

April 5: Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

The Gospel According to Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

From the Fathers...on Confession

Confess what you have done in word or deed, by night or day.

Confess in an acceptable time,
and in the day of salvation receive the heavenly treasure.

-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Daily Bible Readings

Monday, April 6

Isaiah 48:17 – 49:4 • Genesis 27:1-41 • Proverbs 19:16-25

Tuesday, April 7

Isaiah 49:6-10 • Genesis 31:3-16 • Proverbs 21:3-21

Wednesday, April 8

Isaiah 58:1-11 • Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16 • Proverbs 21:23 – 22:4

Thursday, April 9

Isaiah 65:8-16 • Genesis 46:1-7 • Proverbs 23:15 – 24:5

Friday, April 10

Isaiah 66:10-24 • Genesis 49:33 – 50:26 • Proverbs 31:8-31

Saturday, April 11

Hebrews 12:28 – 13:8 • John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 12: Palm Sunday

Philippians 4:4-9 • John 12:1-18

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