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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

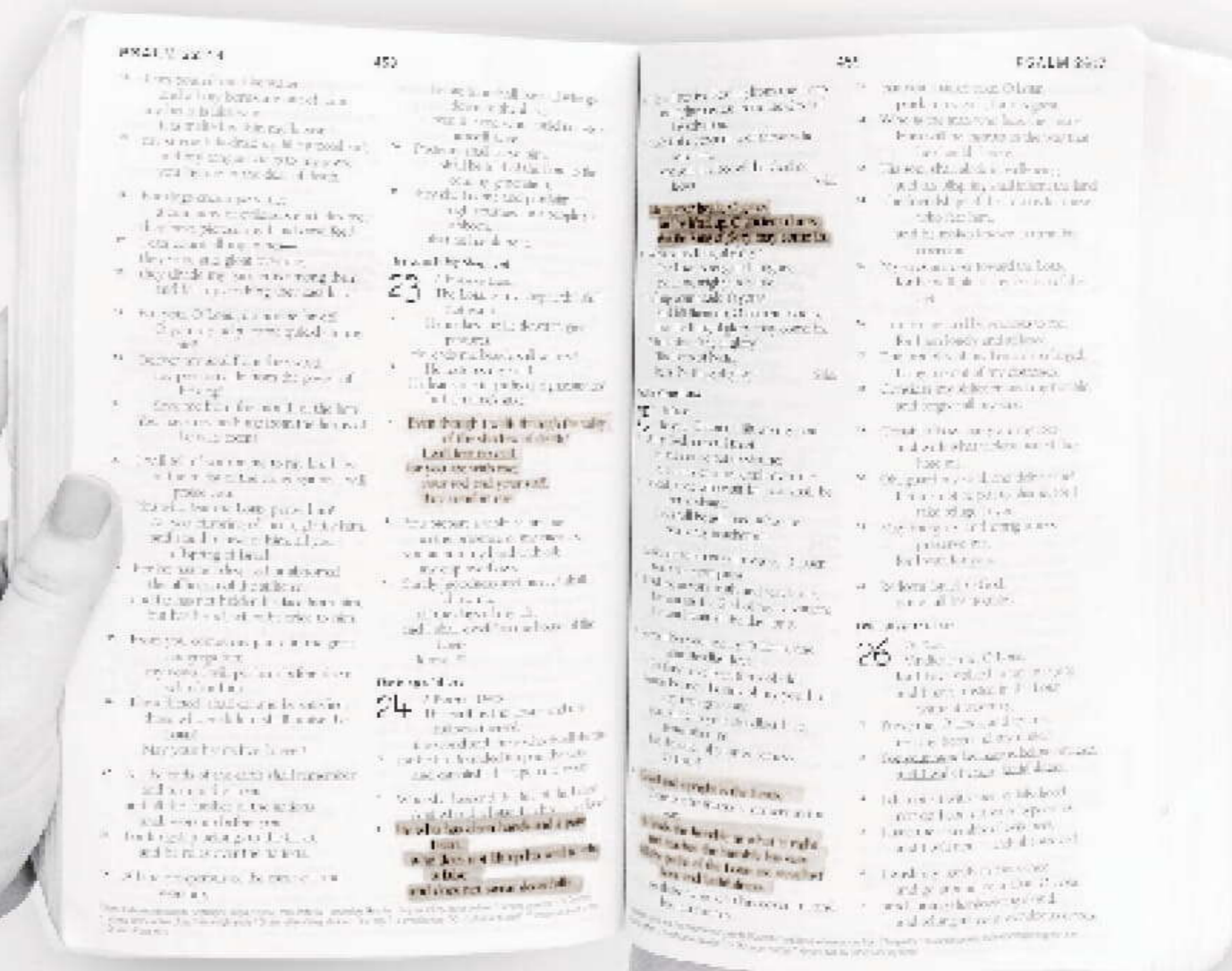
SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

MONTHLY FOCUS:

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY (24 July)

Abide with God Through His Word

We celebrate the God who is close to us both in His Word and in our neighbour. As the image of the unseen God, and as in the Good Samaritan, Christ is close to us in all circumstances of life.



SCRIPTURE QUOTE TO MEMORISE:

...the word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to put into practice.

(Deuteronomy 30:14)

In our first reading, Moses emphasizes to his people the importance of abiding with God through his Word. Moses reminds us that God is alive, active and ever close to us in his Words: "... For this Law is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach..."

We are also called to obey and to live by the Word because, it is the source of life. God has fully revealed himself to us in his Word, and only those who make fervent efforts will find him. Hence, today's psalm admonishes us: "Seek the Lord, and your hearts will revive." **The easiest way to be intimate with God is by living his Word.**

St. Paul in the second reading, reminds us of how close God is to us. Through His son Jesus Christ, God came to dwell among us. God spoke his Word, and He became real among us. Paul reminds us that God decided to dwell with us through Jesus Christ in order to reconcile us with himself.

In the gospel, Jesus directed the lawyer to the Scriptures. By doing this, Jesus tries to let him understand that, God could be found in his Word which is close to him. To love God therefore is to love his Word. Jesus further supported this by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. The Word of God is personified in the Good Samaritan. The word of God is Jesus himself, who speaks to us, and Jesus who is ever close to us like the Good Samaritan.

God is close to us in our neighbour. As a humble master, He is always available to us in simple ways and things. He is close to us in the Scriptures, in the poor, in the just, in the pious, in the marginalized, in the elderly, in the sick, and in the weak. Like the Good Samaritan, if we search for God in these, we will find Him. The Good Samaritan saw God in the victim, and so was moved to help him.

So what matters is a true neighbour knows that love can have no boundaries and that all of humanity is our neighbour, including, our enemy. ✚

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14;

Psalms 68: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 or Psalm 18: 8-11;

Collosians 1: 15-20;

Luke 10: 25-37.