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Remember In Prayer

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FEBRUARY 4TH FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's motherin-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

The Gloria (1)

The Gloria, or Glory to God, follows the penitential rite. Both are acts of praise. In the penitential rite, we sing of the mercy of Christ. In the Gloria we praise God's saving action in the universe.

The Gloria is a relatively late addition to the Mass. It first appeared in the Roman liturgy in the sixth century, and then it was sung only by the pope-and only on Christmas! With time, the hymn came to be sung by bishops on major feasts, and then by priests; finally, it became the song of the entire assembly. With the advent of more elaborate musical settings, the people gradually stopped singing the Gloria, until this song of the people became the exclusive domain of the priest and the choir. But the liturgical reforms have restored it to its place as primarily the song of the assembly.

The language of the Gloria echoes the New Testament canticles. It may be begun by the priest, the cantor, and the entire assembly in varied combinations. The Gloria is sometimes called the "greater doxology," and in some ways it is like an extended, ecstatic version of the familiar doxology ("Glory be to the Father") prayed in the Divine Office and the rosary.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK		
Monday: 6:53-	Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13; Gospel: 56	
Tuesday: Mark	Reading 1: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Go 7:1-13	
Wednesday: 7:14-23	Reading 1: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Gospel: M	
Thursday: 7:24-30	Reading 1: 1Kings 11:4-13; Gospel: M	
Friday:	Reading 1: 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; G	



ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

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Gospel:



FEB 4TH	
LECTOR	MARK
SERVERS	LESLIE & MARINA
COUNTER FEB 11 TH	TOM & BEVERLY
LECTOR	PEGGY
SERVER	CARLOS & MAX
COUNTER	MARY & ANN F
FEB 18TH ^T	
LECTOR	BEVERLY
SERVERS	JESUS & LESLIE
COUNTER	TOM & BEVERLY
FEB 25TH	
LECTOR	JANET & MARINA
SERVER	CARLOS & MAX
COUNTER	MARY & ANN F

BEGINNING AGAIN

If I were to begin life again, I would want it as it was. I would only open my eyes a little more.

ADORATION WILL BE **ON WEDNESDAY** FEBRUARY 7TH AT 4 OCLOCK BEFORE 5 OCLOCK MASS

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