

Pastor's Word ~ A Note on this week's Gospel

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The term 'gospel' generally refers to one of the first four books of the New Testament and more generally is interpreted as good news, particularly the good news of Jesus Christ. The focus of this week's homily comes from the Hebrew text of Psalm 19 which is a majestic passage that celebrates the revelation of God's glory through both nature and God's written Word. It unfolds in two parts, each emphasizing the divine communication that brings enlightenment and guidance.

The first part unfolds as a hymn of praise to the Creator, highlighting the dual testimony of God's glory. It marvels at the silent yet eloquent proclamation of God's handiwork in the heavens and the natural world. The celestial bodies declare God's majesty, revealing a universal language understood by all, transcending barriers.

The second part shifts to the profound significance of God's written Word, portraying it as perfect, trustworthy, and capable of transforming the soul. It brings light, wisdom, and joy to those who seek its teachings. The law of the Lord is described as enlightening the eyes, offering a path of righteousness and understanding.

The good news of Psalm 19 lies in the accessibility of God's revelation. Whether through the awe-inspiring canvas of the universe or the written Scriptures, God communicates with humanity, inviting us to know the Divine intimately. The psalm encourages a response of humility, reverence, and a desire for personal transformation in alignment with divine wisdom. In essence, Psalm 19 invites us to marvel at the beauty of God's creation and embrace the profound guidance found in God's Word, experiencing the good news of a God who communicates love and wisdom to all who seek the Holy.

Come this Sunday to hear more ~ Pastor James