

From the Pastor's Office

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Poor the Prophet Jeremiah. They called him “the reluctant Prophet.” So would you be when you consider the life he lived as a prophet. The Royal court of that time was completely corrupted. People were grasping power all over the place. God called Jeremiah, against his will, to go to the Royal Court and speak God’s words to the King. Naturally, the corrupted King didn’t want to know about it, so he ordered that Jeremiah be punished to death. Basically they threw him down a well to die. No mercy. Thank God for Ebed-Melech the court official. At least he had a grain of compassion. He pleaded with the King to be merciful to Jeremiah. Jeremiah had no food or water. He would die down there. Eventually the King relented and set Jeremiah free. Paul says in his letter today that we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Ebed was one of those for Jeremiah. The world can be cold-hearted. The world can forget very easily when we are in trouble and we need help. There are people out there and their sixth sense tells them that I am in trouble and I need help. These are my guardian angels and I thank God for them. Jesus sounds pretty mad in the gospel today. No wonder they condemned Him to death. He invited his followers to become cannibals eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Now He wants to wage war on the world. He wants everyone to die. He wants families to turn against each other. This can’t be true, because we have seen other aspects of Jesus. We saw Him sitting with the woman at the well, how compassionate He was. We saw Him curing the paralyzed man. How many blind people did he cure? We know that the way of Jesus was to be peace loving, peace giving. So, what on earth Jesus!? What are you telling us? Jesus calls us to repentance. It is time to make changes. Enough with hating the whole world. It is time for us to fix our world. There is plenty of hatred going about. Prophets of doom exist everywhere. It is time for all of us to roll up our sleeves and get in there and help. Your world needs you!!



With love,
Fr. Pat