



Reflection from Sr. Cele Breen, SCL

“We must show our faith by the way we act.” This is one writer’s summary of today’s 2nd reading from the letter of James. Others are similar: “Practice what you preach”; “Don’t just talk the talk, walk the walk”. On the block where I grew up you might have heard the neighborhood kids say, “Put up or shut up”. James puts it a little more delicately, “Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves”.

Though it is coincidence that we hear this passage from the letter of James on the day we celebrate 115 years as St. James parish, it is worth our attention. Imagine how many people over these years did something besides talking about it. How many showed up when needed? Showed up not just for each other but for the mission we share with Jesus. We rejoice today that it is still happening before our eyes today!

The last two words of the phrase from James, “deluding yourselves”, are bothersome. Bothersome is good when it comes to the word of God. Let us pray today that we might be bothered by what is important, the mission stuff, and do something as well as talk about it.

*~ Peace,
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