

Readings: Feria

First Reading: James 1:19-27

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters:
everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger
for anger does not accomplish
the righteousness of God.
Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess
and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.
For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,
he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror.
He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets
what he looked like.

But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres,
and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts,
such a one shall be blessed in what he does.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue
but deceives his heart, his religion is vain.
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5

R/ Who shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?

He who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

R/ Who shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
By whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the Lord.

R/ Who shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be disturbed.

R/ Who shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:14-21

The disciples had forgotten to bring bread,
and they had only one loaf with them in the boat.
Jesus enjoined them, "Watch out,
guard against the leaven of the Pharisees
and the leaven of Herod."
They concluded among themselves that
it was because they had no bread.
When he became aware of this he said to them,
"Why do you conclude that it is because you have no bread?
Do you not yet understand or comprehend?
Are your hearts hardened?
Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear?
And do you not remember,
when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand,
how many wicker baskets full of fragments you picked up?"
They answered him, "Twelve."
"When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand,
how many full baskets of fragments did you pick up?"

They answered him, "Seven."

He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"
