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### Bible Reading

Mark 2:1-12

**2** And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. <sup>2</sup> [a]Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

<sup>6</sup> And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> “Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

<sup>8</sup> But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘*Your* sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has [b]power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your

house.” <sup>12</sup> Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw *anything* like this!”

1 Corinthians 13:11-14:5

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<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Intelligibility in Worship

**14** Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. <sup>2</sup> For anyone who speaks in a tongue[a] does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. <sup>4</sup> Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church. <sup>5</sup> I would like every one of you to speak in tongues,[b] but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues,[c] unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

Pastoral thoughts

Dear Faithful:

The Bible is the greatest grace that Almighty God bestowed upon us. It is real light in our spiritual journey. It is a light which isolates darkness of our hearts and thoughts. This light enlightened the heathen world and brought new breath to humankind. But it won't enlighten our life if we won't believe in it. We should continue to learn God's word which is the only source of real light. We can

overcome difficulties in this life if we nourish our essence with God's living word. I want to talk to your hearts and share with you God's living word.

Dear believers, with my invitation I would like to put together with David's psalm words which is the same invitation, "O taste and see that the Lord is good; Happy are those who take refuge in him." (Psalm 34)

People are different with their approaches, problems and expectations, but God's word is the same for all of us and it teaches us to love and accept everyone without discrimination. St. Paul says, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3: 27-28)

God created us with the same feelings and virtues which makes us equal in sight of God. We need unity to bring our faithfulness and service for our mother church and believer people. We need sanctity to have virtue and holy, right and useful life for God's people. Of course none of us can be perfect, but we should seek to be perfect.

Unfortunately, today we feel a lack of these virtues. These virtues come from the Bible. There is not any other place we can look for them. With another word we are the God's family members and the Bible is the spiritual food for this family. Without these annunciations and good news we can't have God's presence in our life. It's called God's living Word. It's called living, because only through it we can communicate and find the connection between us and creation.

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