



Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in
Ordinary Time

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Good Morning!

We celebrate Independence Day! We read Genesis 19:15-29, Psalm 26, and Matthew 8:23-27 (or Isaiah 57:15-19, Psalm 85, Philippians 4:6-9, and John 14:23-29). How strong is your faith? As the storm came up on the sea and swamped the boat, the disciples were terrified. They woke Jesus who rebuked the winds and the sea. Lot and his family were urged by an angel to leave the village, as they hesitated, the angels took their hands and led them to safety. "Flee for your life!" they were told. God has blessed us in many ways. When we take for granted what we have been given and turn away from faith and trust in God and look to our own needs and pleasures, destruction or storms can happen. When we are wise and grateful, awaken Jesus again, and ask for Jesus' help, we continue to build a strong and just world. We thank God today for our independence and strive to live up to what God has given to us. May freedom bring us hope and love, leaving fear and violence behind, so all can live with the blessings we have.

Peace,

RevKev

<http://www.bible.usccb.org>: "O Lord, your mercy is before my eyes."