

## Readings: Tuesday 18th Week in Ordinary Time Year 1

### First Reading: Numbers 12:1-13

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses on the pretext  
of the marriage he had contracted with a Cushite woman.  
They complained, “Is it through Moses alone that the Lord speaks?  
Does he not speak through us also?”  
And the Lord heard this.  
Now, Moses himself was by far the meekest man on the face of the earth.  
So at once the Lord said to Moses and Aaron and Miriam,  
“Come out, you three, to the meeting tent.”  
And the three of them went.  
Then the Lord came down in the column of cloud,  
and standing at the entrance of the tent,  
called Aaron and Miriam.  
When both came forward, he said,  
“Now listen to the words of the Lord:  
Should there be a prophet among you,  
in visions will I reveal myself to him,  
in dreams will I speak to him;  
not so with my servant Moses!  
Throughout my house he bears my trust:  
face to face I speak to him;  
plainly and not in riddles.  
The presence of the Lord he beholds.  
Why, then, did you not fear to speak against my servant Moses?”  
So angry was the Lord against them that when he departed,  
and the cloud withdrew from the tent,  
there was Miriam, a snow-white leper!  
When Aaron turned and saw her a leper, he said to Moses,  
“Ah, my lord! Please do not charge us with the sin  
that we have foolishly committed!  
Let her not thus be like the stillborn babe  
that comes forth from its mother’s womb  
with its flesh half consumed.”  
Then Moses cried to the Lord, “Please, not this! Pray, heal her!”

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### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13

*R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.  
*R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

For I acknowledge my offense;  
and my sin is before me always:  
“Against you only have I sinned;  
and done what is evil in your sight.”  
*R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

That you may be justified in your sentence,  
vindicated when you condemn.  
Indeed, in guilt was I born,  
and in sin my mother conceived me.  
*R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not off from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
*R./ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

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**Gospel Reading: [Matthew 14:22-36](#)**

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat  
and precede him to the other side of the sea,  
while he dismissed the crowds.  
After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.  
When it was evening he was there alone.  
Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore,  
was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.  
During the fourth watch of the night,  
he came toward them, walking on the sea.  
When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.  
“It is a ghost,” they said, and they cried out in fear.  
At once Jesus spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”  
Peter said to him in reply,  
“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”  
He said, “Come.”  
Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.  
But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened;

and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"  
Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him,  
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"  
After they got into the boat, the wind died down.  
Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,  
"Truly, you are the Son of God."  
After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret.  
When the men of that place recognized him,  
they sent word to all the surrounding country.  
People brought to him all those who were sick  
and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak,  
and as many as touched it were healed.

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