

## **Monday of Holy Week**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 42:1 – 9**

Isaiah speaks about the coming Messiah eight centuries before Jesus arrived. This Messiah who was to come was going to be a servant to the people in the spirit of God was going to be upon him. This servant would be a man of compassion and would not falter and lose heart. This servant is of course the prophesy of Christ.

### **Second Reading: Psalm 36:5 – 11**

A wonderful passage that speaks about God's unfailing love and how God cares for us.

### **Third Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15**

The author uses an imagine from the Old Testament concerning the High Priest. In the OT days the high priest would sacrifice animals in the temple and pour the blood on the alter. This action was to cleanse the people and take away the sins. The writer compares Jesus as the new high priest.

### **Fourth Reading: John 12: 1-11**

A great story about the Mary (Martha's sister) who anoints Jesus' feet with expensive perfume.

### **Questions to Ponder**

- 1:** What do you think is the key message of this passage? What makes you think this?
- 2:** What did you learn from this passage?
- 3:** Which point in this passage spoke to you the most? How did it affect you?
- 4:** Is there something in this passage that surprised you? If so, how were you surprised?
- 5:** How is this passage relevant to what is happening in life today?
- 6:** What is one passage that encourages you? How does it encourage you?
- 7:** What is one passage that inspires you? How does it inspire you?
- 8:** Is there anything confusing within these passages?