

20th Sunday – Ordinary Time – Year B

- How long as it been since you wrote a letter?
 - A real honest-to-goodness hand written letter
 - We don't write letters much anymore
 - Phone Calls Email Texts Tweets – the written letter is lost
 - When I went to college a letter from my Mother was a treat
 - Family news, who did what when, AND ADVICE
 - Don't stay out too late
 - Get your rest
 - Study hard
 - Clean your room
 - Remember what we taught you
 - In today's scriptures we have a letter like that
 - St. Paul wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus (Ephesians)
 - Paul was a missionary – he travelled all around starting new churches
 - After he left them he would write letters full of advice
 - 13 books of the NT are letters from Paul – almost half the NT!
 - Paul wanted to make sure they were following the teachings of JC
 - One of the best things about Paul's letters is that – not only was it good advice
 - It still is
 - Listen to the advice he gives the Ephesians in today's 2nd reading:
 1. Be careful how you live
 2. Don't be unwise, but wise
 3. Make the most of every opportunity
 4. Don't get drunk on wine
 5. Be filled with the Holy Spirit
 6. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord
 7. Give thanks to God for everything
 - Writing letters may never be as popular as it once was
 - Thankfully we still have the letters of St. Paul
 - & They give us great advice