

Daily Mass Homily
31 March 2020
Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

“Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stouthearted and wait for the Lord!”

Reading 1: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 102: **O Lord, hear my prayer, and let me cry come to you.**

Gospel: John 8:21-30

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The words that we here in the Entrance Antiphon today are great words to reflect upon as we are now a couple days into our second full week of being asked to stay home. We hear that we are to wait for the Lord and to be strong, be stouthearted, wait for the Lord.

Our Christian life is one of waiting, we are waiting for the return of Jesus. To come in glory and call us to heaven. Right now, during the season of Lent we find ourselves waiting for the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. We are also like the people in the first reading, that are waiting in the desert, where we have been called by the Lord. We are waiting in the desert of our homes to be set free. Some of us may even have the same complaint as the Israelites in regard to the food that they have to eat. Maybe some of us were not able to prepare or stock up as we would have liked. Maybe we are using this time to use up some of the food that we have stocked away in our houses. Maybe the favorite place that we also go to for dinner is closed right now. Maybe there are some of us that don't have food at all.

Yet, we must be strong. We must resist murmuring. We must turn to God and trust that he will indeed give us all that we need. Yet, another thing that we can think about is what we do have. It is easy when things are not going as we think that they should to get done and complain about what has been taken away from us, but what about the things that we do have. We have a home where we are able to shelter in place. We have food, maybe not what we exactly would want, but food none the less. We have family and friends.

Let us call upon our God to give us strength and courage during these days of trial and let us wait for the Lord.