

June 21, 2020 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is our strength and in him, we his chosen live in safety.

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalms 69:8-10,14+17,33-35

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

In the first reading Jeremiah hears his critics denouncing him, watching for any misstep so they can take vengeance upon him. But the Lord is with Jeremiah and his detractors will stumble and be put to shame and brought to utter confusion. The Lord probes the minds and hearts of men and rescues the poor from the hands of the wicked.

The psalmist also experiences insults and is treated like an outcast and a stranger. He fasts and prays but there is continual gossip and even the drunkards ridicule him. His prayer is for favor and help and he is confident in it being aided. The Lord hears the poor, those in bonds, so that the lowly ones will be glad and all creation shall praise the Lord.



In the second reading Paul explains how sin entered the world through one man and death reigned from Adam to Moses. But now the gift of life abounds for the many through one man, Jesus Christ.

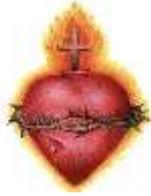
In the Gospel Jesus tells the Twelve not to be intimidated by anyone and only fear those who can destroy the soul. They are to speak in the light what they have heard in darkness and proclaim what was whispered to them. The disciples are to acknowledge Jesus before all men and in return they will be acknowledged before the Father. Those who disown Jesus before men will be disowned by him before the Father.

We will be acknowledged to the Father
If we acknowledge the Son,
And the Holy Spirit will give us the opportunities to do so.

There are times when we will be insulted and ridiculed for our Christian beliefs but take heart because even the holy prophets had suffered in this. But Jeremiah and the psalmist knew their persistent prayer would be heard and in time they would be justified. Our search through faith and darkness and is a great going out into the darkness, believing that Christ is there to guide us, perhaps not in the way we expect but in the way He chooses, for He is the Way. confident, praise our great God and a level illuminated will open up before you.

“For I know the **PLANS**
I have for you” way.
declares the **LORD**
“plans to **PROSPER** you love
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.” Be
Jeremiah 29:11 path

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The Heart

The Son of Man looks into
the heart and the heart is sacred.

When the heart has a Companion like
The Son, the cosmos cannot contain

its praise. Anyone warmed
by The Son feels grace spilling over.

A luminescent image wearing
Uncreated Light says blessed are those

who do the right and love goodness. You may
not see him, but he is alive

in this place and he still has his
Well. And there is Living Water and thirst is quenched

wherever and however this Water flows and it is
The One who brings such Water. The morning

Son pierces the clouds of the heart.
It is relevant. When you have

love inside you, you hear the
invitation of the Spirit.

It's rebirth the heart loves.
For lonely winter months the frozen waters

keep still. But each part of the water
knows there is potential motion and

The spring sun transforms the
stillness into the waves of openness. Anyone who

walks with his back to the Son
chases a shadow. Move into

The Son's light and
The Father will find you.

This past Friday (6.19.2020) was the feast day of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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