

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
 remember me and visit me,
 and bring down retribution for me on my
 persecutors.
 In your forbearance do not take me away;
 know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and your words became to me a joy and the
 delight of my heart;
 for I am called by your name,
 O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
 Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
 If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is
 worthless,
 you shall serve as my mouth.
 It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 says the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm 26:1-8

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to
 what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual af-
 fection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do

not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.
¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere
 in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; ex-
 tend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not
 curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep
 with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one
 another; do not be haughty, but associate with the
 lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not
 repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what
 is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as
 it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved,
 never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath
 of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will
 repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hun-
 gry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them some-
 thing to drink; for by doing this you will heap burn-
 ing coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by
 evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus
 was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples
 that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suf-
 fering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and
 scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him,
 saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen
 to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get be-
 hind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for
 you are setting your mind not on divine things but on
 human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to be-
 come my followers, let them deny themselves and take
 up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to
 save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
 for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them
 if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or
 what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels
 in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay ev-
 eryone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you,
 there are some standing here who will not taste
 death before they see the Son of Man coming in his
 kingdom."

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

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