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## THE SEASON OF THE INCARNATION

This year, the Christmas season is as short as it can ever be—only fifteen days from start to finish! Yet it contains our church’s annual celebration of one of the central mysteries of our faith: the Incarnation. This mystery of God becoming one with the human race in the person of Jesus Christ makes possible the salvation of the entire world. And it is during the Christmas season that we encounter in concentrated form the story of the Incarnation that will take the rest of the liturgical year—indeed the rest of our lives—to unpack.

Fortunately, we have the season of Advent to give us a running start. Beginning on the Second Sunday of Advent, we are introduced to John the Baptist, the herald of the One who is to come, proclaiming the arrival of the Messiah. Next we go back in time to meet Mary, in the celebration of her Immaculate Conception on December 8, when we hear the story of her great “yes” to the angel Gabriel’s announcement that she will bear the Savior. We encounter Mary again on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, when we see her traveling to visit her cousin Elizabeth, whose own child (who will become John the Baptist) leaps for joy in her womb at the arrival of the pregnant Mary.

These remarkable events lead us to the glorious celebration of the birth of our Redeemer on December 25. Yet this year, we barely have time to breathe before the celebration of the Holy Family the very next day, when we find twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple in Jerusalem. Scarcely six days later, on the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we return to Bethlehem and the night of Jesus’ birth to see the shepherds and watch Mary contemplate all these events in her heart. One day later, we celebrate the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem as they come from far away to worship the newborn king. Our final dose of liturgical whiplash occurs at the end of the week when we encounter Jesus as an adult during the celebration of his baptism at the hands of his cousin John, whom we met—remember?—five weeks before in Advent.

If we didn’t understand before, by now it must be clear that the liturgical year is not an orderly procession through the events of Jesus’ life. So what is the point of all this back-and-forth? The Church is laying out for us a roadmap for our hearts to apprehend the mystery of the Incarnation: “If you want to understand this, first you have to know that, and oh, by the way, this little detour will help you grasp this other important truth.” The best way to grow in appreciation of the Incarnation is to immerse yourself in the mystery through the whole season, short as it may be. Try, if you can, to make it to church for every feast and solemnity of Advent and Christmas so your soul can absorb the mystery in all its wonder. Merry Christmas!

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# THE ORDER OF MASS

## ❖ INTRODUCTORY RITES ❖

STAND

### Entrance Chant

The entrance chant reflects the liturgical spirit of the day or season. Another psalm or hymn of similar spirit may be used in its place.

#### November 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*cf. Psalm 25(24):1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

#### December 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30*

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

#### December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Isaiah 61:10*

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

#### December 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

*Revelation 12:1*

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

#### December 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*cf. Isaiah 45:8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

#### December 24, Evening

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS AT THE VIGIL MASS

*cf. Exodus 16:6-7*

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

#### December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT

*Psalm 2:7*

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN  
*cf. Isaiah 9:1, 5; Luke 1:33*

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY  
*cf. Isaiah 9:5*

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

## December 26

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH  
*Luke 2:16*

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## January 1

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS  
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

*or cf. Isaiah 9:1, 5; Luke 1:33*

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

## January 1, Evening

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
VIGIL MASS  
*cf. Baruch 5:5*

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

## January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
MASS DURING THE DAY  
*cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12*

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

## January 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
*cf. Matthew 3:16–17*

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

## January 16

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*Psalms 66(65):4*

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## January 23

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 96(95):1, 6*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

## January 30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*Psalm 106(105):47*

**Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.**

## February 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*Psalm 95(94):6-7*

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

## February 13

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 31(30):3-4*

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

## February 20

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*Psalm 13(12):6*

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

## February 27

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 18(17):19-20*

**The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**



## Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**And with your spirit.**

**B** Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And with your spirit.**

**C** The Lord be with you.

*– a Bishop says –*

Peace be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

## Penitential Act

**A** I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*– all strike their breast –*

**through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*– continue with the Kyrie, on the next page –*

**B** Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*– continue with the Kyrie, on the next page –*

C You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
 Lord, have mercy. *or:* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. *or:* Kyrie, eleison.**  
 You came to call sinners:  
 Christ, have mercy. *or:* Christe, eleison.  
**Christ, have mercy. *or:* Christe, eleison.**  
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father  
 to intercede for us:  
 Lord, have mercy. *or:* Kyrie, eleison.  
**Lord, have mercy. *or:* Kyrie, eleison.**  
 May almighty God have mercy on us,  
 forgive us our sins,  
 and bring us to everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

## Kyrie

The *Kyrie, eleison* (*Lord, have mercy*) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in Penitential Act C.

