

August 27, 2008
Wednesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Memorial of St. Monica

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

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

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18

Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5

Matthew 23:27-32

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites...

Again the questions arise. Where am I self-righteous? Where do I separate myself the imperfect? Where is the lack of integrity in my life? Once I fail to see that these words apply to me, I convict myself. Once I fail to see my part in the hypocrisy in the world, I am one of the hypocrites. This is where relying on the grace of God saves, for we cannot be perfect, we can only be open to God's grace, God's healing. Gracious God, keep me aware of my dependence on your grace.

Grace is nothing else but a certain beginning of glory in us.
~ St. Thomas Aquinas