

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st. READING (Jer 20, 7-9)

Yahweh, you have seduced me and I let myself be seduced. You have taken me by force and prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; they all make fun of me, for every time I speak I have to shout, "Violence! Devastation!" Yahweh's word has brought me insult and derision all day long. So I decided to forget about him and speak no more in his name. But his word in my heart becomes like a fire burning deep within my bones. I try so hard to hold it in, but I cannot do it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 63)

O God, you are my God, it is you I seek;
for you my body longs and my soul thirsts,
as a dry and weary land without water.

Thus have I gazed upon you
in the sanctuary,
to see your power and your glory.
Your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

I will bless you as long as I live,
lift up my hands and call on your name.
As with the richest food my soul will feast;
my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.

For you have been my help;
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
My soul clings to you,
your right hand upholds me.

2nd. READING (Rom 12, 1-2)

I beg you, dearly beloved, by the mercy of God, to give yourselves as a living and holy sacrifice pleasing to God: such is the worship of a rational being. Don't let yourselves be shaped by the world where you live, but rather be transformed through the renewal of your mind. You must discern the will of God: what is good, what pleases, what is perfect.

GOSPEL (Mt 16, 21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem; he would suffer many things from the Jewish authorities, the chief priests and the teachers of the Law. He would be killed and be raised on the third day. Then Peter took him aside and began to reproach him, "Never, Lord! No, this must never happen to you." But Jesus turned to him and said, "Get behind me, Satan! You would have me stumble. You are their King not as God does, but as people do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me. For whoever chooses to save his life will lose it, but the one who loses his life for my sake will find it. What will one gain by winning the whole world if he destroys himself? There is nothing you can give to recover your own self. Know that the Son of Man will come in the Glory of his Father with the holy angels, and he will reward each one according to his deeds.