

NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

1st. READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 11:18.26-28

Moses said to the people: "Let these words of mine remain. in your heart and in your soul; fasten them on your hand as a sign and on your forehead as a circlet."

"See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: a blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord our God that I enjoin on you today; a curse, if you disobey the commandments of the Lord your God and leave the way I have marked out for you today, by going after other gods you have not known."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 30:2-4.17.25 (R. 3)

Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge.
Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free,
hear me and speedily rescue me.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a mighty stronghold to save me,
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your love.
Be strong, let your heart take courage,
all who hope in the Lord.

2nd READING

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 3:21-25.28

God's justice that was made known through the Law and the Prophets has now been revealed outside the Law, since it is the same justice of God that comes through faith to everyone, Jew and pagan alike, who believes in Jesus Christ.

Both Jew and pagan sinned and forfeited God's glory, and both are justified through the free gift of his grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by God to sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith since, as we see it, a man is justified by faith and not by doing something the Law tells him to do.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 7:21-27

Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "It is not those who say to me, 'Lord, Lord', who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.

When the day comes many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast our demons in your name, work many miracles in your name?' Then I shall tell them to their faces: I have never known you; away from me, you evil men!" "Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock.

Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell; and what a fall it had!"