

**Deacon Tony's September 25, 2022 Homily**  
**For the**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In our first reading, from the Minor Prophet Amos, he calls out the complacent in Zion who are living in the lap of luxury and could not be bothered by the collapse of the house of Joseph,

Complacency is a problem for people who are well off and self-sufficient with material things but lacking in spiritual amenities. It is always interesting to make observations of people from thousands of years past and find that man doesn't change much. We find that we have the same issues and that we need the same God to help us find our way home.

Amos considered that all people were equal in the eyes of God. That is why he was born in the Southern Kingdom but worked in the Northern Kingdom and he believed in RIGHTEOUSNESS over RITUAL.

After all, God's children need to work together and provide when needed.

That is why Paul was writing to Timothy; whom Paul had installed as the administrator to the Ephesians. The people had abandoned Timothy and Paul was encouraging him to go back to his NOBLE CONFESSIO that he confessed when he was baptized and born anew.

Also: Hold on to eternal life, for which he was called.

These are the prophets we need today. Prophets that remind us that we are all equal in the eyes of God whether we are born or UNBORN. That we all have a right to live and worship our loving Father and His Son who was sent to save us from our sins. Our calling is to protect life from the time it is in the womb to the time of its natural death. I am afraid that our record is lacking and that too many of God's children have become complacent.

Let us resolve today to become more active and vote for LIFE by voting NO on Proposition 1!