

# Sunday Gospel Reflection

## Twenty-second Sunday Ordinary Time

### 1. Sign of the Cross

### 2. Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *“All these evil things come from within.”*



#### The Tradition of the Elders

<sup>7</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also

many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

### 3. Reflection: (reflect on your own or share together if with others)

1. Why did Jesus criticize the Pharisees here?
2. What were the Pharisees upset with Jesus about?
3. Have you ever been hypocritical in sharing your faith?

**4. Share petitions that you would like to pray for: Finish with the Special Petition.**

**Special Petition: For peace in our world.**

**5. Lord's Prayer**

**6. Sign of the Cross.**