Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Year A

... the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD ... stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing ...

Joshua 3:17b
Ark of the Covenant
Bookplate

Birnholz Collection,
Jewish Theological Seminary
New York, NY
And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in ...

Psalm 107:36
Ker Family Affordable Micro Homes for Veterans -- Sorg Architects, Washington, DC
... they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.

Psalm 107:37
Bissel Gardens
stand for tomorrow

food
for
others
Its rulers give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for a price, its prophets give oracles for money ...

Micah 3:11a
Public Servants MUST NEVER accept bribes!
Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Psalm 43:4
... we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God ...

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12a
Joseph and the Christ Child

Guido Reni
Museum of Fine Arts
Houston, TX
They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.

Matthew 23:4
Miners and Women Carrying Sacks -- Bearers of the Burden
Vincent van Gogh, Kroller-Muller Museum, Otterlo, Netherlands
They do all their deeds to be seen by others ...

Matthew 23:5a
The greatest among you will be your servant.

Matthew 23:11
Saint Francis of Assisi Church

Coyoacan, Federal District, Mexico
All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12
Jane Addams, founder of Hull House

Smithsonian Museum of American Art
Washington, DC
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that I may seek not so
much to be consoled as
to console; to be
understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love; for
it is in giving that we receive:
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal
life. Amen

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Plaque on Wall, Convent of the Poor Clares, Santa Barbara, CA