



**Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

**A World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

Small acts but great reward waits

for us. Most often “prize” is associated with something big and great. To be the best and number one at all times. But today’s Gospel is telling us that the good things we do, even apparently insignificant as giving a cup of water, will not go unrewarded, and great acts without love have consequences. With this, we are called to examine our motives in doing the things; to look intently at the *whys* or the reasons of our actions, the pureness of intentions. And maybe asking these questions will help us evaluate our motivations. Are we doing the things to gratify oneself, to be recognized and be known? Or simply because we are moved out of love to do such an act?

And at the same time, it invited us to grow in appreciation of small and ordinary things. That we will be holy not only by being martyr, founder and author of huge projects instead through the ordinary things we do daily. So ordinary but done with an extraordinary love like: a simple caress to an old and sick member of a community, a gesture of attentive listening to someone in need, words of encouragement to uplift one’s spirit in this time of Pandemic or opening one’s house or community to shelter migrants and refugees. Jesus’ reminded us, “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” As we received His Body and Blood in today’s Eucharistic celebration, let us ask His grace to help us purify our intentions in doing things, may we seek not what is meritorious in this world but to strive pleasing Him in simplicity and in the ordinariness of our lives loving much.