

St. Benedict Church Bible Study

Thirty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 156

Reading 1

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

1 It also happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law.

2 One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to learn by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

9 With his last breath he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever, because we are dying for his laws."

10 After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put forth his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely stretched out his hands,

11 as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disregard them; from him I hope to receive them again."

12 Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's spirit, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

13 After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way.

14 When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of mortals with the hope that God will restore me to life; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

Reading 2

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace,

17 encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

3 But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

4 We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you [both] are doing and will continue to do.

5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

Gospel
Lk 20:27-38

27 Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to him,

28 saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us, ‘If someone’s brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.’

29 Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless.

30 Then the second

31 and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless.

32 Finally the woman also died.

33 Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her.”

34 Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and are given in marriage;

35 but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

36 They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

37 That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called 'Lord' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob;

38 and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”