

Faith First Reflection
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Who do you belong to?

We are living in an age when there are constant demands on us and sometimes it is very hard to stay focused on what is really important and who we give our time towards pleasing. Who do we belong to and where do we want to end up? Our second reading this Sunday is from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and it brought to mind the old saying "we live in this world, but are not of this world". Our world is constantly changing...things that were one time taboo subjects are no longer taboo. We see horrible things happening on television, but now it's on the news and not part of a new drama series. However there is one thing that hasn't changed and never will...Christ is our Savior! We belong to HIM! We make choices every day that can show others who we belong to. Don't be afraid to, and certainly, don't be ashamed to let others witness you belonging to Christ!

So how do we do this? Perhaps we find ways to spend a little more time with God each day. Or maybe we step out of our comfort zone and find ways to volunteer at church or with other charitable groups. Choose to change the TV or radio channel if you are seeing or hearing things that don't honor God. Be less judgmental. Go out of your way to make someone's life a little easier...especially if it's for someone you don't already know or love! Be like the apostles that Jesus calls to in the Gospel from St. Matthew this Sunday...drop your nets and follow Him, belong to Him!

In closing, there is a beautiful song by Victoria and Trevor Thompson that we sing from time to time during mass. As you read through the fourth verse below, ponder the words...but more importantly, practice living the words!

*We are called to share your word, Lord,
In all we say and all we do.
As our journey moves us onward,
We belong to You.*