



**Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Lectio Divina**

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lectionary: 547: 2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31/Jn 15:5/Lk 6:43-45

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Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply. No elaboration. In a group setting, you can share that word/phrase or simply pass.
- The third reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?*"
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First Reading

2 Cor 4:1-2, 5-7

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have this ministry through the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. Rather, we have renounced shameful, hidden things; not acting deceitfully or falsifying the word of God, but by the open declaration of the truth we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus. For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ.

But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 30-31

R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

Trust in the LORD and do good that you may dwell in the land and live secure. Find your delight in the LORD who will give you your heart's desire.

R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will act. And make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday.

R. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom; his tongue speaks what is right. God's teaching is in his heart; his steps do not falter.

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Alleluia

Jn 15:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 6:43-45

Jesus said to his disciples:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.