

November 7, 2010
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king, to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law. One of the brothers, speaking for the others, said: "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors."

At the point of death he said: "You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up to live again forever. It is for his laws that we are dying."

After him the third suffered their cruel sport. He put out his tongue at once when told to do so, and bravely held out his hands, as he spoke these noble words: "It was from Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." Even the king and his attendants marveled at the young man's courage, because he regarded his sufferings as nothing.

After he had died, they tortured and maltreated the fourth brother in the same way. When he was near death, he said, "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you, there will be no resurrection to life."

Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15

Responsorial Psalm

R. (15b) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
 Hear, O LORD, a just suit;
 attend to my outcry;
 hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
 My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
 my feet have not faltered.
 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
 incline your ear to me; hear my word.

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
 Keep me as the apple of your eye,
 hide me in the shadow of your wings.
 But I in justice shall behold your face;
 on waking I shall be content in your presence.
R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.