

Readings: Feria

First Reading: Rom 4:1-8

Brothers and sisters:

What can we say that Abraham found,
our ancestor according to the flesh?
Indeed, if Abraham was justified on the basis of his works,
he has reason to boast;
but this was not so in the sight of God.
For what does the Scripture say?
Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.
A worker's wage is credited not as a gift, but as something due.
But when one does not work,
yet believes in the one who justifies the ungodly,
his faith is credited as righteousness.
So also David declares the blessedness of the person

to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven
and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not record.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11

R/ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,

and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed the man to whom the Lord imputes not guilt,
in whose spirit there is no guile.
R/ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,

and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.
I said, "I confess my faults to the Lord,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.
R/ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,

and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you just;
exult, all you upright of heart.
R/ I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,

and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Reading: Lk 12:1-7

Such a numerous crowd had gathered that they crushed one another. Then Jesus spoke to his disciples in this way, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy. Nothing is covered that will not be uncovered, or hidden that will not be made known. Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in daylight, and what

you have whispered in hidden places, will be proclaimed from the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who put to death the body and after that can do no more. But I will tell you whom to fear: Fear the One who after killing you is able to throw you into hell. This one you must fear. Don't you get five sparrows for two pennies? Yet not one of them has been forgotten by God. Even the hairs of your head have been numbered. So do not fear: are you not worth more than a flock

of sparrows?"

