

MAY 22

566B SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

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FIRST READING

Philippians 4:4-9 Think about whatever is worthy of praise.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

**Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.**

**Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.**

**Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.**

Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. (40:5a) Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

or:

R. (2a) Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

or:

R. (92:13-14) The just will flourish like the palm tree in the garden of the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
But delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

or:

R. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

or:

R. The just will flourish like the palm tree in the garden of the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.

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