

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Job.

Is not a person's life in this world nothing but drudgery?
Are our days here not like those of a hired hand?
Like a laborer vainly longing for shade
or a hired hand waiting for meager wages,
so I am assigned months of futility;
my only possessions are nights of misery.
When I go to bed I wonder, "How long before I get up?"
— but the night drags on, as I toss and turn.
My days pass as swiftly as a weaver's shuttle,
and they come to an end without hope.
YHWH, remember that my life is just a breath,
and I will never experience joy again.

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Not that I do boast about preaching the Gospel; I am under compulsion and have no choice. I am ruined if I do not preach the Gospel! If I do it willingly, I have my reward; if unwillingly, I am nonetheless entrusted with a charge. What then is my reward? It is simply this: that when preaching, I offer the Gospel free of charge and do not assert the authority the Gospel gives me. Although I am not bound to

anyone, I put myself into the service of all so as to win over as many as possible.

To the weak I became weak to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might save at least some of them. In fact, I do all that I do for the sake of the Gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessing.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Upon leaving the synagogue, Jesus entered Simon's and Andrew's house with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Jesus about her.

Jesus went over to her, took her by the hand and helped her up, and the fever left her. Then she went about her work.

After sunset, as evening drew on, they brought to Jesus all who were ill and possessed by demons. Everyone in the town crowded around the door. Jesus healed many who were sick with different diseases, and cast out many demons. But Jesus would not

permit the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

Rising early the next morning, Jesus went off to a lonely place in the desert and prayed there. Simon and some companions managed to find Jesus and said to him, "Everybody is looking for you!"

Jesus said to them, "Let us move on to the neighboring villages so that I may proclaim the Good News there also. That is what I have come to do." So Jesus went into their synagogues proclaiming the Good News and expelling demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

The Good News of Salvation!
R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!