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Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

We “anchor” ourselves in Christ as we continue to be “formed by divine teaching” so that the current of the secular world does not take us downstream over the precipitous waterfalls and to our destruction. Let us heed these words from the letter to the Hebrews: “We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises.”

Jesus reminds us: “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.” God does not forget us! Salvation is a free gift and we do not attain salvation through our merits, as the Pharisees question Jesus about his disciples’ actions. Jesus shows mercy, quotes what David did, and calls us all to reflect on what He is saying. The Psalm reminds us: “The Lord will remember his covenant forever.” “Abraham obtained the promise” not on his own but through God’s gratuitous gift! Remember, Abraham was asleep while God sealed the covenant on His own!

Let us recall our response at Mass after the priest says, “Lift up your hearts.” “We lift them up to the Lord,” we respond. May God seal our hearts with His love!

God Love You!

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