

**Friday, July 7, 2023
Friday of the Thirteenth
Week in Ordinary Time**



Good morning!

We read Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67, Psalm 106, and Matthew 9:9-13.

Jesus came to call sinners, not the righteous. What does, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice," mean? Sarah dies and Abraham has her buried in the land of Canaan. Abraham speaks to his senior servant of his household to procure a wife for Issac from his own land and kindred. Rebekah arrives and Issac marries. A sweet ending for now to a tumultuous story. God's mercy is always near us. God looks out for us and provides. Jesus calls the tax collector who follows, and the tax collector invites him to his home where he dines with other tax collectors and sinners. Jesus came to call sinners. God's mercy is plentiful for all. Listen to the invitation: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord."

Peace,

RevKev

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."

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