

10TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 9, 2024

As we move into Ordinary Time of the Liturgical year, which encompasses the majority of the year and having celebrated the high holy days, we delve into the daily and concrete reality of our journey on this earth, where faith and life mix to colour and guide our journey.

In today's readings, especially the Gospel passage from Mark, we hear the controversy that Jesus faced with family, religious authorities about some of the difficulties that He had with them. As a very capable teacher able to challenge, comfort and open up Scriptures, Jesus ruffled feathers as He invited people to see things in a new and surprising manner. He invited them to venture forward with confidence, trusting in their intuition and heart, grasping the depth of the mystery of God's actions and presence in their lives.

The religious authorities found Jesus to be a little too open and too comfortable with sinners; His mercy and understanding they found threatening and disturbing. Through generations our ancestors have struggled to understand and to rejoice in the compassion and mercy of God. At various times in our history, we have grown to perceive and apply new insights to our lives with the gift of the Spirit.

'Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.' (2 Corinthians)

Pope Francis invites us to welcome and to be open to all people.

'Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother. (Mark 3.35)

Rejoice in the love of God! Fr. Don