



**Thursday, July 2, 2020:
Thursday of the Thirteenth Week
in Ordinary Time**



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Good Morning!

Today we read from Amos 7:10-17, Psalm 19 and Matthew 9:1-8. Having one's sins forgiven or being healed are gifts from God. Jesus says to the paralytic, who was brought to him by friends, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven." These words upset some Pharisees claiming Jesus was blaspheming. Jesus says to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home," The crowds were struck with awe. Amos is challenged because of the words he speaks. Amos claims not to be of the "company of prophets" but a shepherd and dresser of sycamores who was called by the Lord to "Go, prophecy to my people Israel." Are we listening? Are we seeing what Jesus can do? Do we react like the Pharisees or the people when ordinary things are seen as extraordinary because of how they are done. Are we open to new ways, a better future, change and transformation? This can come from Jesus through love, mercy, forgiveness, and reconciliation. When will we see what is best for us and all?

Peace,

RevKev

<http://www.usccb.org/>"The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just."