

Sunday Readings Reflections

8/21/2016

Reading 1 Isaiah 66:18-21

The prophet stirs up God's people with a vision of how they will participate in revealing God's glory to the world. Scattered throughout the world, they will spread the knowledge of the one true God. They will attract all people to Jerusalem and its Temple. What a colorful procession! Pilgrims of every race and nation are traveling side by side on horses, mules, and camels. They have been gathered to worship the one true God.

Reading 2 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

At times we have to struggle to live the Christian life. But God prepares us for the difficulties we will encounter. Like a responsible parent, God must at times discipline us. That discipline may cause some grief. But through it, we learn God's ways of love, justice, and peace.

Gospel Luke 13:22-30

When someone asks Jesus how many will be saved, he answers by using the image of the narrow door. Those who do not remain faithful to him will be left outside. Jesus is warning people of faith not to take their salvation for granted. Just because we worship every weekend, we cannot assume that we can squeeze through the narrow door. We may be surprised to discover that some who seem less worthy will enter the kingdom before us.

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