

August 26, 2008  
Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time

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

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

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17

Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13

Matthew 23:23-26

*Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean.*

In college I had a roommate who used to take on housekeeping chores with a vengeance. When she cleaned, which was rare, she removed everything and attacked the room from top to bottom. At those times, I would return to our room and find most of the furniture in the hall as she scrubbed and polished. However, her closet and dresser drawers were always a mess. I remember this with much affection, and yet, at the same time, it calls me to reflect on the places in me that look good on the outside, but are still a mess on the inside. I am not talking about the parts of me that are still in process. I am aware that I will be a 'work in process' until I draw my last breath. I am talking about the places I do not address, the places where I might even be in denial about, the places where I am blind. So today, as I fondly remember my friend, I also feel grateful for the memory that takes me to a deeper understanding of myself in my journey into the mystery of God.

*We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark. □The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."*

~ Plato