

## Lectio Divina

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- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
  - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
  - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
  - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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### September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012      22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14-15 & 21-23

In this week's gospel there are three different types of people. 1. Disciples of Jesus who are humble people. They are not respectable or refined. They do not conform to social norms - "eat with unclean hands etc. 2. Pharisees and scribes are those who set the norms in words and in practice. They observe and teach the rules of respectability. They are judgemental of those who do not conform. They do not take time to try to understand the other people. 3. Jesus who is protector of the poor. He sees the greatness and beauty that lies in each person. His harshness with the scribes and Pharisees is because of his concern for the poor.

In our lives we have been each one of these characters. As we take time let us reflect on this and try to become more like Jesus.

#### **Prayer:**

**Lord we thank you** for the people who protect and care for us and at all times make us feel welcome even when we do not follow their views or beliefs.

**Forgive us** for the times when we looked down on people because they had not much education or did not think as we do.

**Help us to make** sure we do not make people feel out of place because of their race, colour or creed.

