

INTRO - SUN Liturgy is 1<sup>st</sup> reading – PS – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Gospel

DAILY Liturgy is 1<sup>st</sup> reading – PS – Gospel (No Creed → POTF)

Also – option of Memorial of a Saint

Today – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – 1<sup>st</sup> native born US Citizen to be canonized.

Born 1774 (2 years before Revolution) NYC Socialite –

Got married – 4 years later Father in law dies (leaving 7 children)

His shipping company goes bankrupt

Her husband dies of TB

“God’s Will” becomes a driving force in her faith. (All things work for the good for those who love God)

- She starts teaching the 7 children at home – then others bring their children
- Bishop asks her to open a school (1<sup>st</sup> free Catholic School in the US)
- Other women come to work with her
- New schools, new orphanages, new shelters
  - Eventually she and the other women become SISTERS of CHARITY
  - Major order of nuns throughout the USA -- Rooted in “God’s Will”
  - ??Would it have happened without the death and bankruptcy??

#### LET US PRAY

1John Not the Gospel of John

John wrote 3 epistles, or letters

2John and 3John are written to communities (like Paul)

#### READ IT

1John not a letter but an open exhortation (encouragement)

I tell you we are made in the image and likeness of God (and that is true)

We are also surrounded by darkness and temptation (also true)

Spiritual Warfare is real – So we do battle – like 1John describes

BUT it is the end of this reading that is important – it ends with how JC summed up His teachings:

Love your brother

If Jesus could forgive from the cross WHY NOT ME

Salvation comes thru forgiveness of sin PS 98 **READ IT**

Last verse “He rules the world with justice and equity” fairness mercy - JOY in the saving power

JOHN – John the Baptist has disciples – help with baptisms, pray together, live together - - -

John the Baptist sees JC walk by “Behold the Lamb of God”

2 disciples of John hear, and decide to check it out

#### READ IT

JC “What are you looking for?” (To us?) (How would you respond?)

- As a Christian Man, what ARE you looking for?
- They stay with him that day – it says it was about 4 o’clock (why mention that)
- WHY? *They could never forget the hour the day that changed their lives. When you meet JC - - -*
- NB – the first thing Andrew does is go find his brother Simon
  - “We have found the Messiah” After 1 afternoon with JC
  - NB - 1. “WE” it’s a communal event – JC is not for “I” He is for “Us” (plural)
  - 2. Conversion requires confession (when you meet JC - - - ) **Courage a gift of HS**

**Have you ever spent an afternoon with Jesus? Why not**

**1 day – dedicated to being with Jesus – (you got the time)**

**Scripture, prayer, spiritual reading (Daily Bread) – when you pray LISTEN**

**(Alone, groups of 2 or 3 – and get to know JC (look what it did for Andrew and Peter)**