

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 12, 2023

Gospel: (Matthew 5: 17-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come, not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. Of this much I assure you: until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the law, not the smallest part of a letter, shall be done away with until it all comes true. ...Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God. I tell you, unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God.”*

Reflection:

Holiness demands that we live who we are...our identity and mission cannot be separated. “Doing” who we are—choosing to let our identity express itself in mission—is lived out in feeding the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and clothing the naked. The Bible in all its parts calls us relentlessly for action on behalf of others. This is a staggering demand, bigger than any individual, and so it is truly a corporate mission undertaken by the community of disciples working together. (Living Liturgy, p.5p)

Vincentian Meditation:

Every Christian at every moment is called to holiness. Make no mistake about it. You are proclaiming a message at every moment of the day, even when you are not speaking. Your message must be authentic. It will be so, if you are authentic. Your authenticity as a Christian comes from your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man. Often ask your self: “Could Jesus Christ share what I am going to say or what I am going to do?” If you can reply *yes*, then you are authentic. Holiness can be summed up in the words of Micah (Mi6:8): “God has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”(McCullen, Deep Down Things, p.555)

Discussion: (*Share your thoughts after a moment of silence*)

In our Conference how are we “doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God?”

Closing Prayer:

For the grace to do justice,
 -Loving God, help us to grow in holiness!
For the grace to love kindness,
 -Loving God, help us to grow in holiness!
For the grace to walk humbly with our God,
 -Loving God, help us to grow in holiness!

Amen

