

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24.

God wants us to be alive, not dead.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15.

Paul expects us to be wholeheartedly compassionate and to do our utmost to relieve human suffering.

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43.

Jesus responds to faith in him by restoring health and life.



Points for Reflection

1. The writer of the Book of Wisdom (**First Reading**) realizes that God wants his creation to exist, to live, 'to be'. God is the dynamic source of life. He created things to live. Creation is essentially good. Man, created in the image of God, more than any other creature, possesses life, for he was created "to be imperishable". But death is with us every day; we know, however, that it was not God who made it. Death entered the world because of man's sin, which affected all creation.
2. And we also know that God wants to restore the whole creation to its original condition. Through Jesus Christ his Son, he wants to conquer death and restore creation to life. Jesus showed he had the power of life, when he raised the little girl (today's **Gospel**), the widow's son, and Lazarus. Because of his fidelity to the mission received by the Father, he accepted death out of his love for mankind, and, by accepting it, he destroyed it: he was risen from the dead and started a new life, a life totally and endlessly committed to the Father and mankind. And by his victory over death, Jesus became the first-born of the New Creation. Now resurrection with Christ is for all those who die with him, that is: for all those who believe in him and follow his example of love for the Father and for us. Therefore, we, too, and the whole universe with us, will eventually conquer death and be restored to immortal life, if we here, during our earthly pilgrimage, believe in the presence of the Risen Lord among us, and let ourselves be guided by his Spirit, who is a Spirit of Love.
3. St Paul, in today's **Second Reading**, gives us some practical suggestions as to how we should love one another: *"those who have more should share with those who have less"*, after the example of Jesus, who, *"though he was rich, yet for our sake became poor, so that by his poverty we might become rich."*

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Kids' Corner

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