

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8*

This is a reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people of Israel,

Listen to the laws that I am teaching you.
Obey them and you will have a good life
and will enter the country which your God is giving to you.
You must not add anything to these laws
or take anything away from them.

When you obey these laws,
all the other nations will see that you are wise
and you know what is good.
For no other nation has laws that are as just and fair
as the laws I am teaching you today.

This is the Word of God.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 15*

We will live with you, O God. We will live forever.

Verses:

1. If we speak the truth.
2. If we keep our promise.
3. If we do no wrong.
4. If we do what is right.

(Repeat Response after each Verse.)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus, speak to us.

Give us the words that bring us life.

Alleluia.

Give us the words that bring us life.

GOSPEL: *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Some Pharisees and teachers of the Jewish law came from Galilee to see Jesus.

They had noticed that some of Jesus' disciples ate their food without washing their hands first.

The Jewish law says that the Jews must never eat without washing their hands in a special way.

And when they come home from the market, they always wash in a special way too.

The Jewish people have many other traditions like this which they always follow.

So the Pharisees asked Jesus,

“Why don't your disciples follow the customs and rules of our people? Why do they eat their food with hands that are not clean?”

Jesus said to them,

“You are hypocrites. You are not being really honest.

You don't follow God's laws.

You follow the laws you made up yourselves.”

Then he said to the people,

“Listen to me, all of you, and understand what I am saying.

Nothing outside of you and nothing you eat is bad.

It is the things you do that can make you wrong.

Stealing, murder, selfishness, treating others unjustly,

being jealous, being disrespectful about God, bragging:

all these evil things come from inside a person

and these are the things that are wrong.”

This is the Good News of the Lord.