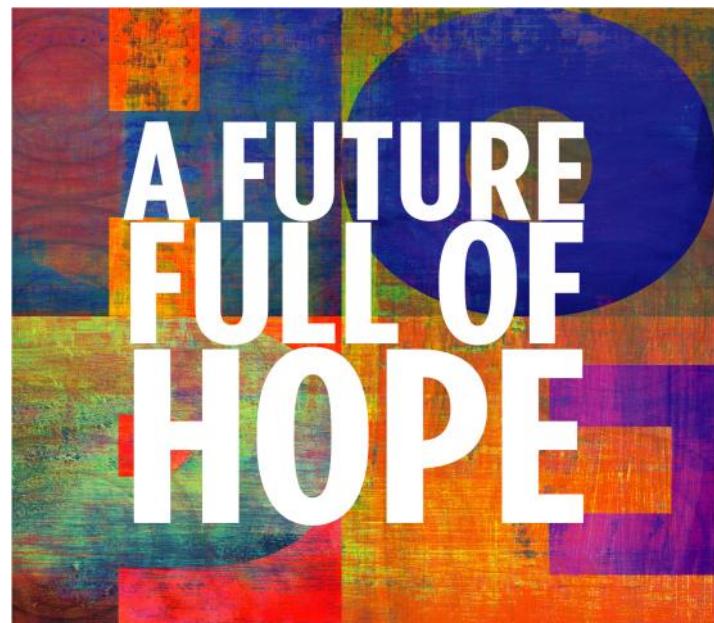
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Sunday Readings 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4: 1-8; James 1: 17-27
Mark 7: 1-23



What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today? Deuteronomy 4: 8

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

Homily by Fr. Peter Doan

All readings today are about the law in different ways. Let's take a look how the bible reverend the law. In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy Moses said to the people of Israel: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers is giving you. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations."

Look at the nations from the ancient world like Babylon, Assyria, Greece, Egypt, Rome. They were great military and political power. How about Israel? Maybe it was great just a short time during the time of king David. Greece was a birthplace of many thinkers. Israel did not have those gifts. What did Israel have though? They have the law, statutes and decrees that God gave to His chosen people. The law, the Torah, was the pride and the joy of Israel.

It seems like the more we reverend something, the more we are surrounded with law. Laws are beautiful that help to protect things that we consider valuable, things that we love. For example, sports are great but they are surrounded with laws. Football is one of the sports that Americans love to watch the most. But it is full of laws in order to protect players. If not, one can get broken bones or even die because of strong physical contacts.

What is the most important thing in life? It is living the moral and spiritual life in harmony with God. There is nothing more important. If a society allows people do whatever they want or live a life whatever they desire, that society would turn into chaos.

Everyone who reverends the life of moral and spiritual welcomes the law that govern it, that teach how to live this life as Saint James said in the second reading today: "Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls."

Sometimes our society gives us a sense that we can do whatever we want because we live in a free country. Free country does not mean a country without laws, without restrictions. That's why saint James said it correctly "humbly welcome the word", not proudly or boastfully welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. This law governs the moral and spiritual life. Let the law of God govern your life. Don't be resist but humbly welcome it. In other words, let it become your second nature just as ancient Israel rejoice and welcome the statutes and decrees of God.

That's the good side of the law. Is there a shadow side of the law? The answer is yes.

Let's take a look at the Gospel today according to Saint Mark. Pharisees "observed that some of Jesus' disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed 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." And Jesus answered them: "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." There is a major distinction here, God's commandment and human tradition. Jesus is the law made flesh. He is God's commandment. Probably, in the beginning those traditions were created with good purposes but in times they became an obstacle. They were beautiful at first because they are meant to structure the people. However, they became overgrown and they did not serve the original purposes.

Many times in life we got fussy with God's law and the Church law because they are opposite with social law and our own law, our own way of thinking. Those times social law and our own law become an obstacle for our moral and spiritual life.

Let's pray that may the wisdom of God guide us so that we are able to distinct between God's law and human's law and have the courage to choose God's law above all other laws.

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