

St Francis of Assisi taught his followers: "Preach the gospel always. Use words when necessary."

St. Francis was reflecting what we heard in 2 of our Readings.

In the 1st Reading Moses offers the Israelites a blessing and a curse. A blessing for obeying the commandments; a curse for not obeying the commandments.

In the Gospel, Jesus preaches to his disciples and us: LISTEN to my words and ACT on them.

Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. We want this sacred season to be one of abundant blessings. Between now and then, reflect upon where in our life we want or need a blessing. Do we want or need: to change an attitude? To develop a new habit? To heal a relationship?

Continue to LISTEN to the voice of the Lord in our daily life. Continue to ACT in faithfulness to what Jesus has taught.

My sisters and brothers: The opportunity for blessing is now.