



**Saturday, March 21, 2020:
Saturday of the Third Week of Lent**



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Good Morning!

Today's special Saturday edition is to keep us all in communion with one another. We read from Hosea 6:1-6, Psalm 51 and Luke 18:9-14. God's word is living and effective. Hosea proclaims, "Come, let us return to the Lord, it is he who has rent, but he will heal us; he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds. He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up, to live in his presence." We don't know how long days are for the Lord but that day will come. "He will come to us like the rain, like spring rain that waters the earth." Let it rain and cleanse us, Lord! Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, both entering the temple to pray. Where do you find yourself, more like the Pharisee or the Tax Collector? Hosea proclaims from God, "For it is love that I desire, not sacrifice, and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." Jesus is close to all of us. Renew your love for Jesus in your heart. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We need to silence ourselves to hear the voice, listen to your heart and do not be afraid. The Lord will wash away all guilt and cleanse us of our sin. My heart is heavy but I too know there are multiple layers to wade through yet, "My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, you will not spurn."

Peace,

RevKev

<http://www.usccb.org/>"It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice."