

Sunday, February 4, 2024
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1) Job 7:1-4, 6-7
- 2) 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
- 3) Mark 1:29-39

FOCUS: Jesus, the Word of God, came for all the world.

Jesus came not just for those he encountered in person but for the salvation of the whole world. As his earthly ministry touched the lives of many people, so does his Word spread to all the earth. He brings healing to those in despair by offering the hope of the kingdom of God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Job speaks of living in misery. Paul, in his Letter to the Corinthians, tells them he has an obligation to preach the Good News of the Gospel. In the Gospel, Jesus drives out demons and heals Simon's mother-in-law, and then goes on healing and preaching *throughout the whole of Galilee*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us bring to our merciful God our prayers for ourselves, for one another, and for the whole world.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Holy Spirit continue to inspire them in faithfully preaching the Good News of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may God grant them integrity in protecting all who are vulnerable, especially the poor, the elderly, and the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who struggle with disabilities, may God's strength accompany them in their hardships, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered in this holy place, may the grace of this sacrament transform us in the image of Christ's love and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may our loving God soon bring them to eternal union with him in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Good and merciful God, we praise you for the wonders you have done for us. We ask that you graciously accept the prayers we have brought to you, through Christ our Lord.