

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year -A

06 September 2026

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

‘If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.’

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts.’*

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts.’*

O come; let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his
hand.

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts.’*

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.’

*O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts.’*

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

‘Love is the fulfilling of the law.’

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything,
except to love each other. For the one who
loves another has fulfilled the law. For the
commandments, ‘You shall not commit
adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not
steal, You shall not covet’, and any other
commandment, are summed up in this word:
‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’
Love does no wrong to a neighbour;
therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20*

'If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,
in your mercy you give to your
people every good gift.
We turn to you in faith,
asking that you bless our
Archdiocese with vocations
to the priesthood and religious life.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to help young men and women
hear your call and respond
with joyful hearts.
Bless our young people with
the gift of courage to respond
to your call.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.