**Note: Please leave this on the ambo, thanks.**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C**

**Introduction**

Good morning / evening we welcome our parishioners to Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill/Schofields Parish.

In today’s parable, Jesus reminds his disciples about the right conduct toward recognizing the faults of others. Jesus does not prohibit correcting those who error are in a sinful state.

The governing thought of Jesus is that passing judgment should be done in the spirit of prayer, great humility, compassion, and love. Hypocrites are concerned only with the splinter of one’s eye and do not recognize their own self-blinding plank.

Do we humbly recognize our sins and errors?

Do we pass judgment with arrogance and pride?

Our Mass will be celebrated today by:

Please stand and join in singing the Entrance Hymn.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING   Sir 27:4-7**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,

so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,

the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,

similarly a man’s words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,

since this is the test of men.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**

***(R.)* Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord

to make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning

and your truth in the watches of the night. *(R.)*

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree

and grow like a [Lebanon](http://liturgyhelp.com.au/resource_file/wav/Lebanon.mp3) cedar. *(R.)*

3. Planted in the house of the Lord

they will flourish in the courts of our God,

still bearing fruit when they are old,

still full of sap, still green,

to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *(R.)*

**SECOND READING   1 Cor 15:54-58**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when

this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture

will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is

your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is

sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for

giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on

working at the Lord’s work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you

cannot be labouring in vain.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL  Lk 6:39-45**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, ‘Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother’s eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,” when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.

‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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**GENERAL INTERCESSION**

**Priest**: — Let us pray to our heavenly Father that we may see his Son Jesus among sinners and look upon them with mercy and compassion.

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May the Holy Father Francis, bishops, priests, and all Church leaders see their ministry not as superior over anyone but as servants who walk humbly with sinners and listen to them.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May those who govern our country become conscious of their role as stewards of God’s people who encourage their constituents to recognize their potentials and talents for the betterment of the country.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May all of us live patiently with each other’s imperfections, and may we not keep a list of faults and failures of others.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May all of us live patiently with each other’s imperfections, and may we not keep a list of faults and failures of others.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for people who have been abused whether physically, mentally, emotionally or sexually that the Lord of all tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace.

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** May medical and health care professionals and social workers ease the pain and burden of the sick, the handicapped, the elderly, the depressed, and those who are undergoing crises in their relationships.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** For those who have died. In particular those mention in our parish bulletin. May God’s merciful love shine on them and their loved ones left behind.

We pray:

**R — Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** **Together we now pray the Prayer for the Parish Community.**

**All: God, our Father, bless this parish Mary Immaculate so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be good examples to the children and our youth to grow in love and strength as good Christians.**

**Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow joy.**

**May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.**

**Priest:** Merciful Father, listen to your people’s prayer. May these petitions help us tread the path of holiness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.