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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 23, 2013



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

Mass Book page 63

READING I - Zec 12:10-11; 13:1

Thus says the LORD: I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born.

On that day the mourning in Jerusalem shall be as great as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

On that day there shall be open to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory, For your kindness
is a greater good than life; my lips shall
glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be
satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall
praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings
I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

READING II - Galatians 3:26-29

Brothers and sisters: Through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise.

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Verse. R./ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 9:18-24

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised." Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Jesus the all Beautiful"

OUR FATHER - Mass book page 95

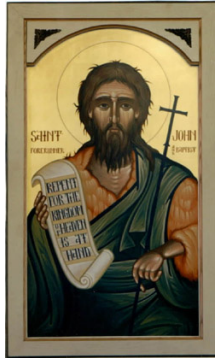
COMMUNION HYMNS - "Gather Your People"

RECESSIONAL HYMN - "Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

His feast day is June 24. The birthday of John the Baptist, six months before the birth of Jesus, has been celebrated on June 24 from the earliest days of the Church. Jesus himself called John, who prepared the way for him by his preaching, the greatest of men. A "voice in the desert," John, as the final prophet of the Old Testament, told the people of his time that their Lord was near. The announcement of John's birth by the Angel Gabriel to Zachary, his father, was received with disbelief because Zachary's wife Elizabeth, was beyond child-bearing age. Yet the angel insisted, "You shall call his name John for he will be great before the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." In the wastelands of Judea, people from all ranks of society - soldiers and priests, tax collectors and workers - came to hear John and their hearts were moved by his call to repent. Many were baptized by him in the River Jordan as a sign of their conversion; some remained to live with him as his disciples. His denunciation of King Herod's immoral conduct shocked the king's court, and John eventually suffered death for speaking truth to the powerful. Jesus began his own mission by being baptized by John. Recognizing the Son of God, whose "sandals he was not worthy to untie," John said, "He must increase, and I must decrease." John's life prepared for Jesus who was eternal life. Early commentators never failed to note that after June 24, the Feast of John the Baptist, the sun's light begins to decrease until December 25, the birth of Jesus, when the light of the sun increases again. His prayer, Lord, may you increase your life within us. Amen.



BIBLE STUDY 101

After observing his grandmother's reading habits, a small lad asked his father, "Why is Grandma always reading the Bible?"

The father replied, "You see, son, Grandma is trying to cram for a final exam."

PLANT YOUR FAITH

Plant your faith in the promises of the Living Word of God.

To become strongly rooted in holy and fertile soil.

Deep, strong roots must grow

For good fruit to bear;

Anchored firmly in the Word

You'll have much fruit to share.

—Josephine Anne Miller

A TRIAL RUN

Our earthly journey
Is just a trial run,
Sometimes it's hard,
Sometimes it's fun.

But whatever the case
Our God makes it plain.
The world is just part
of His vast domain.

Each step we journey
Must focus on love
With thoughts of our God
Who reigns up above.

And on our journey
As we work and play,
It's just a trial run
Towards Heaven someday.

—Edna Massimilla

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