

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that
 which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does
 not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline 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.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Now 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.

Psalms 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—²I have great sorrow and unceasing
 anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I

myself were accursed and cut off from Christ
 for the sake of my own brothers and sisters,
 my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites,
 and to them belong the adoption, the glory,
 the covenants, the giving of the law, the wor-
 ship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the
 patriarchs, and from them, according to the
 flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God
 blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading
 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. ¹⁴When he went
 ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had
 compassion for them and cured their sick.
¹⁵When 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 themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them,
 “They need not go away; you give them
 something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have
 nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”
¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.”
¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and
 they took up what was left over of the broken
 pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And 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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