**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah**

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility;  
perhaps you may be sheltered  
on the day of the LORD's anger.  
  
But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly,  
who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD:  
the remnant of Israel.  
They shall do no wrong  
and speak no lies;  
nor shall there be found in their mouths  
a deceitful tongue;  
they shall pasture and couch their flocks  
with none to disturb them.

**The Word of the Lord**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.  
Not many of you were wise by human standards,  
not many were powerful,  
not many were of noble birth.  
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong,  
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,  
those who count for nothing,  
to reduce to nothing those who are something,  
so that no human being might boast before God.  
It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God,  
as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,  
so that, as it is written,  
"Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

**The Word of the Lord**

***Presider***: As people of God filled with the Light of Christ and called to proclaim his message of God’s presence in the world, let us pray...

* For all who are celebrating ***Catholic Schools Week***, especially our ***Blessed Sacrament School*** students, families, teachers, staffs and volunteers: may they know the blessing of God as they participate in this important ministry of faith…
* For our young men & women discerning their future vocation in life: may our lives witness for them the joy and freedom to be found in following Jesus’ invitation to proclaim God’s love to the world…
* For those suffering due to natural disasters or climate change with accompanying storms, cold or heat, earthquakes, wildfires or volcanic eruptions: may Christ strengthen them, give them hope, and show us how to assist them in the restoration of their lives…
* For greater appreciation and respect for all human life: with the grace of God, may we understand and value the dignity of all life from conception until natural death…
* For those who are sick or ill and for all who have asked us to pray for them; those in the hospital; those declining mentally or physically, and all struggling with addictions, alcoholism or mental health; and for the intentions listed in our ***Parish Book of Prayer***: may the grace of Christ’s love bring them needed comfort, strength and healing...
* For those approaching death or in hospice care and for all who have died, and for all the deceased members of our families, our friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners, and parish benefactors – and for those who are grieving: may Christ Jesus our source of comfort and consolation be with them…

***Presider***: Lord, you are our light and salvation. Renew your spirit within us, that we may proclaim your glad tidings to a waiting world. We ask this through Christ our Lord ***R: Amen***.

**Lector (as all are seated)**

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