The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for Propers 19C September 11, 2022*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

Catechesis Notes for the week – Psalm 12 – Who are the enemies of God? Verse 1 provides a hint “for the godly one is gone.” The enemies are false prophets under the influence of the enemy, the ancient dragon. Lying is part of his nature. He, and his minions, use men of “flattering lips and a double heart” to spread false messages of God. David’s pleas are those of the people of God of all times, places, and situations which get ever more painful by words of evil people. They use their words for hate, division, and oppression. In light of this, Psalm 12 is a natural continuation of the themes begun in Psalm 10. Psalm 10 describes the wicked as those who “boast” and “sneer.” Then in Psalm 11, we see that the same wicked people destroy the foundations of society with their tongues. But have no fear. God hears the cries of His people. His Words are proven true in Jesus the Fulfiller of the Old Testament.

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

**Verse:** James 2:10 – For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: 12**

**Year I – Catechism Stories: Conclusion of the Commandments**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Gospel 19C – Luke 15:1-10 |
| Monday | God’s Law Always Threatens and Accuses –  Exodus 20:1-6, 18-21, 31:18 |
| Tuesday | The Worship of the Golden Calf – Exodus 32:1-14 |
| Wednesday | **Holy Cross Day – John 12:20-33** |
| Thursday | God’s Wrath Is Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers –  Exodus 32:15-35 |
| Friday | Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty – Luke 23:13-25 |
| Saturday | Sunday OT – Ezekiel 34:11-24 |

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| **Catechism: Conclusion of the Commandments** | **Grades** |
| What does God say about all these commandments?  He says, “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” (Ex. 20:5-6) | 2nd+ |
| *What does this mean?*  God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. | 1st+ |