

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent-SS. Perpetua and Felicity.

Readings: Jeremiah 7.23-28 – Stiff necks and cold hearts; Luke 11.14-23 – Good versus evil.

Reality: Will a nation flourish when guided by a supreme being? Observe a one dollar bill, there are three Latin phrases which may have civil religion overtones: “E pluribus unum,” or “one from many or many from one” referring both to political unity and the higher unity described by the world’s mystics and philosophers; “Novus ordo seculorum,” or “a new order of ages is born,” announces the nation’s democratic experiment with a spiritually based order for the world; and “Annuit coeptis,” or “It (divine order) favors our undertaking” the founding of the United States by means of revolution.

Prayer: What should be our question? Are we on God’s side or is God on our side?