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COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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Today's Good News ~Living with Christ

"For they preach but they do not practice" (Matthew 23:3).

Sometimes I identify with the scribes and Pharisees Jesus refers to in this gospel. I, too, struggle with truly living the things I teach. So today instead of pointing my finger at the ones who do wrong, I am going to ask myself a few questions. Do I ever look askance at those whose opinions differ from mine with no attempt or desire to reflect on their point of view? Do I look with disdain at people who break the rules with no thought of times I have not lived up to the ideals of Jesus? Do I make snide remarks about others when I could be offering them compassion? To all these questions my answer is yes. The truth that I do not fully practice the things I teach others is a disappointment, but this gospel can serve as a wake-up call.

SR. MACRINA WIEDERKEHRM OSB

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: Saint Patrick



- March 25, 2018 - Confirmation
- March 29, 2018 - Holy Thursday
- March 30, 2018 - Good Friday
- March 31, 2018 - Easter Vigil
- April 1, 2018 - EASTER
- April 13-15, 2018 - Fish Fry (Hope for Haiti)
- April 22, 2018 - All Family Faith Day

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.**

Thank you.

Scripture Study

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or ggms@att.net

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

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