

June 2, 2008  
Monday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

2 Pt 1:2-7

91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16

Mk 12:1-12

*'They will respect my son.'*

Was this the hope of God? Or, did God know how rooted we are in our own desires and how often we turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the truth. Did the people listening to Jesus that day understand his message? These are obviously rhetorical questions, given that it is God we are speculating about. But sometimes the gospel message gets so watered down that I wonder what God feels about our missing the point over and over again. The words of Archbishop Oscar Romero speak to me quite directly about today's gospel message:

*"A church that suffers no persecution but enjoys the privileges and support of the things of the earth - beware! - is not the true church of Jesus Christ. A preaching that does not point out sin is not the preaching of the gospel. A preaching that makes sinners feel good, so that they are secured in their sinful state, betrays the gospel's call."*

What is the message of this gospel for you?  
How are you being invited to change your attitudes and behaviors?