

Second Hand Preacher

1st Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

Romans 10:8-13

Scripture is the backbone of the Mass. The liturgy of the Word highlights first the Old Testament, which is the revelation of God before the birth of our Savior. This Word leads us to Jesus. He is foretold to be the Holy one who has come to redeem us. The Old Testament is the scripture that Jesus and St. Paul would have used.

We then hear from one of the New Testament readings that is often the product of St. Paul. Today we read the letter to the Romans. It tells us of the power of the Word and how important it is to us. He wants to make sure the Christians in Rome are sharing the Word of God with everyone. Both Jew and Greek can benefit from all that God has inspired.

We believe that the letter to the Romans was the first letter that was read universally. After it inspired the Romans, it was sent out to all Christians. This was done with other letters until a canon was formed. We believe that Paul and the other New Testament writers were inspired to tell of Jesus and the early Church in order to draw disciples together. We are those believers as well. The Bible is timeless. God has given us scholars to interpret this great work. Many have written and preached about this holy Word. Actually, anytime we read sacred scripture we are interpreting this powerful Word. It speaks to us in many ways. Every time I read scripture I am moved and many times it says different things to me. I am not inspired like the original authors, but I do believe God uses me to help others grow stronger in their faith. Try to read the Word on your own. Start with the readings for the next Sunday. That way when you come to Mass it will be a review and one can totally focus on the homily. Hopefully it can help all of us grow.