

February 8-13

Monday, Acts 2:22-47

Today's reading is a sermon preached by Peter on the day of Pentecost, the birth of the church. Listen to what Peter tells the Jewish people of his day about God, Christ and our human condition. There are some technical terms here, such as repent and baptism, what does he say about them? Have you been baptized? If you haven't been baptized, but have committed your life to Christ, baptism is the next step. Please prayerfully consider calling the church office to find out more about baptism and how you can schedule a time to be baptized.

Tuesday, Matthew chapters 8-9

Today's reading follows Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7. Where the Sermon focuses on Jesus' teaching, the next chapters are about Jesus' action. To learn about Jesus is to learn about the very heart of God. Prayerfully consider, what do you learn about Jesus through these stories?

Wednesday Luke 19:1-10; John 8:1-11

Again, when we learn about Jesus we learn about God. What do we learn about the heart of God from Jesus in these passages? What do you think these two persons were like before they met Jesus? What difference would his attention have made in their life? Prayerfully consider, is there anyone who might be on the fringes of society whom God wants to reach out through your life?

Thursday, Romans 7:14-8:17

Today's reading is the Apostle Paul's understanding of the Human Condition and its solution. What does Paul teach us about our predicament in the verses in chapter seven? Reflecting on your life, does this make sense? The reading in chapter eight is God's answer to our problem. As you enter a time of prayer, reflect on both Paul's description and prescription for your struggles of being human. Ask the Spirit to enter into your life and begin conquering this struggle for you.

Friday, 1 John 1-2

Today and tomorrow's readings are the first letter of John (not the Gospel of John, but the first of three short letters of John, found near the end of the New Testament). As you read this passage, pay close attention to John's teaching about the nature of God, and the level of expectation for those who wish to be followers of Christ. Prayerfully consider, how does God speak to you through John's words today?

Saturday 1John 3-5

Today's reading focuses on living life as a child of God. How does the First Letter of John tell us the Children of God should behave to one another? What does First John tell us is the nature of God? What does he tell us about Jesus? How is God's love perfected in us? Prayerfully reflect on the ways God has revealed himself through the First Letter of John.