

Weekend of August 28 and August 29

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Introduction

The Jewish people have many different laws and traditions about keeping themselves pure and clean. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the Pharisees that having clean bodies does not give us clean hearts.

Gospel of St. Mark 7:1-8; 14-15;21-23)

Please read the gospel with your family

A reading from the gospel of St. Mark,
One day the Pharisees noticed that some of the disciples of Jesus had not washed properly before eating. It was the Jewish custom to wash up to the elbows before eating, and there were many other rules about washing and cleaning that they strictly obeyed. So they asked Jesus, "Why do you ignore our customs and eat your food with unclean hands?" Jesus answered, "Isaiah was right when he foretold of your hypocrisy! You have made the laws of men more important than the laws of God. Listen to me. It is not what goes into a person that makes them unclean, but what comes out of that person. Ordinary dirt cannot make our hearts and lives unclean. Only wicked words, thoughts and actions can do this because they come from the heart."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Questions for Discussion

Is it a good thing to wash your hands before eating?

Why did the Pharisees complain about Jesus and his disciples?

How did Jesus react to their complaints?

Why did Jesus accuse them of making human laws more important than God's laws?

What did Jesus say about being clean or unclean?

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CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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GOSPEL

God smiles when you say kind words and do good things for others. Say please and thank you. Share your favorite candy bar. Open the door for someone. Sometimes you make mistakes. You might spit out an unkind word. You might hit someone. When you are in bed at night, tell God you are sorry. God will forgive you. Jesus died on the cross so that you can sleep on a pillow of forgiveness.



PRAYER

Lord, help me say good words to everyone I meet.



DRAW

Decorate your pillow of forgiveness, "I Forgive You.
Love, God."

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Intercessions for you to pray together as a family

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to God:

We pray for peace in our world and an end to war and fear,
All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for understanding and acceptance between religions, races and within communities,
All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for people who suffer persecution, hardship or violence of any kind,
All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick in mind or body,
All: Lord hear our prayer

Knowing that our God is listening in the silence of our hearts let us share our own prayers with God,
All: Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God,

As we follow in the footsteps of Christ, keep us faithful to you and forever close to your forgiving love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen