

## Readings: Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

### First Reading: Jer 15:10, 16 – 21

Woe to me, mother, that you gave me birth!  
a man of strife and contention to all the land!  
I neither borrow nor lend,  
yet all curse me.  
When I found your words, I devoured them;  
they became my joy and the happiness of my heart,  
Because I bore your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.  
I did not sit celebrating  
in the circle of merry-makers;  
Under the weight of your hand I sat alone  
because you filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain continuous,  
my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?  
You have indeed become for me a treacherous brook,  
whose waters do not abide!  
Thus the LORD answered me:  
If you repent, so that I restore you,  
in my presence you shall stand;  
If you bring forth the precious without the vile,  
you shall be my mouthpiece.  
Then it shall be they who turn to you,  
and you shall not turn to them;  
And I will make you toward this people  
a solid wall of brass.  
Though they fight against you,  
they shall not prevail,  
For I am with you,  
to deliver and rescue you, says the LORD.  
I will free you from the hand of the wicked,  
and rescue you from the grasp of the violent.

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### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 59:2 –3, 4, 10–11, 17, 18

**R./ God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

Rescue me from my enemies, O my God;  
from my adversaries defend me.  
Rescue me from evildoers;  
from bloodthirsty men save me.

**R./ God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

For behold, they lie in wait for my life;  
mighty men come together against me,  
Not for any offense or sin of mine, O LORD.

**R./ God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

O my strength! for you I watch;  
for you, O God, are my stronghold,  
As for my God, may his mercy go before me;  
may he show me the fall of my foes.

**R./ God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

But I will sing of your strength  
and revel at dawn in your mercy;  
You have been my stronghold,  
my refuge in the day of distress.

**R./ God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

O my strength! your praise will I sing;  
for you, O God, are my stronghold,  
my merciful God!

**R./ God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

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**Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-46**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.  
Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant  
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,  
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

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