The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 8C June 26, 2022*

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Catechesis Notes for Week - Psalm 1 – Psalm 1 is our introduction to the Psalter. It draws us deeper into the Psalms filled with treasures that strengthen our faith, comfort our hearts, and teach us how to pray. Psalm 1 lays out the difference between the advice from the wicked (chaff) and the teachings of the Lord (fruitful tree). The advice of the wicked leads to destruction. The one who follows the wicked eventually perishes. The teachings of the Lord are life for the righteous. Following the way of the Lord marks one as blessed. To be blessed, as in the Sermon on the Mount, means one is the receiver of God’s gifts. Psalm 1 begins with the words: ”Blessed is the man…his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.” The term “man” in this Psalm does not denote any random man nor is it speaking of mankind in general. The Psalmist is speaking of a particular man, the mediator, Jesus. He is the one who fulfills Psalm 1. He is the key to our understanding of the entire Psalter. In Him, we hear the Word of God and keep it. (Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer)

***Invocation*** -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Verse:** Luke 9:58 – And Jesus said to him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 1**

**New Testament Stories Year III: Gospel of Luke**

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| Tuesday | Confessing Christ – Luke 12:1-12 |
| Wednesday | **St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles – Acts 15:1-12** |
| Thursday | The Parable of the Rich Fool – Luke 12:13-34 |
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| **Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Part III** | **Grades** |
| How can water do such great things? Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus chapter three: | 3rd+ |
| “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, | K+ |
| whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior | 1st+ |
| so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5-8) | 2nd+ |