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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20.10-13

Jeremiah cried out: I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face. I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children. It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. R.

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your steadfast help, rescue me. Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. R.

Let the oppressed see it and be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord hears the needy, and does not despise his own that are in bonds. Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them. R.

SECOND READING: Romans 5.12-15

Brothers and sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, so death spread to all people because all have sinned. Sin was indeed in the

world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10.26-33

Jesus said to his Apostles: "Fear no one; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

"Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before humans, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before humans, I also will deny before my Father in heaven."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

When have you had to overcome fear in order to be faithful to your call?

When have you experienced God's provident care in a time of need?

Have you ever thought of your enemies as God's enemies? Do you still think this way? Explain.

SONGS FOR REFLECTION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhQi4yWTUBY>

Lord, In Your Great Love (Psalm 69) by Michel Guimont

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dg1otliLmhs>

All That Is Hidden by Bernadette Farrell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FM-CTZKg9U8>

Be Not Afraid by Bob Dufford, SJ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BltudBGj8dg>