

January 28, 2008  
Monday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time  
Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

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

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

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10

Psalm 89:20, 21-22, 25-26

Mark 3:22-30

*Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables...*

While we tend to think our way through our faith, our heart is really only touched through experience. It is the stories of our life that really move us and speak to us about God's love. Over the 25 years that I have spent working with people through counseling and spiritual direction, all my so-called wisdom doesn't really add up to much. It is the stories that touch our hearts and move us to change. There are stories of God's love everywhere. There are stories of God's grace everywhere. There are stories of Jesus everywhere. Last week I went to visit my mother's elderly cousin. We usually listen to a piano concert on Sunday afternoons. On this particular Sunday, the Colts were playing an important game. That day, in the midst of an important football game, the gentleman playing the piano chose to be present to these elderly women instead of watching the game with friends. I knew that the game was important to him for someone came to whisper the score to him every so often. I watched him and I watched the joy his playing and presence brought to these women and I was reminded of the story of Lazarus who Jesus raised from the dead. I was also reminded that this is my call as well. Where do I bring joy to a life that seems empty?

*The Christian ideal has not been found tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and left untried. ~ GK Chesterton*