

August 16, 2015
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

“The Canticle of the Sun” by St. Francis of Assisi:

*“Be praised, my **Lord**, through all your creatures, especially through my lord **Brother Sun**, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of you, **Most High**, he bears the likeness.”*

*“Be praised, my **Lord**, through **Sister Moon** and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.”*

*“Be praised, my **Lord**, through **Sister Water**; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.”*

*“Be praised, my **Lord**, through our sister **Mother Earth**, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.”*



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, August 9, 2015 was \$3,105.00.

The second collection next Sunday, August 23, 2015 will be to help with our Church Property Insurance.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: As we gather here at **God’s** invitation, we will feast at two tables: the table of **God’s Word** and the table of the **Eucharist**. Wisdom speaks to us in the first reading, inviting us to “advance in the way of understanding”. **Jesus** speaks to us in the Gospel, inviting us to share in his **Body and Blood**. May our prayer today be that we will be nourished by both **God’s Word** and the Eucharist, so that we may go out and do **God’s** will in the world.

In the first reading, Proverbs 9:1-6: **God’s** people receive an invitation to life; they will advance in wisdom and understanding.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 34: **“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord”**

In the second reading, Ephesians 5:15-20: **Paul** calls us to grow in wisdom, we do so by doing what **Jesus** wants us to do and by always thanking **God**.

In the Gospel, John 6:51-58: **Jesus** teaches that in the **Eucharist** his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink.

Today’s Focus; Wise, Not Smart: In our information-driven age, we often mistake for wise those people who are smart or who have much information. Smart people might be good on game shows; wise people are good at life.



Praying with the Word: **Jesus**, you are the Word and Wisdom of **God**: may our sharing in the banquet of your love give us hearts that are open to you and lips that will proclaim your good news. **Amen**.



Question of the Week: How can I let the Eucharist form my life so that I will live more in accord with God’s will?



Pope Frances:

Christian witness is concrete: words without actions are empty.