



## *Scripture Reading February 20th*

### **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.



## *Psalms Reading February 20th*

### **Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40**

Do not fret because of the wicked, or envy those who do evil.  
 For they soon wither like grass  
 and fade away like the green leaf.  
 Trust in God and do good,  
 dwell in the land and there find safe pasture.  
 Find your delight in God,  
 who will grant the desires of your heart.

God will make your vindication shine like the light,  
 the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.  
 Be still before God and wait patiently;  
 do not fret because some prosper in evil schemes.  
 Let go of anger and abandon wrath.  
 Do not fret – it can only do harm.  
 Those who do evil shall be cut off,  
 but those who look to God shall inherit the earth.  
 In a little while the wicked will be no more;  
 you will look where they were and their place will be empty.  
 But the meek shall inherit the earth;  
 they shall enjoy fullness of peace.  
 Salvation for the righteous comes from God,  
 their refuge in time of trouble.  
 God helps and delivers,  
 and rescues from the wicked those who seek shelter.



## *Gospel Reading February 20th*

### **Luke 6:27-38**

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."