



## *Reflection from Fr. Mike*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION 7-19-20

In the Scripture readings this Sunday, we hear the call for justice and discipleship in our lives. The Book of Wisdom reminds us, "Those who are just, must be kind." In the midst of all the uncertainty and anxiety today, how we maneuver through the pandemic is important. When so many choose not to be safe and healthy, we still have to remember to be kind and compassionate. That's tough when people deliberately do not wear masks or are not respectful and caring of others. It is difficult to see our nation so torn apart by injustice and racial equality. As disciples, we are called to be faithful to Jesus' message to treat others as we would Christ.

In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul reminds us, "For we do not know how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit intercedes for us." In our country we, unfortunately, have many examples of behavior that cannot be tolerated. In order to bring about change in how we treat each other, we are called to live by the Gospel message and to be reminded that God is always at work within us.

We have a community of folks here at St. James who support one another by living out the values of kindness, justice and compassion. May we continue to be faithful and realize God's Kingdom is among us already.

*Peace, Fr. Mike*