

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: James 2:14-24, 26

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,  
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?  
Can that faith save him?  
If a brother or sister has nothing to wear  
and has no food for the day,  
and one of you says to them,  
"Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,"  
but you do not give them the necessities of the body,  
what good is it?  
So also faith of itself,  
if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say,  
"You have faith and I have works."  
Demonstrate your faith to me without works,  
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.  
You believe that God is one.  
You do well.  
Even the demons believe that and tremble.  
Do you want proof, you ignoramus,  
that faith without works is useless?  
Was not Abraham our father justified by works  
when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar?  
You see that faith was active along with his works,  
and faith was completed by the works.  
Thus the Scripture was fulfilled that says,  
Abraham believed God,  
and it was credited to him as righteousness,  
and he was called the friend of God.  
See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.  
For just as a body without a spirit is dead,  
  
so also faith without works is dead.

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Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R/ Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Blessed the man who fears the Lord,  
who greatly delights in his commands.  
His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;  
the upright generation shall be blessed.

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Wealth and riches shall be in his house;  
his generosity shall endure forever.  
Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.

R/ Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice;  
He shall never be moved;  
the just man shall be in everlasting remembrance.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-9:1

Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,  
"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me.  
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake  
and that of the Gospel will save it.  
What profit is there for one to gain the whole world

## and forfeit his life?

What could one give in exchange for his life?  
Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words  
in this faithless and sinful generation,  
the Son of Man will be ashamed of  
when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

He also said to them,  
"Amen, I say to you,  
there are some standing here who will not taste death

until they see that the Kingdom of God has come in power."

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