

Thursday, August 10, 2023
Thursday of the Eighteenth
Week in Ordinary Time



Good Morning!

We celebrate Saint Lawrence. We read 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Psalm 112, and John 12:24-26. We take a slight detour in our readings because of Saint Lawrence. The readings chosen for his feast give us an idea of who he was and how we are called to live. Are you a cheerful giver? We read, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit." When we follow Jesus, we die to self and all the desires that come with it. It is a challenge but even a change in attitude can help. When the magistrate ordered Lawrence to bring him the riches of the church, Lawrence presented the city's poor. The magistrate was not pleased, yet speaks of how Lawrence saw life. May we see in every life the riches God has given to us and be pleased to accept those we encounter today.

Peace,
RevKev

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"Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need."