

## **Reflections on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 24B.**

*Mass: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8; Psalm: 14; James 1:17-18,21-22,27; Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.*

Last week we highlighted the comparisons between physical and spiritual power. The Pharisees want to see change by keeping to the tradition. Going back to the beginning, the Law. The Taliban want to go back to the Islamic Law. The Taliban won, for the moment, the Pharisees won, for the moment, even we Catholics sometimes just want to go back to what was the past. Something safe and really unchangeable. Repeating the past doesn't really bring change, history repeating itself doesn't change anything. If we want a better world, going back to the past is a failed strategy. We Catholics value tradition, but only when it truly reflects the message of Christ. He who was crucified for challenging tradition in the name of humanity. He who became human so that humankind could change to become divine.