

## 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

### 1st. READING (Zec 12,10-11)

I will pour out on the family of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of love and supplication. They will look at the one who was pierced and mourn for him as for an only child, weeping bitterly as for a firstborn. The mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning of Haddadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 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.

Amid loud shouts of joy,  
sing to him a new song  
and play the ten-stringed harp.  
For upright is the Lord's word  
and worthy of trust is his work.

The Lord loves justice and righteousness;  
the earth is full of his kindness.  
The heavens were created by his word,  
the breath of his mouth formed their starry host.

Let the whole earth fear the Lord,  
let the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.  
For he spoke and so it was,  
he commanded, and everything stood firm.

**2nd. READING (Gal 3,26-29)**

Now, in Christ Jesus, all of you are sons and daughters of God through faith. All of you who were given to Christ through baptism, have put on Christ. Here there is no longer any difference between Jew or Greek, or between slave or freed, or between man and woman: but all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And because you belong to Christ, you are of Abraham's race and you are to inherit God's promise.

**GOSPEL (Luke 9, 18-24)**

One day when Jesus was praying alone, not far from his disciples, he asked them, "What do people say about me?" And they answered, "Some say that you are John the Baptist; others say that you are Elijah, and still others that you are one of the former prophets risen from the dead." Again Jesus asked them, "Who then do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God." Then Jesus spoke to them, giving them strict orders not to tell this to anyone. And he added, "The Son of Man must suffer many things. He will be rejected by the elders and chief priests and teachers of the Law, and put to death. Then after three days he will be raised to life." Jesus also said to all the people, "If you wish to be a follower of mine, deny yourself and take up your cross each day, and follow me. For if you choose to save your life, you will lose it, and if you lose your life for my sake, you will save it.