



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
**Office of Sacred Worship**  
**Lectio Divina**  
**Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Year II**  
**Lectionary: 335**

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Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply. No elaboration. In a group setting, you can share that word/phrase or simply pass.
- The third reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?*"  
Notice what thoughts, feelings, and reflections arise within you. Let the words resound in your heart. What might God be asking of you through the scripture? In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.
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**Reading**

*Jas 1:1-11*

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes in the dispersion, greetings. Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it. But he should ask in faith, not doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed about by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord, since he is a man of two minds, unstable in all his ways. The brother in lowly circumstances should take pride in high standing, and the rich one in his lowliness, for he will pass away "like the flower of the field." For the sun comes up with its scorching heat and dries up the grass, its flower droops, and the beauty of its appearance vanishes. So will the rich person fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76*

**R. (77a) Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I hold to your promise.

**R. Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

You are good and bountiful; teach me your statutes.

**R. Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn your statutes.

**R. Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

**R. Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

I know, O LORD, that your ordinances are just, and in your faithfulness you have afflicted me.

**R. Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants.

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**Gospel**

*Mk 8:11-13*

The Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. He sighed from the depth of his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Amen, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” Then he left them, got into the boat again, and went off to the other shore.