

# FAITH FOR SUNDAY

June 9, 2024 Year B

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## OPENING PRAYER

**+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen  
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

## LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

### **Gospel: Mark 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."

Some people, including some of his family, associate Jesus with the forces of evil. Why do you believe they believed this way? Jesus is the one Who dominates over Satan. What does Jesus describe as the everlasting sin? Who does Jesus identify as the true family?

### **Reading I: Genesis 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."

The reading highlights actions surrounding the forces of good and evil. The origin of evil takes place in the middle of all that is good and created by God. Why would Adam and Eve hide from the Lord? How does this compare with when we engage in sin? How does self-awareness of sin change your relationship with God?

# Notes

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.**

**Reading II: 2 Corinthians 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.

St. Paul reflects on his suffering and eventual glory. He views suffering in light of the Good News. How do we respond to suffering in our own lives? In our suffering, are we still producing good fruit? Do we view suffering as transitory and anticipate something greater to come?

### Feast days this week

**SUNDAY 9 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY 10 WEEKDAY**

**TUESDAY 11 SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE**

**WEDNESDAY 12 WEEKDAY**

**THURSDAY 13 SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**FRIDAY 14 WEEKDAY**

**SATURDAY 15 WEEKDAY**

*reflect*

What kind of fruit do I produce when I am suffering?

*pray*

Father God, may continue to trust your goodness. Through Christ our Lord, Amen

*live*

Live unashamedly for Christ, with a mindset to anticipate the greater life to come.