

August 14, 2022 - The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**First Reading****Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

In those days, the princes said to the king:

"Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin."

King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them.

And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city."

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18****R. (14b) Lord, come to my aid!**

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.

He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth,

a hymn to our God.

Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.

You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!

R. Lord, come to my aid!**Second Reading****Hebrews 12:1-4**

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how He endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Gospel Reading**Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus said to His disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is My anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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August 15, 2022: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**First Reading****Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab**

God's temple in Heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems.

Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth.

Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,

to devour her child when she gave birth.

She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.

Her child was caught up to God and His throne.

The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in Heaven say:

“Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of His Anointed One.”

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16**

R. (10bc) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

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Second Reading**1 Corinthians 15:20-27**

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when He hands over the Kingdom to His God and Father, when He has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "He subjected everything under His feet."

Gospel Reading**Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and
has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the
promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months
and then returned to her home.

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