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Sunday, March 16, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Homily: Pastor Broghan

1st and 2nd Scriptures Reading: Paula Amaro

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Psalm 27:1-14

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal

me under the cover of his tent; he
will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me, and
I will offer in his tent sacrifices with
shouts of joy; I will sing and make
melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in
anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ If my father
and mother forsake me, the Lord will
take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a
level path because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me, and
they are breathing out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; ([top](#))

- ¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
- ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'
- ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'
- ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'
- ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.
- ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above."
- ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'
- ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?'
- ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
- ¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.
- ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
- ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
- ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
- ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

- ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- ¹⁹ And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.
- ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.
- ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.' ([top](#))