

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: + AM 6:1A, 4-7 + PS 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 + 1 TM 6:11-16 + LK 16:19-31

Woe to the complacent in Zion!

It is hard not to be complacent sometimes. I know that I want things to run smoothly and I want time to relax and enjoy. Often, I can forget that there is real trouble going on for those who can't relax and enjoy. We can all list the things that disturb us from the nightly news. We can all list what disturbs us from looking at pictures of suffering children and wounded adults. Sometimes we just want to turn it all off and make it go away.

Today's scripture says that we cannot turn it off. If we are reflective and prayerful, we have to do something as best we can. Sisters and Associates are trying to improve situations for many through their ministries, work, neighborhoods, families, and parishes. Let's not be complacent and turn things off. Our faith in Jesus calls us to be his disciples doing "ordinary things in extraordinary ways" as Mother Teresa often said! We thank God for all who are working for change and improvements for people locally and globally and ask for the wisdom and grace to speak the truth.

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