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24 FRIDAY

FRIDAY, 29th WEEK of YEAR

Romans 7: 18-25  
Ps 118: 66,68,76,77,93,94  
Luke 12: 54-59

Compared with our ancestors, or even our grandparents and parents, we have so much more knowledge and information available to us today. There has been an information explosion. But are we any wiser ? Can we understand any better ? In the more simple times in which He lived, Jesus remarked how people could “read” the sky and the wind to know what weather to expect, but were not able to “read” the events happening around them, and so understand God’s action in the world. We think we know so much, about our world, about other people: but do we know what is for our own good ? We can be so sure about what other people should or should not be doing, but do we know how to act rightly and justly and prudently ourselves ? The phrase Jesus used, about ‘interpreting the times’, became a popular ‘buzz-word’ in the Church during and after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council 40 years ago. Have we Christians really learnt to “read” our world of today, including our personal worlds ? What is the Lord saying to us, asking of us, both personally and as a community of brothers and sisters, through the events of daily life and what’s happening in our city, country and world ? To find what is the will of God for myself, I need to engage my Christian freedom. There is no single “correct” Christian viewpoint about how to act socially. Yet we have an obligation to seek for justice, for peace, for truth, for well-being and for salvation not merely for ourselves but for everyone. Let me at least start with those nearest to me, in family, at work and in civil society. Lord, open my eyes and ears to “read” the signs, and be wise in Your ways.

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