

Commentary on the Gospel for Sun, Feb 20th 2022

Read:

David gets yet another opportunity to eliminate the enemy, King Saul. But David lets him live, acknowledging that Saul's consecration came from God, even when Saul did not live up to its billing. Paul contrasts the two Adams but reminds us that we carry both of them within us. Jesus defines love as going beyond the mere call of duty and being generous without distinction between friend or foe.

Reflect:

In his play No Exit (Huis Clos), Jean-Paul Sartre famously remarked: "Hell is other people." The opposite could also be true: "Heaven is other people." It all depends upon what you want to see and experience in the other. As David saw, we could see God's anointing in the other, even when the life of the other seems to contradict it. As Paul suggests, we could look into the other and see the image of the New Adam even when the Old Adam seems to run amok. Such perspective will help us do what Jesus wants us to do: Love even our enemies, be generous with everyone, do not judge but forgive, and share our life generously.

Pray:

"Lord, teach us to love as you love us."

Act:

Reach out and reconcile with someone who has hurt you deeply.

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