



**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**  
**Wednesday of the Nineteenth**  
**Week in Ordinary Time**



*Good morning!*

We celebrate Saint Stephen of Hungary. We read Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 66, and Matthew 18:15-20. Moses was able to feast his eyes upon the promised land, but never crossed over to it. Moses died at the age of one hundred and twenty, "yet his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated." Seems a little unfair that Moses did not enter the promised land, he seems reconciled to the fact. Jesus speaks of reconciliation between two people. "If someone sins against you," Jesus says, "Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he changes, fine, if not, bring one or two others along with you. If he still does not change, bring it to the church, if he refuses to listen to the Church, then treat him like you would a tax collector or a Gentile." Being reconciled with one another is very important. Jesus states, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." We are not alone, we are part of a community, a journey, a faith, and Jesus' company. May we be a positive force on our journey today, seeing the wonder that is ahead and having the patience to wait for it!

*Peace,*

*RevKev*

*"Blessed be God who filled my soul with fire!"*

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