

*Homily for Friday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi
St. Francis of Assisi Parish – West Springfield, Massachusetts
October 4, 2019*



Scripture Readings: [Baruch 1:15-22](#) ✕ [Psalm 79:1-5, 8-9](#) ✕ [Luke 10:13-16](#)



Our LORD grieves the fact that the people of the towns of Chorazin and Bethsaida did not appreciate all that He had done among them. They were unmoved by God's works in their midst, and were not in any way moved by them to turn to a better life.



We, too, can sometimes miss the signs of God's grace among us. Grace might take the form of an unexpected kindness shown to us, an invitation we receive that we had not expected, a word of appreciation or support at a time when it was needed, a positive and willing response to a request that we've made, or someone's simple presence and work among us.

The LORD comes to us especially in and through His followers, in and through each other in the Church. As He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever listens to you listens to me." We don't always recognize the ways in which the LORD touches our lives; we don't always notice the LORD passing by and gracing us in different ways. At the end of our day, it can be good to look back over that day and to notice where and how the LORD has been gracing us with His presence, and then to quietly give thanks for that. ✕