

January 23, 2008
Wednesday of the Second Week of Ordinary Time

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

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

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10

Mark 3:1-6

They watched Jesus closely to see if he would cure him on the Sabbath so that they might accuse him.

Look around. There is so much finger pointing going on that it is difficult to know what is truth and what is fabrication. The political scene is a good example of this. So is the advertising world. This not only exists in our culture and society, it exists in our personal relationships. This gospel passage brings to mind another gospel passage, I forget the exact words, but it is about removing the plank from our own eye before we point out another's faults. The Pharisees appall me, but do I see them in myself? Most often, not. This is the necessity of prayer. I had a teacher and mentor who said that each morning as he put his feet upon the floor he prayed, "Don't let me forget about you today, God. You know how I get without you." That is my prayer today. Loving and gracious God, continue to nudge me when I forget.

An age is called Dark, not because the light fails to shine, but because people refuse to see it. □ ~James Michener

Where is the darkness in my heart, mind, and soul?