

Thoughts on the Daily Word

2nd Week of Lent. Tuesday 3rd March. Readings: Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Psalm: 49; Matthew 23:1-12.

In the Gospel we are reminded that our baptismal role is that of service or ministry. We are being prepared, in this testing time, for that commitment to caring for each other. The common human danger is that this service becomes a power game. Hypocrisy, or acting, as the Greek word indicates, is about that power struggle that we all get involved in. Authenticity, or integrity, is the opposite of posing as authority figures. In all testing times we discover who we really are and what we are really capable of. This is what Lent is all about. We soon discover our weakness and frailty. That is what the purpose of Lent is, not to disqualify us but help us discover the foundations on which our true selves can be built. It is precisely this journey of self-discovery that lays the foundation of humility. From there God can do amazing things with us and we can really discover who we really are in God's plan for his world.