

# Readings: Feria

First Reading: [Rom 6:12-18](#)

Brothers and sisters:

Sin must not reign over your mortal bodies  
so that you obey their desires.  
And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin  
as weapons for wickedness,  
but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life  
and the parts of your bodies to God  
as weapons for righteousness.  
For sin is not to have any power over you,

since you are not under the law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law  
but under grace?

Of course not!

Do you not know that if you present yourselves  
to someone as obedient slaves,  
you are slaves of the one you obey,  
either of sin, which leads to death,  
or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?  
But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin,  
you have become obedient from the heart  
to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted.

Freed from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness.

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## Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8](#)

**R./ Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

Had not the LORD been with us,  
let Israel say, had not the LORD been with us-  
When men rose up against us,  
then would they have swallowed us alive;  
When their fury was inflamed against us.

**R./ Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us;  
The torrent would have swept over us;  
over us then would have swept the raging waters.  
Blessed be the LORD, who did not leave us  
a prey to their teeth.

**R./ Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

We were rescued like a bird  
from the fowlers' snare;  
Broken was the snare,  
and we were freed.  
Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

**R./ Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

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Gospel Reading: [Lk 12:39-48](#)

Jesus said to his disciples, "Pay attention to this: If the master of the house had known at what time the thief would come, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect."

Peter said, "Lord, did you tell this parable only for us, or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Imagine, then, the wise and faithful steward whom the master sets over his other servants to give them food rations at the proper time. Fortunate is this servant if his master on coming home finds him doing his work. Truly, I say to you, the master will put him in charge of all his property."

"But it may be that the steward thinks: 'My Lord delays in coming,' and he begins to abuse the menservants and the servant girls, eating and drinking and getting drunk. Then the master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he doesn't know. He will discharge his servant and number him among the unreliable."

"The servant who knew his master's will, but did not prepare to do what his master wanted, will be punished with sound blows; but the one who did what deserved a punishment without knowing it shall receive fewer blows. Much will be required of the one who has been given much, and more will be asked of the one entrusted with more."

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