

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
 and does not understanding raise her
 voice?
²On the heights, beside the way,
 at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
 at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴“To you, O people, I call,
 and my cry is to all that live.
²²The LORD created me at the beginning of
 his work,
 the first of his acts of long ago.
²³Ages ago I was set up,
 at the first, before the beginning of the
 earth.
²⁴When there were no depths I was brought
 forth,
 when there were no springs abounding
 with water.
²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,
 or the world’s first bits of soil.
²⁷When he established the heavens, I was
 there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the
 deep,
²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the
 deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress
 his command,
 when he marked out the foundations of
 the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master
 worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.”

Psalm 8**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we
 have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
 Christ, ²through whom we have obtained ac-
 cess to this grace in which we stand; and we
 boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.
³And not only that, but we also boast in our
 sufferings, knowing that suffering produces
 endurance, ⁴and endurance produces charac-
 ter, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope
 does not disappoint us, because God’s love
 has been poured into our hearts through the
 Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to
 you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When
 the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you
 into all the truth; for he will not speak on his
 own, but will speak whatever he hears, and
 he will declare to you the things that are to
 come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will
 take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All
 that the Father has is mine. For this reason I
 said that he will take what is mine and declare
 it to you.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.

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