

Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent-St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Readings: Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62– Mourning her virginity; John 8.1-11 – Jesus lifts her up.

Reality: On the occasion of Pope John Paul II's Address to Women Religious, October 7, 1979: "We stand for women: in solidarity with all women out of love and concern for the church; to call the church to repentance for the injustice of sexism; and because we believe the church can change. We stand against oppression, in a world where women and their children suffer most; and where sexism, racism, and classism are interrelated and morally wrong." What will Pope Francis say about women in the world and in the church?

Prayer: If a mother were to ever forget her child, God, you would never forget us. Give women their rightful place in the world and in the ministry of the church.