

**Thoughts on the Daily Word**

*11<sup>th</sup> Week of Year. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Readings: 2 Corinthians 11:18,21-30; Psalm 33; Matthew 6:19-23.*

The gospel today asks the question, what kind of treasure can I bring to heaven? Of course, we have the Greek two-dimensional world which separates heaven from earth. The Hebrew bible doesn't see things in quite the same way. It is a multidimensional world in which the kingdom, or the rule of God, is present in all that we do and who we are. Paul presents as gifts his focus on the community and it's needs. His treasure is the people he has incorporated in the Body of Christ. Again, this is not just an image but the reality. We truly are the Body of Christ and therefor our sufferings are the suffering of Christ. We do make up what is missing in that suffering for the salvation of our world.