

January 24, 2008
Thursday 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 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Psalm 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Mark 3:7-12

He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him.

The belief of St. Francis, revealed to us in his own words, speaks to me of the Jesus we encounter in today's gospel. Jesus, tender toward everyone to the point he is so sought after he has to find a way to get free of the crowd for his own safety. Jesus forgiving and ready to heal even in the face of contempt by the people of the day who were so caught up in the law that they failed to know love. Jesus who's every action and word reveals love. My prayer today is to carry that Jesus with me in all that I do and everywhere that I go. My prayer is to become that Jesus to all I meet along the way of my life. My prayer is to see that Jesus in all people. For me, that is the hardest prayer to live.

"The person who possesses Christian meekness is affectionate and tender towards everyone: he is disposed to forgive and excuse the frailties of others; the goodness of his heart appears in a sweet affability that influences his words and actions, presents every object to his view in the most charitable and pleasing light."
~St. Francis de Sales