

# Readings: Feria

**First Reading: Mal 3:13-20a**

You have defied me in word, says the LORD,  
yet you ask, "What have we spoken against you?"  
You have said, "It is vain to serve God,  
and what do we profit by keeping his command,  
And going about in penitential dress  
in awe of the LORD of hosts?  
Rather must we call the proud blessed;  
for indeed evildoers prosper,  
and even tempt God with impunity."

Then they who fear the LORD spoke with one another,  
and the LORD listened attentively;  
And a record book was written before him  
of those who fear the LORD and trust in his name.  
And they shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts,  
my own special possession, on the day I take action.  
And I will have compassion on them,  
as a man has compassion on his son who serves him.  
Then you will again see the distinction  
between the just and the wicked:  
Between the one who serves God,  
and the one who does not serve him.  
For lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven,  
when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble,  
And the day that is coming will set them on fire,  
leaving them neither root nor branch,  
says the LORD of hosts.  
But for you who fear my name, there will arise

the sun of justice with its healing rays.

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**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6**

**R./ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Blessed the man who follows not  
the counsel of the wicked  
Nor walks in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the company of the insolent.  
But delights in the law of the LORD  
and meditates on his law day and night.

**R./ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

He is like a tree  
planted near running water,  
That yields its fruit in due season,  
and whose leaves never fade.  
Whatever he does, prospers.

**R./ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Not so the wicked, not so;  
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,  
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

**R./ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

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**Gospel Reading: Lk 11:5-13**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to his house in the middle of the night and says: 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine who is traveling has just arrived and I have nothing to offer him.' Maybe your friend will answer from inside: 'Don't bother me now; the door is locked and my children and I are in bed, so I can't get up and give you anything.' But I tell you, even though he will not get up and attend to you because you are a friend, yet he will get up because you are a bother to him, and he will give you all you need.

"And so I say to you, 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For the one who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to him who knocks the door will be opened.

"If your child asks for a fish, will you give a snake instead? And if your child asks for an egg, will you give a scorpion? Even you evil people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more then will the Father in heaven give holy spirit to those who ask him!"

