

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY
November 13, 2022
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

FIRST READING: Isaiah 57:14, 15, 18, 19b

14 It shall be said,
"Build up, build up, prepare the way;
remove every obstruction from my people's way."

15 For thus says the high and lofty one
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place
and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the humble
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

18 I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;
I will lead them and repay them with comfort,

19b Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord,
and I will heal them.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11, select verses

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6** So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake,...**8** ... since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:24-28a

24 Jesus said, "Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching...