

DAILY REFLECTION

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Tuesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

First Reading: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13

Psalms: Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

Gospel: Luke 8:19-21

For the full Scripture readings for today, please visit the **My Parish App** and take time to pray with the Word of God.

Hearing the Word and Living It

"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Is Jesus dismissing His mother? No. He is honoring what made Mary truly great. Mary's greatness was not simply that she gave birth to Jesus. Her greatness was that she heard God's word and said yes. She listened, believed, and acted.

That same theme runs through the first reading from Proverbs. We are reminded that God does not judge by appearances or simply by what we think of ourselves. What matters is a heart that listens to God's word and puts it into practice. Proverbs reminds us that doing what is right and just is more pleasing to God than sacrifice.

The Psalm gives us a prayer for this kind of life: "Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands." We need more than knowledge. We need discernment, humility, and the grace to walk in God's ways.

God speaks to us through Scripture, through prayer, and sometimes through the people He places in our lives. The question is whether we allow His word to change us. Does listening to God make us more patient, more honest, and more compassionate? Do we hear the cry of those who are in need? Do we choose what is right even when doing so is inconvenient?

The family of Jesus is formed not by blood, status, or achievement, but by obedience born of faith. Every time we hear God's word and put it into practice, we draw closer to Christ and become more fully members of His family.

Questions for Prayer and Reflection

1. Where might God be asking me to listen more carefully to His word today?
 2. Is there something I know God is calling me to do, but I have been hesitant to act on it?
 3. How is my faith shaping the way I treat other people, especially those who are struggling or in need?
 4. When doing what is right becomes inconvenient, what helps me remain faithful?
 5. What is one concrete way I can put God's word into practice today?
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