

From the Pastor's Office

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The other day I got a message from staff “complaining” about another member of staff. After careful consultation staff #1 never said that. She said something else. People pass on messages and they become interpretations of the original message, and that causes trouble. God says that people were complaining about Sodom and Gomorrah. Something needs to be done about it. God said, “I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me.” Isn’t it amazing how God and I agree on everything. Time to negotiate. Abraham makes his case for Sodom and Gomorrah. I get it, the city is full of not nice people. But think about all those nice people doing the best they can, what about those? God reveals Himself to Abraham, and to us, that He is a nice man. He is reasonable. We appreciate that. The great question of the disciples is they ask Jesus to teach them to pray. We all have our own ways of praying. Some of us just babble, we can’t shut up. Maybe I am the neurotic who prays to God. At some point in the conversation, I need to shut up and let God say something back to me. I suspect in times of worry and panic we are all neurotics before God. Do I trust that God will hear my prayer? I am sure He will. What will the outcome be, only God knows the answer to that. But, we keep on praying.



With love,
Fr. Pat