



**November 5, 2017 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 151 Gospel MT 23:1-12**

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

**Spiritual Reflection: “**

““The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.” - Ronald Reagan. I have always felt that any leader who tries to force others to do things his ways always has the potential of becoming a bully or a dictator. A true leader motivates people to see that the action that the leader is proposing is ultimately the best option in the current situation and will serve a greater good. How do you inspire others?

**Spiritual Questions**

1. What are some qualities of a good leader?
2. What are some qualities of a bad leader?
3. Was Jesus a good leader?
4. How can you follow Jesus' example of leadership?
5. Where is God calling you to stand up and serve?