

January 29, 2008
Tuesday of the Third Week of Ordinary Time

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

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

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19

Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

Mark 3:31-35

"Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

This gospel passage always raises the same question: what is the will of God? I used to ask that question truly wondering what God had in mind, like one of my grand daughters who told me she wanted to have lunch with God because he must have a plan in mind for the world and she wants to know what it is. I am no longer asking the question in that way. Now my question is more about what needs to change in me in order to live the will of God. What is your will God for me to surrender so that I am able to live your plan of peace for the world; become a peacemaker and reconciler in a world divided; become your sign of unity?

The gospel isn't asking us to be do-gooders or altruistic, the big white fathers and big white mothers. I think it's calling for something that's really much harder than altruism and generosity (although that certainly is asked for in cases). The gospel is calling us into solidarity.

~ Richard Rohr