

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Cycle C**

**FIRST READING**

Lectionary: 84

Sir 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;  
so do one's faults when one speaks.  
As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,  
so in tribulation is the test of the just.  
The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;  
so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind.  
Praise no one before he speaks,  
for it is then that people are tested.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

1Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

*R (cf. 2a) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*  
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High,  
To proclaim your kindness at dawn  
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

*R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*  
The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.  
They that are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

*R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*  
They shall bear fruit even in old age;  
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,  
Declaring how just is the LORD,  
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

*R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*



## Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility  
and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,  
then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,

be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## ALLELUIA

Phil 2:15d, 16a

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*



## GOSPEL

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable,  
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?  
Will not both fall into a pit?  
No disciple is superior to the teacher;  
but when fully trained,  
every disciple will be like his teacher.  
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?  
How can you say to your brother,  
‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’  
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?  
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;  
then you will see clearly  
to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,  
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.  
For every tree is known by its own fruit.  
For people do not pick figs from thornbushes,  
nor do they gather grapes from brambles.  
A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good,  
but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil;  
for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”



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**Readings:** Luke 6:39–45 - Each tree is known by its yield.

Modeling good behavior is one appropriate way for children to participate in the mission of leading others to Jesus. Support children in understanding that Jesus teaches us to focus on our own behavior rather than focusing our attention on judging others.

**Materials Needed:**

- Copies of the Peace Prayer
- Preparation for Sunday Scripture Readings

**Opening Prayer:**

Jesus, you tell us in the Bible to treat others as we want to be treated. Open our ears now to listen to your Word that teaches us how to love and respect others, even when it is hard. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Have children point their finger. Point your finger straight ahead and then turn your hand to the right to reveal the three fingers against your palm. Invite children to do the same. Say: There is a saying that when we point our finger at others, we have three fingers pointing back at ourselves. We don't notice the three fingers because they're hidden. The saying warns us about making judgments about others. Ask: What do you think it means? (When we judge others, we are not noticing the behaviors we need to work on ourselves.)

**Say:** In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us how to be a good disciple. Listen carefully to this Gospel. Invite volunteers to read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:27–38.

**Ask:** What does Jesus say we should do before we remove the splinter in our brother's eye? (Remove the wooden beam from our eye.) Say: A wooden beam is much bigger than a splinter. Just like the saying about pointing our finger, Jesus is calling attention to the fact that if we focus our attention on other's faults, we do not notice our own. He calls us to examine our conscience and act as he would have us act rather than focusing on what others are doing.

**Say:** We are good disciples when we model Christian love and make good, moral choices. When we



see someone do something that we think is wrong, we do not have to participate. We can be a positive influence by showing a different way to act. Ask: Can you think of some examples? (Accept all reasonable answers, such as “If we see someone excluding another child, we can include the child and be kind to him or her.”)

Distribute the Peace Prayer. Pray the prayer aloud together.

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