

FEBRUARY 1, 2017 Wednesday

Reading 1HEB 12:4-7, 11-15

Brothers and sisters: In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood. You have also forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: *My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges.* Endure your trials as "discipline"; God treats you as his sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one be deprived of the grace of God, that no bitter root spring up and cause trouble, through which many may become defiled.

Responsorial Psalm PS 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18A

R. (see 17) The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him,
For he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust.

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity
to eternity toward those who fear him, And his justice toward children's children
among those who keep his covenant.

R. The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.

Alleluia JN 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MK 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Reflection:

“Jesus could work no miracle there, except that he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them” (Mark 6:6)

Miracles and blessing of God depends upon our faith in God. When we have strong faith in God, He can do many things in our life. The prophets become our models as to how we must place our trust in God when we are met with crisis in our Christian commitment. They lead us to believe in the invisible presence of Jesus with us in our struggles to be faithful to him because he has promised that he will be with us until the end of the world.(Mt 28:20). So we need to approach God with faith. It is human nature to have faith in God at the moment of difficult times. But as a Christian, we need to have faith in God at every moment of our life thus God can do many miracles in our life beyond our expectations. Let us have strong faith in Him always.