

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Now, mere mortal, I make you sentinel for the House of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you must give them my warning.

If I say to evildoers, “You will surely die,” and you do not warn them to turn from

their ways, the evildoers will die because of their sin, but I will hold you responsible for their deaths. But if you warn the evildoers to turn from their sin, they will die for their sins, but you will have saved your life.

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no debt to anyone — except the debt that binds us to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you have fulfilled the Law. The commandments — no committing adultery, no killing; no stealing, no coveting,

and all the others — are all summed up in this one: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love never does any wrongs to anyone — hence love is the fulfillment of the Law.

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A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the disciples, “If your sister or brother should commit some wrong against you, go and point out the error, but keep it between the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but take one or two others with you, so that every case may stand on the word of two or three witnesses. If your sister or brother refuses to listen to them, refer the matter to the church. If she or he ignores even the church, then treat that sister or brother as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

“The truth is, whatever you declare bound on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.

“Again I tell you, if two of you on earth join in agreement to pray for anything whatsoever, it will be granted you by my Abba God in heaven. Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.”

The Good News of Salvation!

R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!