

Ordinary Time

2022

Eighth Sunday in

February 27,

The antiphon from today's morning prayer says, "Like the fruit of a tree, one's speech reveals the heart." It's a fact that healthy fruit trees bear healthy fruit. Likewise people who are spiritually healthy truly reveal the fruit of the spirit. How does this happen?

It comes from a personal relationship with one's self, community and God. This does not happen without awareness, prayer and love. I recall a gentleman I met in the last years of his life. He had lived a very full and interesting life and shared much of it with me. When he died and I read his obituary I was astounded at how well known he was in his church and community. I was humbled by his humility. While he had shared some of his travels he never once indicated that he was a lead manager in his company. His one request of his pastor was unequivocally "no eulogy." By their fruits you shall know them.

How do we approach "All Things New " with this attitude of an open heart, speech that is tender and a willingness to remove the plank in our own eyes? Yes, we have an amazing and rich history in this community known as St. Cronan's. It may be time to allow the Spirit to blow where she/he wills.

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