

Friday, February 26, 2021  
Friday of the First Week of Lent

“If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.” Today’s responsorial psalm begins, “Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!” Jesus goes to the depths of our hearts, where sin is conceived, to root it out. We may have never killed anyone physically but, as Jesus shows, we can kill by anger and words; and even looks! Let us root out all sin where it begins and repent from our hearts. As Ezekiel mentions, we grow in virtue and pray that living virtuously through God’s grace, we may not lose that grace and fall away from God. However, for the many who have never experienced God’s love, we need to give them room to repent and accept the repentant sinner, as God does. “For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.” God rejoices when we turn from our evil ways because he takes no pleasure from the death of the wicked! Mercy triumphs! Love is eternal!

God Love You!

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