

January 11 Wednesday

Reading 1 HEB 2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and Flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Responsorial Psalm PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

R. (8a) **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!

Look to the LORD in his strength;
seek to serve him constantly.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants,
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He, the LORD, is our God;
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

He remembers forever his covenant
which he made binding for a thousand generations--

Which he entered into with Abraham
and by his oath to Isaac.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

or:

R. **Alleluia.**

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 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Reflection:

Jesus went about healing and exorcising the afflicted ones who came to Him. Simon and his companions felt the need of His availability and said to Him, everyone is searching for you. A mission that wells up from the genuine relationship with God is acknowledged and sought after. The upshot of that relationship surpasses all boundaries whereby even the beneficiary turns out to be a beneficent. Love of God is contagious that spreads on to the neighbor. We too are given the gift of faith despite the nature of our call. Everybody has the responsibility to take part in the life-giving mission of Christ whether the person is man or woman, rich or poor, black or white.