



Daily Reflections

May 25, 2018

Scripture

James 5: 9-12

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.

Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.

Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Indeed we call blessed those who have persevered.

You have heard of the perseverance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord,

because the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

But above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath,

but let your "Yes" mean "Yes" and your "No" mean "No," that you may not incur condemnation.

Our Scripture Reflection

Every person who is campaigning for political office should be required to take an oath to live by the words of James. James is concerned about the unity of the Body of Christ, the Church, due to lies, slander, gossip and wishy-washy speech. To ensure peace and unity within the community, all speech must be rooted in Truth and expressed with kindness and humility.

Food for your Journey

The bucket of the mouth reveals what is in the well of the heart.

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon, passed on to us by pastor Keith Wise.

A Prayer from the Heart

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.