

Second Hand Preacher

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2017

Romans 5:12-15

Sin is a popular topic. I think many people do not take it seriously. Like everything, we can be justified one way or another that there is no sin. I believe sin does exist. Every time we turn away from God in both large and small ways sin occurs. What is really great is that there is mercy. When we commit sins they can be forgiven. We must seek forgiveness from others and from God. Many sins are wiped away by the power of the Eucharist. In the penitential rite in the beginning of Mass, we are asked to recall our sins. In the Eucharistic prayer, those smaller sins are freely forgiven. At times we might have larger sins or we may have a habit of many small sins in one particular area and have the need for sacramental reconciliation. This should be done with a priest on a regular basis. The Church asks that you do it once a year, but more frequent use can build virtue and let us peer more closely into our souls so we can receive more grace.

St. Paul talks about the origin of sin which was Adam. He helped bring sin into the world. Moses brought God's law into the picture and this helped in the struggle. Now the real victory has occurred. Jesus Christ reigns over sin and death. Jesus is the new Adam and he is the one who died for our sin. He has the power to forgive us. We just need to look to him. Like the Romans, we too struggle with forgiveness. We too know that God's grace is to be spread throughout the world.