The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 15, 2023*

*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 28—*Psalm 28 is another psalm penned by David. This one was most likely composed during the time that Absalom rose in rebellion against David. Verses 3 and 5 describe those who followed Absalom. “Do not drag me off with the wicked, with the workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts” and “Because they do not regard the works of the Lord or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and build them up no more..” Yet, God will intercede because He is the “he is the saving refuge of his anointed.” (V 8). Psalm 28 is an example of the Seventh Petition because God alone can “save your people and bless your heritage!” He did so by sending your Great Good Shepherd to suffer and die on Calvary’s cross thereby delivering your life from the pit.

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

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Verse:** Galatians 2:20 – I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 28**

**Year I – Old Testament Stories Continued**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | Epiphany 2 – John 2:1-11 |
| Monday | Jacob Journeys to Egypt to See Joseph – Genesis 46:1-27 |
| Tuesday | Joseph’s Vow to Jacob and Jacob Blesses Joseph’s Sons –  Genesis 47:27 – 48:21 |
| Wednesday | **The Confession of St. Peter – Mark 8:27-35** |
| Thursday | Jacob Blesses His Sons Before He Dies – Genesis 49:1 (2-27) 28 – 50:14 |
| Friday | Joseph Continues to Show Mercy to His Brothers – Genesis 50:15-26 |
| Saturday | The Birth of Moses – Exodus 1:1 – 2:10 |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of Holy Baptism IV** | **Grades** |
| *What does such baptizing with water indicate?*  It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. | 3rd+ |
| *Where is this written?*  St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: | 1st+ |
| **“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death** | K+ |
| **in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”** | 2nd+ |