

Daily Homily

St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church

Optional Memorial

Week Thirteen in Ordinary Time, Monday

27 June 2022

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Over the course of the next several weeks for our daily Masses the first reading will come from one of the minor prophets. The first one up for this week is the Prophet Amos. He will be interrupted this week with the great solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul.

What to say about Amos?

Well, get your seatbelts fastened. He is abrupt, direct, brutally honest, and fiercely faithful. He's not the kind of person you take to Malley's for a chat. However, if you want to know exactly where you stand with the Lord God, ask Amos. If you want to know exactly what you need to do in order to be closer to the Lord, ask Amos. He won't hold back... what he says will probably offend and even hurt... but what he says will strike to the truth and will always enlighten.

Today, what does he say? Bottom line: No one escapes God. There is no exception. No one escapes God. The swift, the strong man, the warrior, the Bowman, the swift of foot, the horseman, and the most stouthearted of warriors... they do not have weaponry, the ground, the strength, the agility, to escape God.

Is there anyone in your life who is trying to escape God? They have their excuses – the Church believes this and priests did that, they are mad and angry at God for whatever reason, or they are just lazy and indifferent or they worship instead the god of busyness... I know people, some in my own family. Those are the ones to bring, in your prayer, to Mass this week to place at the feet of Amos.

Through you, and your prayer for them, let Amos' words of God's truth touch and strike whatever wishy-washy truth they seem to be living. Through you and your prayer for them, bring them here – maybe not physically but spiritually – so they can stand before the Lord.