

Readings: Feria

First Reading: Rom 7:18-25a

Brothers and sisters:

I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh.
The willing is ready at hand, but doing the good is not.
For I do not do the good I want,
but I do the evil I do not want.
Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it,
but sin that dwells in me.
So, then, I discover the principle
that when I want to do right, evil is at hand.
For I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self,
but I see in my members another principle
at war with the law of my mind,
taking me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
Miserable one that I am!
Who will deliver me from this mortal body?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94

R/ Lord, teach me your statutes.

Teach me wisdom and knowledge,
for in your commands I trust.

R/ Lord, teach me your statutes.

You are good and bountiful;
teach me your statutes.

R/ Lord, teach me your statutes.

Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.

R/ Lord, teach me your statutes.

Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

R/ Lord, teach me your statutes.

Never will I forget your precepts,
for through them you give me life.

R/ Lord, teach me your statutes.

I am yours; save me,
for I have sought your precepts.

R/ Lord, teach me your statutes.

Gospel Reading: Lk 12:54-59

Jesus said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once: 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. And when the wind blows from the south, you say: 'It will be hot'; and so it is. You superficial people! You understand the signs of the earth and the sky, but you don't understand the present times. And why do you not judge for yourselves what is fit?"

When you go with your accuser before the court, try to settle the case on the way, lest he drag you before the judge and the judge deliver you to the jailer, and the jailer throw you in prison. I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the very last penny."

