

“Every tree is known by its fruit”



Jesus says in today's gospel: “We see the speck in another's eye, but we don't see the log in our own.” And notice the difference, a speck compared to a log. A little fault compared with a really big one. Why are we like that? Is it because we are naturally jealous? Or envious? Or basically negative and critical? And we have lived with our own faults for so many years that we have grown accustomed to them, or perhaps have never known that we had the problem?

Christian living requires work, lots of sacrifice, discipline and love. It takes heroic love to make real the Beatitudes in our relationships. It's not really easy to be poor, to be merciful, to be meek, to be peacemakers, to hunger and thirst for

justice. It takes a lot of courage to be persecuted and ridiculed and mocked for being authentic Christians, for being Christ like.

This is how we become be a sign to all outsiders observing us of radical inclusiveness, where all were equal regardless of social and economic standing.

Soon we will begin again the Lenten journey to our baptismal waters for renewal. We will commit ourselves again to our journey in community with Christ and each other.

This will be a time of important reflection and recommitment. Like Luke's community, we continually need to hear again the instructions of the Teacher. This should be our goal during Lent; this is our hope at each Eucharist

shared together - that we will have our hearts and minds shaped by the Lord so that we can become more and more like him.



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