

Dear Friends,

I would like to share my homily for Monday, September 22, 2008, the Twenty-fifth Week of Ordinary Time, year 2. It is based on Luke 8:16-18:

Jesus said to the crowd: "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away."

The brightest lights are the ones we cannot always see with our eyes. They are, rather, experienced deep within our souls:

- The light of **compassion** brings comfort to those who suffer.
- The light of **generosity** brings hope to the poor.
- The light of **fidelity** reveals the bond of love that never ends.
- The light of **joy** eases the burdens of the day.
- The light of **peace** brings calm to every storm.
- The light of **truth** enlightens the path of life.
- The light of **humility** reveals the glory of God.

All these lights shine with a brilliance human eyes cannot always see. However, they tell the story of how we reveal the love of God in our everyday lives. When our lights shine, we

leave a never-ending legacy of love that originates within the heart of God. This legacy remains as a permanent and brilliant reminder of the goodness of our lives; a goodness that can never be hidden; a goodness that forever touches the lives of those we love, and those who love us.

This legacy is the Good News of God's love; the Gospel, which shines for all the world to see.

I hope you have a very blessed week.

In joyful hope,
Fr. Tim Seigel