



**Monday, July 31, 2023**  
**Monday of the Seventeenth**  
**Week in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We celebrate Saint Ignatius Loyola. We read Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34, Psalm 106, Matthew 13:31-35. The little things in life can draw us closer to God or lead us away. When we spend a few minutes in prayer each day, that grows and takes root in our lives and a few minutes may grow into a few hours. When we spend a few minutes on social media, that too grows, and it can take us away from God, ourselves, our families, our friends, or our community, and we realize that a few minutes have turned into a few hours. The leaven, the seed, the absence of a leader influences the culture, the society, and our situations, it takes time for growth and renewal to happen. In the absence or in haste, we turn to other idols or ideas to get a quick fix. This quick fix may not affect us today but down the road, it will have a grand influence upon us. God told Moses to lead the people to the place he had told him. Jesus speaks in parables to "announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world." Let the "good" small things influence your life today so they may grow and lead you to greater things.

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."*

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