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GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

FEAST OF FAITH

Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

TODAY'S READINGS

, **First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people

(2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or* 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Reading 1: Isaiah 65:17-21; Gospel: John 4:43
Tuesday: Reading 1: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Gospel: John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Reading 1: Isaiah 49:8-15; Gospel : John 5:17-30
Thursday: Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-14; Gospel: John 5:31-47
Friday: Reading 1: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Gospel: John 7:1-2, 25-30
Saturday: Reading 1: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Gospel: John 7:40-53

St. Andrew's St Pat's
Fund Raiser will be
Thursday, March 14th.

Candy needed for the Easter
Egg Hunt. Eggs will be at the
front of the church .

ATTN Catholic men of St. Andrew and St. Regina. We are wanting to start a council here at St. Andrew. We need 25 men to get it started. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Brian Muetze for more info.

MARCH 3RD

LECTOR MARK

SERVERS LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MARCH 10 TH

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

MARCH 17 TH

LECTOR BEVERLY

SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

LECTOR PEGGY

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN

MARCH 29TH GOOD FRIDAY

LECTOR MARK

SERVER JESUS

COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

MARCH 31ST EASTER SUNDAY

LECTOR JANET & MARINA

SERVER CARLOS & MAX

COUNTER MARY & ANN F

March 15th Spring
Break no P.R.E. class

SUNDAY COLLECTION

3-3-2024

\$1057.00

B&M

\$145.00

Flowers

\$90.00