

Feb. 16, 2020

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 119:1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is / blameless, *
who walk in the law of the / LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his
de- / crees *
and seek him with all their / hearts!
- 3 Who never do any / wrong, *
but always walk in / his ways.
- 4 You laid down your com- / mandments, *
that we should fully / keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so di- / rect *
that I might keep your / statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to / shame, *
when I regard all your com- / mandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned / heart, *
when I have learned your
righteous / judgments.
- 8 I will keep your / statutes; *
do not utterly for- / sake me.

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THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Please respond to the bidding “Lord, in your mercy” with “Hear our prayer.”

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

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Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: The altar flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 21st birthday of Michael McNeil and in thanks for his upcoming service in the United States Marine Corps, by his family, Duana, Rich, Alexandra & Samantha.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.