

Daily Readings

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 89

Reading 1

Gn 3:9-15

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree,
the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"
He answered, "I heard you in the garden;
but I was afraid, because I was naked,
so I hid myself."
Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked?
You have eaten, then,
from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!"
The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—
she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it."
The LORD God then asked the woman,
"Why did you do such a thing?"
The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the serpent:
"Because you have done this, you shall be banned
from all the animals
and from all the wild creatures;
on your belly shall you crawl,
and dirt shall you eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike at your head,
while you strike at his heel."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (7bc) **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to my voice in supplication.

R. **With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,

that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn,

let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness

and with him is plenteous redemption

and he will redeem Israel

from all their iniquities.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Reading 2

2 Cor 4:13–5:1

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have the same spirit of faith,

according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke,*

we too believe and therefore we speak,

knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus

will raise us also with Jesus

and place us with you in his presence.

Everything indeed is for you,

so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people

may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.
Therefore, we are not discouraged;
rather, although our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.
For this momentary light affliction
is producing for us an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison,
as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen;
for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent,
should be destroyed,
we have a building from God,
a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Alleluia

Jn 12:31b-32

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Now the ruler of the world will be driven out, says the Lord;
and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mk 3:20-35

Jesus came home with his disciples.
Again the crowd gathered,
making it impossible for them even to eat.
When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him,
for they said, "He is out of his mind."
The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said,
"He is possessed by Beelzebul,"
and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables,
"How can Satan drive out Satan?
If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot stand.
And if a house is divided against itself,
that house will not be able to stand.
And if Satan has risen up against himself
and is divided, he cannot stand;
that is the end of him.
But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property
unless he first ties up the strong man.
Then he can plunder the house.
Amen, I say to you,
all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be
forgiven them.

But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit
will never have forgiveness,
but is guilty of an everlasting sin."
For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

His mother and his brothers arrived.
Standing outside they sent word to him and called him.
A crowd seated around him told him,
"Your mother and your brothers and your sisters
are outside asking for you."
But he said to them in reply,
"Who are my mother and my brothers?"
And looking around at those seated in the circle he said,
"Here are my mother and my brothers.
For whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and mother."

Liturgical Reflection- 10th Sunday of the Ordinary Time (10 Jun 18)

We are into the ordinary times of the liturgical calendar. The ordinary sometimes thrusts us into complacency. When mum cooks dinner every night, it becomes ordinary and because it is ordinary, we forget to thank mum for her efforts or we take it for granted and don't thank her for the thought and time taken for cooking.

When we make our way to the office, it is ordinary and routine most of the time and therefore we do not thank God our Father for the safe or smooth journey.

However, should we get caught in a massive traffic jam, we will be grumbling or praying hard for the traffic jam to clear.

When situations are normal and is ordinary we are dulled. The day becomes a boring routine. We know what we are going to do next and there is no longer any alertness within us nor do we pay attention to what is really happening around us. We relax and our guard is down to the devil prowling round like a lion to devour us.

The temptation of the devil is constant. As soon as we get over one temptation, the devil puts forward another. When we have trained ourselves well enough, we will not be troubled by some of these temptations. On our part we have to stay awake to the ways of the evil one. Scripture advises us to be on guard, as we do not know the day or hour the Lord returns. Mt 25:13. Surely if Eve was more alert, she would have known the ruse of the serpent and not fallen into disobedience

' I believed, and therefore I spoke'

2 Corinthians 4:13

Questions for Reflection

How grateful are you for the people in your life? How have you expressed this gratefulness to them?

Are you so used to your routine that you do not see the wonders of God our Father?

How will you grow in your relationship with the Trinity during this ordinary times?