



Our Mission Statement: *'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'*

Reflection:

Our weaknesses have value. God uses them to teach us humility, as St. Paul points out in the second reading. When we share our faith with people from a point of humility, they are likely to listen. If we approach them as if we have our lives together, we easily put them off. Someone once said, "Only the gods and the dead can seem perfect with impunity." Attempting to be perfect while still alive is behaving like an ostrich in the sand. Awareness of our weakness makes our prophecy more credible because people can see how much we struggle to remain faithful.



Quote:

Mostly, we are so afraid of our weaknesses that we hide them at all costs and thus make them unavailable to others but also often to ourselves. And, in this way, we end up living double lives even against our own desires: one life in which we present ourselves to the world, to ourselves, and to God as a person who is in control and another life in which we feel insecure, doubtful, confused, and anxious and totally out of control. The split between these two lives causes us a lot of suffering.

~Henry Nouwen

Assignments:

1. Is there anyone you have shown resistance to, like how the Nazarenes resisted Jesus? What action can you take to reconcile your differences so that you might understand them?
2. Write out areas where you struggle in your faith. Then, in prayer this week, conclude:

'I will have faith in your will for me because your plan is perfect for me.'



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