

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

## **SECOND READING**

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans  
5:12, 17-19*

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world,  
and through sin, death,  
and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

For if, by the transgression of the one,  
death came to reign through that one,  
how much more will those who receive the abundance  
of grace  
and of the gift of justification  
come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression  
condemnation came upon all,  
so, through one righteous act,  
acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man  
the many were made sinners,  
so, through the obedience of the one,  
the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.