

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2010

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.”

—Jeremiah 17:7

The saying “let go, let God” is a simple one to speak, but can be a very difficult one to practice in our daily lives. It requires a strong faith on our parts to place our lives in the hands of God, for God can seem to be distant and far away, as someone in the distance in a mist that we can only vaguely see. Often, we can be easily distracted by the things of this world, for they are tangible items that we can touch, feel and see. Because they are so easily touched and felt by our senses, we can tend to more readily put our faith in them to sustain us, rather than something spiritual and seemingly distant.

But God is no less real, for by the very presence of Christ in this world, God came and dwelt among us. In many ways, He suffered the same limits of our humanity, and like us, was tempted by the devil to seek the things of this world rather than those brought forth through the Spirit of faith - a trust and hope in God. In this Sunday’s reading from Jeremiah, it speaks of those whose souls will wither away because they lack a faith in the nourishment that comes from the love of God. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, chastises those who have lost belief in the eternal resurrection from the dead, because they have forgotten that through His resurrection Christ gave us hope. Through the Beatitudes, spoken by Christ in our Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus recognizes the difficulties faced by us in this world; He gives us a message and promise of hope that will come from the joyous reward that shall await us in heaven.

Thus, we must commit ourselves in faith to live our lives fully for God, by living each day in a life of love and service to Him and to others in this world. In making this commitment we can “let go, let God,” knowing that we can trust and hope in God and His promise of eternal life with Him in His heavenly kingdom.

Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-8 <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/jeremiah/jeremiah17.htm>

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/psalms/psalm1.htm>

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/1corinthians/1corinthians15.htm#v12>

Luke 6:17, 20-26 <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/luke/luke6.htm#v17>