The Congregation at Prayer

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for the Fifth Week after the Epiphany*

*February 9, 2025*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

***Invocation* -In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Verse:** John 6:54 – Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 32**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| **Day** | **New Testament Reading** | **Old Testament Reading** |
| Monday | Matthew 15:29-39 | Genesis 41:38-57 |
| Tuesday | Matthew 16:1-12 | Genesis 42:1-38 |
| Wednesday | Matthew 16:21-28 | Genesis 43:1-34 |
| Thursday | Matthew 17:9-27 | Genesis 44:1-34 |
| Friday | Matthew 19:1-15 | Genesis 45:1-28 |
| Saturday | Matthew 20:17-34 | Genesis 46:1-34 |

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| **Catechism: Sacrament of the Altar** | **Grades** |
| *Words of institution*  The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:  **Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**  **In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”** | K+ |
| *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*  These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. | 1st+ |
| *How can bodily eating do such great things?*  Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.” | 2nd+ |