

# Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (Mk 4:21-25):** Jesus said to his disciples, “Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed.”



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Today, Jesus continues describing us how Christian life should be like. We are like a lamp that burns and shines. But so that it lightens better we have to place it on top of some furniture. Would it have any sense to light it and place it under the bed...? It would be absurd! And it is equally absurd that a Christian “hides” in spiritual tepidity: I do not cooperate but I am not bad either...

—Either I am good, or I am not useful. We have to be the light and joy of the world.