

Readings: Saturday, Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Tim 1:15-17

Beloved:

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Of these I am the foremost.

But for that reason I was mercifully treated,

so that in me, as the foremost,

Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example
for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life.

To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God,
honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7

R (2) Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD

both now and forever.

R./ Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

From the rising to the setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD to be praised.

High above all nations is the LORD;

above the heavens is his glory.

R./ Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Who is like the LORD, our God,

and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

He raises up the lowly from the dust;

from the dunghill he lifts up the poor.

R./ Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

Gospel Reading: Lk 6:43-49

Jesus said to the crowd, "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.

Why do you call me: 'Lord! Lord!' and not do what I say? I will show you what the one who comes to me and listens to my words and acts accordingly, is like. That one is like the builder who dug deep and laid the foundations of his house on rock. The river overflowed and the stream dashed against the house, but could not carry it off because the house had been well built.

But the one who listens and does not act, is like a man who built his house on the ground without a foundation. The flood burst against it, and the house fell at once: and what a terrible disaster that was!"
