

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Sirach 24:4-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Gospel Luke 6:39-45

The first reading and the Gospel emphasize for us ‘what actually defiles and individual.’ Defilement is not caused by how we act or what we say or do. Real defilement is in our heart, in our inmost being.

Our actions and what we say come from within, from our intention and from our will.

As Sirach puts it, “...one’s faults appear when one speaks out....one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind.”

As Jesus says in the Gospel “...from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

What needs attention is our inmost being, what is in the heart, our mind, our intentions and our will!