

Divine Savior & Our Lady of the Lakes Twenty-Ninth Sunday Prayer Reflection

Start by the sign of the cross: +

Place yourself before the presence of God by being still.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8. 9-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel of Matthew 22:15-21

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101820.cfm>

You can get the readings from: The Daily Bread Booklet, Missalettes, Bible etc.

Fr. Gideon's Reflection: God uses others to turn our hearts to Him

In our first reading we hear about the commission of King Cyrus. He was Persian, and during his reign, he permitted the Israelites to return to their land and rebuild their lives after years in exile. It is interesting that though a foreigner, and actually an outsider, God chose king Cyrus and legitimized his reign over his people at that moment. The task for King Cyrus was clear—to be an instrument of God in liberating the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity.

One thing that is clear from our first reading is that God can choose to use anybody—sometimes those we may deem unworthy and outsiders—to spark our hearts to conversion. Also, God chooses us every day to be His instruments, to bring others to him through our words and actions. His graces and transformative power goes beyond the boundaries of the church. So, let us always be attentive and keep the ears of our hearts open lest we miss those special people sent by God to stir in our hearts the zeal for Him.

Creed: Pray the Creed

Intentions: Offer your personal prayers and those of your family, pray that life is respected and protected from birth to natural death, pray for the health of our families, pray for a peaceful election, pray for a deep sense of healing and unity in our country.

Conclude the prayers with a Hail Mary

Pray the Lord's Prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You.
Amen.

Conclude with the sign of the cross: +

Note of Gratitude:

-This past Saturday, Divine Savior Catholic School held their Barbecue Bonanza fundraising drive-through. It was great seeing our families supporting our school. I want to say thanks to our school leadership teams for working tirelessly for the success of this event. Thanks to all of our families that turned up to enjoy the delicious meal.

A few things to keep in mind:

-Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Rose Chapel, Fredonia is on October 21st, 5-6:30pm.
Reconciliation will be from 5-6pm. All are welcome to spend prayer time with Jesus.