

## 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

### 1st. Reading (Sir 27,4-7)

When a sieve is shaken the dirt falls through; so, too, the defects of a man are seen when he begins to speak. The kiln tests the potter's handiwork; a man is tested by his conversation. A well-tended tree is shown by its fruits so a man's feelings can be detected in what he says. Praise no one before he has spoken, since this is the acid test.

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 92)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your grace in the morning,  
to declare your faithfulness at night,

The virtuous will flourish like palm trees,  
they will thrive like the cedars of Lebanon.  
Planted in the house of the Lord,  
they will prosper in the courts of our God.

In old age they will still bear fruit  
they will stay fresh and green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is upright,  
"He is my Rock," they say, "he never fails."

**2nd. Reading (1Cor 15,54-58)**

When our perishable being puts on imperishable life, when our mortal being puts on immortality, the word of Scripture will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up by victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Sin is the sting of death to kill, and the Law is what gives force to sin. But give thanks to God who gives us the victory through Christ Jesus, our Lord. So then, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast and do not be moved. Improve constantly in the work of the Lord, knowing that with him your labor is not without fruit.

**Gospel (Lk 6,39-45)**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: "Can a blind person lead another blind person? Surely both will fall into a ditch. A disciple is not above the master; but when fully trained, he will be like the master. So why do you pay attention to the speck in your brother's eye while you have a log in your eye and are not conscious of it? How can you say to your neighbour: 'Friend, let me take this speck out of your eye,' when you can't remove the log in your own? You hypocrite! First remove the log from your own eye and then you will see clearly enough to remove the speck from your neighbour's eye. No healthy tree bears bad fruit, no poor tree bears good fruit. And each tree is known by the fruit it bears: you don't gather figs from thorns, or grapes from brambles. Similarly the good person draws good things from the good stored in the heart, and an evil person draws evil things from the evil stored in the heart. For the mouth speaks from the fullness of the heart.