

January 20, 2008
Sunday of the Second Week of Ordinary Time

Readings of the day may be found on the following link:
<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab>

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.

This gospel passage starts out with John telling us that he did not know Jesus and ends with him testifying that Jesus is the Son of God. That is the journey we all are on, however, it seems to me that my journey from darkness to light takes much longer than John's journey. What keeps me from seeing the miracles of Jesus that occur in my time? Why do I remain blind to the truth of God's love for me and for all God's children? What do we miss in Jesus' message that allows us to continue a life of self-gratification while so many people go hungry and homeless? I believe that until we care as much for the needs of our neighbor that we do not know as we care for our own needs, we will not be able to say that we have seen and testified that Jesus is the Son of God.

We need to be someone for the naked who not only lack clothing but mercy. We need to be someone for the destitute who not only lack a roof over their heads, but who are deprived of having someone who cares, someone to belong to.

~Mother Theresa