



Children's Liturgy of the Word

August 29th, 2021

READINGS

Listen to the readings shared in our Children's Liturgy of the Word video.
Read them again and listen carefully!

1st Reading: [Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8](#)

Psalm: *The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*

2nd Reading: [Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27](#)

Gospel Reading: [Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

CLOW Gospel Overview

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, we hear about the Pharisees and how they had questioned the practices of Jesus' disciples. In Jesus' time, it was custom to wash hands before eating. We do this too, because we know that washing hands before eating a meal is a good and healthy habit. While we wash our hands for a practical reason (being healthy and avoiding the spread of germs), the Pharisees were not washing for practical reasons, but as a sign of their goodness and purity. They were concerned with outward practices. And so they questioned Jesus' followers, who had not obeyed the strict rules about washing. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we too can become overly concerned with our external practices and sometimes we think that those external practices will help us become closer to God. Though in reality, they can sometimes be a barrier between us and God. Each day we are called to open our hearts to God and to the people we meet. This week, try just a little bit more to love all of the people that you meet.

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Click the links below for ideas and ways that you can celebrate this day at home!

[The Kids Bulletin: August 29th, 2021](#)

[Loyola Press: August Craft](#)