

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
 come to the waters;  
 and you that have no money,  
 come, buy and eat!  
 Come, buy wine and milk  
 without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which  
 is not bread,  
 and your labor for that which does not  
 satisfy?  
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
 listen, so that you may live.  
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
 my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
 a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not  
 know,  
 and nations that do not know you shall run  
 to you,  
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One  
 of Israel,  
 for he has glorified you.

**Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

**SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not  
 lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy  
 Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing  
 anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I  
 myself were accursed and cut off from Christ

for the sake of my own people, my kindred  
 according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites,  
 and to them belong the adoption, the glory,  
 the covenants, the giving of the law, the wor-  
 ship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the  
 patriarchs, and from them, according to the  
 flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God  
 blessed forever. Amen.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

Now when Jesus heard [about the behead-  
 ing of John the Baptist], he withdrew from  
 there in a boat to a deserted place by himself.  
 But when the crowds heard it, they followed  
 him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went  
 ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had com-  
 passion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When  
 it was evening, the disciples came to him and  
 said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour  
 is now late; send the crowds away so that they  
 may go into the villages and buy food for them-  
 selves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go  
 away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They  
 replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves  
 and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them  
 here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to  
 sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves  
 and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and  
 blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them  
 to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to  
 the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and  
 they took up what was left over of the broken  
 pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate  
 were about five thousand men, besides women  
 and children.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

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