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Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

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Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month. (Please check with parish office for current schedule) Must be active, registered member of parish family. Contact the Parish Office

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Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

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FROM FR. TOM'S DESK

Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time:

Patricia Sanchez, *Celebration*

The Marcan Jesus today confronts those whose piety is comprised of pride in their own accomplishments and those whose purity is only skin-deep. But as we hear this Gospel, we are not to look at these Pharisees and scribes in the story, but at ourselves. It is to *us* that the words speak; it is to us that the term “hypocrite” applies.

Etymologically, the term is derived from the Greek *hypocrites*, which means “an actor,” “a dissembler,” “someone with skills at displaying a counterfeit persona.” This term comes to life in us whenever we say one thing and do another, or when our words are not truthfully translated into our deeds. In today’s second reading, James says that those who welcome God’s word as a gift and nurture its truth will find the grace and the strength to overcome the dichotomy between word and deed that results in hypocrisy.

In a speech to Moses, the Deuteronomist (first reading) urges believers to take the statutes and decrees of God as their norm and guide. These are the sources of life; to embrace God’s word, with its demands for truth, justice, mercy, and fidelity, is to live authentically. God’s word permits no hypocrisy of dissembling. Those who live by it are to guard against cultivating a counterfeit persona.

God’s Law (Deuteronomy 4): *Celebration*

Moses begins this section of his discourse with a formal command that the people listen to what he is about to proclaim. That command was no toss-off phrase or warm-up to what he was about to say. Moses wanted his people to listen to his words as if their lives depended on it—because he believed that they did. Moses regarded the law of God as the very source of life and identity for his people. He wanted them to listen with their whole heart and soul.

Moses’ command that the people listen deeply reminds us of the call Samuel. When Samuel said “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:9), he put himself in God’s hands. Listening meant that he was ready to do whatever God asked. People who listen in that way allow God’s word to permeate their being such that it becomes the central motivation of everything they do. Listening like this engenders obedience rooted in the heart. (The word *obedience* comes from the Latin root *audire*, to hear. The law calls for obedience that springs from the heart rather than mechanical conformity to a code of conduct.

Hear and Do (James 1): *Celebration*

Some among James’ contemporaries had exaggerated Paul’s teaching on the law and insisted that law had no value or role within the church. These reactionaries believed that the law and its precepts negated the freedom Jesus won for sinners through his saving death. In an effort to address the confusion regarding Paul’s ideas, James chose to accent instead the practical and obligatory challenges of the Gospel, calling it the “perfect law of freedom” (James 1:25).

Unlike the extreme Pauline enthusiasts who negated the value of works and preached of salvation by faith alone, James understood that works are a necessary expression of a lively faith. All through the month of September, James will offer practical advice to believers, all of which can be summed up in verse 22 of today’s reading: “Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.”

Ritual Purity (Mark 7):

Celebration

In his response to those who criticized his disciples, Jesus drew upon the support of Isiah, who also pointed out hypocrisy where he saw it. In the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures, Isaiah 29:13 reads: “They teach as if dogmas were human precepts.” The argument here is significant. Human traditions cannot supersede the precepts of God’s law. Nor can mere external activities, like hand washing, truly purify a person.

No amount of external cleansing can purify a person from the list of vices Jesus cites in verses 21-23. Only transformation from within can make a person clean and pure, and that transformation represents the human response to God’s call to grow, repent and surrender to God’s ways.

Proper Focus: Karen Johnson, *Celebration*

Jesus teaches us that if we focus on loving God, all will be well with our hearts and our souls. How do we love God? First we must listen to the spirit within and ignore outside influences. To do this we must spend time in prayer and contemplation, and we must remain consistent in our practice. From this practice, all else will flow. God will bless us, sending us grace from above. We will become certain of God’s love for us and become a more humble and trusting people. Our Human hearts, so easily filled with avarice, slander and pride, will slowly be cleansed. Divine relationship is what the human heart most craves; everything else we seek pales by comparison. Once we truly enter this relationship we will learn how to love.

The road Jesus asks us to walk today is not an easy one. He asks us to spend our lives loving God rather than avoiding sin. Avoiding sin helps us to keep up appearances, while loving God demands that we stay faithful to a dynamic, ongoing relationship. Which path will you choose?

Attentive Listening: Jessica Mannen Kimmet, *The Liturgical Press*

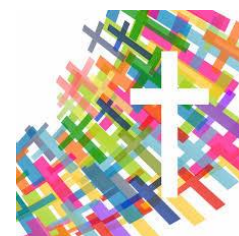
To listen is to give the gift of our attention. It is a precious gift in a world that is constantly jostling to cash in on it. Social media, especially, is designed to occupy our awareness. It’s often free for our use but is funded by advertisers who are paying specifically for our eyes and ears to fall on their wares. Our attention is splintered and fragmented and is thus often distracted from those things we know are most important. To sit in wholehearted attention to *anything* is a gift to ourselves. To direct this attention to another person is a gift to them, as well.

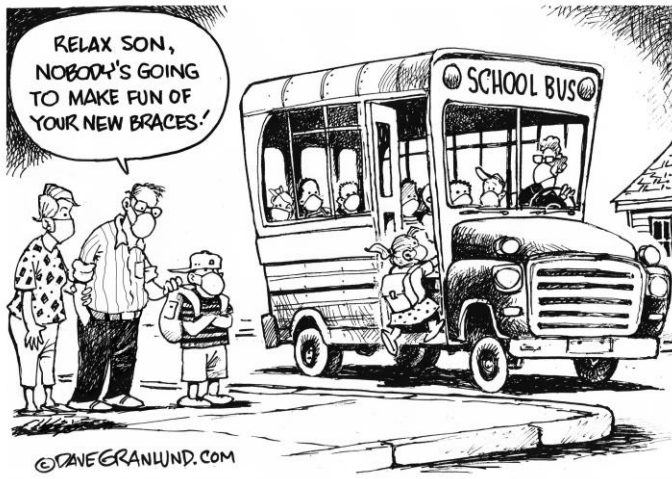
The root of the word attention means “to stretch” and to someone or something literally means to stretch toward it. When we attend to someone we pay heed to them, letting ourselves become pliable, stretching, and softening in response to their needs. There’s even a sense of being subject to them, as with a king or queen’s attendants. When we attend to someone, we enter fully into care for them.

This sort of attention changes us. We can’t truly listen to someone else’s story and expect the same. It is no coincidence that *attention* shares its root with *tenderness*. Tending to God’s word and tending to a sick relative are alike in that each makes us more tender, turning our hearts into fertile soil to welcome both God and those people who need care here on earth.

In short, listening shapes us. Whether we are listening to God’s word or listening to a beloved person, listening changes us. It forms us for relationship, for justice, and for our ongoing growth in God’s life and love.

*Help me, Lord,
listen to your word*





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