

*St. Philip the Apostle*  
Roman Catholic Church

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

-- Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

***Fr. Sherdel's Morning Mass Intention: Fr. John Kemper***

**First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16**

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God. Among men, who knows what pertains to the man except his spirit that is within? Similarly, no one knows what pertains to God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God. And we speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom, but with words taught by the Spirit, describing spiritual realities in spiritual terms.

Now the natural man does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually. The one who is spiritual, however, can judge everything but is not subject to judgment by anyone.

For "who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to counsel him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-14**

***The Lord is just in all his ways.***

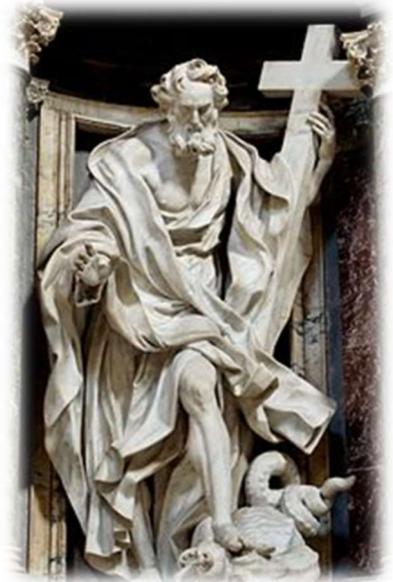
The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works. ***R/.***

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom  
and speak of your might. ***R/.***

Making known to men your might  
and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.  
Your Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages,  
and your dominion endures through all generations. ***R/.***

The Lord is faithful in all his words



and holy in all his works.

The Lord lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down. *R/.*

### **Gospel: Luke 4:31-37**

Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee. He taught them on the sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out in a loud voice, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Be quiet! Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down in front of them and came out of him without doing him any harm. They were all amazed and said to one another, "What is there about his word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." And news of him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

### **Reflection**

*We speak . . . with words taught by the Spirit.* (1 Corinthians 2:13)

Paul was a well-educated man. Born in the cosmopolitan city of Tarsus, he was exposed to Greek philosophy at an early age. Then, "at the feet of Gamaliel" — one of the most celebrated rabbis of the time — he was "educated strictly in [the] ancestral law and was zealous for God" (Acts 22:3).

But after Jesus revealed himself to Paul on the road to Damascus, the words of the prophets he had studied took on new meaning. He realized that Jesus was the fulfillment of all they had written. Not only did Paul grasp the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection, but through his letters he interpreted these events in a way that has become the theological foundation of our faith.

This is amazing. Though Paul was obviously brilliant, we can't attribute his masterful writings to his human intellect and knowledge of his faith alone. He truly spoke with words that were taught to him by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:13).

We live in a time when human learning is valued more than ever — and for good reason. God gave us our reason and intellect, and he wants us to use them. But he also wants to build on our natural wisdom with his own wisdom and revelation — and he does that through the Holy Spirit.

What does this look like? As you are trying to understand a Scripture passage, you might consult a commentary. But then you could also pray for deeper insight into what the author meant. Or what if you are trying to explain a difficult Church teaching to someone? Learn as much as you can, but also keep asking the Holy Spirit to give you the words to say to that person.

God doesn't reserve his wisdom just for his saints and apostles. He wants all of us to ask for it — and to believe that he will give it to us!

*Holy Spirit, fill me with your heavenly wisdom!*

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.