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Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Daniel comes to the rescue of Susanna, innocent of the charge against her. She did not sin as was implied but cried out to the Lord and she was heard. Jesus came to the rescue of the woman “caught in the very act of committing adultery.” We do not know what Jesus wrote on the ground as the scribes and Pharisees awaited an answer from Him. However, Jesus’ words caused them to reflect seriously: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” These are words for us as well. We are all sinners and are in need of redemption. It is so easy to get caught in the mentality of today’s world and bring charges against others, shout at them, and denounce them. The world is merciless with this type of attitude. Is it any wonder that many live in fear of condemnation within our own society? Jesus wants to give us all the spirit to be merciful. First, we need to accept His mercy upon our own sins and have gratitude for this divine gift. Then, our hearts can be formed to come to the aid of other sinners, as Jesus did, and show them compassion and love. We need to heed Jesus’ final words to the woman: “Go, and from now on do not sin any more.” “To err is human, to forgive divine” – Alexander Pope, 18th century British Catholic poet (1688-1744)

God Love You!

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