

# Daily Reading for Sunday, September 5th, 2021

## Reading 1, *Isaiah 35:4-7*

<sup>4</sup> and say to the faint-hearted, 'Be strong! Do not be afraid. Here is your God, vengeance is coming, divine retribution; he is coming to save you.' <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, <sup>6</sup> then the lame will leap like a deer and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy; for water will gush in the desert and streams in the wastelands, <sup>7</sup> the parched ground will become a marsh and the thirsty land springs of water; the lairs where the jackals used to live will become plots of reed and papyrus.

## Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10*

<sup>7</sup> gives justice to the oppressed, gives food to the hungry; Yahweh sets prisoners free.

<sup>8</sup> Yahweh gives sight to the blind, lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>9</sup> Yahweh protects the stranger, he sustains the orphan and the widow. Yahweh loves the upright, but he frustrates the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> Yahweh reigns for ever, your God, Zion, from age to age.

## **Reading 2, James 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> My brothers, do not let class distinction enter into your faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord. <sup>2</sup> Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, well-dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, <sup>3</sup> and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' <sup>4</sup> In making this distinction among yourselves have you not used a corrupt standard? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who were poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

## **Gospel, Mark 7:31-37**

<sup>31</sup> Returning from the territory of Tyre, he went by way of Sidon towards the Lake of Galilee, right through the Decapolis territory. <sup>32</sup> And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside to be by themselves, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, and at once the impediment of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> Their admiration was unbounded, and they said, 'Everything he does is good, he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'