

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time Of The Year

(Wisdom 11.22-12.2, 2Thessalonians 1.11-22, Luke 19.1-10)

Theme: Be An Agent Of God's Love And Mercy

Beloved in Christ Jesus: The readings of this Sunday reminds us again how blessed we are to have God as our Father. The first reading today from the Book of Wisdom reveals to us how abundant God's mercy and love are towards us His children. The Book of Wisdom says, "But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook people's sins, so that they may repent." (Wisdom 11:23) This goes on to tell us how compassionate God's heart is towards us. He is not there watching us to strike us down or punish us anytime we sin or make mistakes. Rather, He always looks at us with mercy and is ready to forgive us. Often and on, we keep sinning after promising God that we shall not sin or offend Him again. But still God gives an unending second chance to repent and reconcile with Him again.

As God is showing us mercy and forgiving us, He is teaching us to do the same to others. God wants us to share His mercy and forgiveness with those around us. This is a challenge God is giving to us, His sons and daughters. This is what makes us Christians and children of God: The ability to keep showing mercy and forgiving those who hurt us. This is one of the secrets of being happy and peaceful always. Always forgiving and showing mercy to others. That heart of "*let go*". The heart of "*little children*".

The book of Wisdom goes on to say, "Lord, you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you hated it," (Wisdom 11:24). By this, God is telling us again that, He loves us, He loves our marriages, He is in love with our families. God does not hate us or our families, for we all are the work of His hand. For God cannot hate anything He created. Always tell yourself, "*I am special before God, He loves me, for I am the work of His hand. Even if no body loves me, I know that God loves me and He is always there for me. He wants me to share His love with others.*"

Dear friends in Christ Jesus, with God as our merciful and loving Father, let us allow Him to be our JOY, our PEACE, our STRENGTH, our COMFORTER and our PRIDE. Let us continue to be agents of God's love to the world.