1

*Cantor* *All*  
 Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.  
*Cantor* *All*  
 Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.  
*Cantor* *All*  
 Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

(Service Music 1) Chant

2

*Cantor* *All*  
 Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.  
*Cantor* *All*  
 Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.  
*Cantor* *All*  
 Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

*All*

*or:* Ky - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

(Service Music 2) Chant

Mass of Redemption

3

*Cantor* Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Lord, have mer-cy.

*All* Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son. Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor* le - i - son. mer - cy. Chri - ste Christ, have mer - cy. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

*All* le - i - son. mer - cy. Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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## Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

From time to time on Sundays, especially in Easter Time, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take place as a reminder of Baptism.

Mass of Redemption

OSTINATO REFRAIN

4

Wash us with fresh wa-ter; wash us bright as snow.

Wash us with fresh wa-ter; wash us bright as snow.

Ps 51

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# Gloria

Because the Gloria is a festive song, during Advent it is omitted from Mass except on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

5

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,

we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King,

O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,

have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

(Service Music 3) Chant

Mass of Redemption

6

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to  
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-  
dore you, we glo-ri- fy you, we give you thanks for  
your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al- mighty  
Fa- ther. Lord Je- sus Christ, On-ly Be-got- ten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer- cy on us; you take a-way the  
sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa- ther, have mer- cy on us. For  
you a- lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,  
in the glo-ry of God the Fa- ther. A- men, a- men.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
    receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



# Collect

## November 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Grant your faithful, we pray,  
almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth  
to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy  
to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet your Son,  
but may our learning  
of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to his company.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O God, who by the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
prepared a worthy dwelling  
for your Son,  
grant, we pray,  
that, as you preserved her  
from every stain  
by virtue of the Death of your Son,  
which you foresaw,  
so, through her intercession,  
we, too, may be cleansed  
and admitted to your presence.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast  
of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always  
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

O God, Father of mercies,  
who placed your people  
under the singular protection  
of your Son's most holy Mother,  
grant that all who invoke  
the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,  
may seek with ever more lively faith  
the progress of peoples  
in the ways of justice and of peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom  
the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known  
by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory  
of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 24, Evening

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS AT THE VIGIL MASS

O God, who gladden us year by year  
as we wait in hope for our redemption,  
grant that, just as we joyfully welcome  
your Only Begotten Son  
as our Redeemer,  
we may also merit  
to face him confidently  
when he comes again as our Judge.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT

O God,  
who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendor  
of the true light,  
grant, we pray, that we, who have known  
the mysteries of his light on earth,  
may also delight in his gladness  
in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, as we are bathed in the  
new radiance of your incarnate Word,  
the light of faith,  
which illumines our minds,  
may also shine through in our deeds.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY

O God, who wonderfully created  
the dignity of human nature  
and still more wonderfully restored it,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may share  
in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share  
in our humanity.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 26

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH

O God, who were pleased to give us  
the shining example of the Holy Family,  
graciously grant  
that we may imitate them  
in practicing the virtues of family life  
and in the bonds of charity,  
and so, in the joy of your house,  
delight one day in eternal rewards.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 1

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

O God, who through the fruitful virginity  
of Blessed Mary  
bestowed on the human race  
the grace of eternal salvation,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may experience  
the intercession of her,  
through whom we were found worthy  
to receive the author of life,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 1, Evening

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
VIGIL MASS

May the splendor of your majesty,  
O Lord, we pray,  
shed its light upon our hearts,  
that we may pass through the shadows  
of this world  
and reach the brightness  
of our eternal home.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
MASS DURING THE DAY

O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son  
to the nations  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy  
that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold the beauty  
of your sublime glory.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Almighty ever-living God,  
who, when Christ had been baptized  
in the River Jordan  
and as the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him,  
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,  
grant that your children by adoption,  
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may always be well pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*or*

O God, whose Only Begotten Son  
has appeared in our very flesh,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may be inwardly transformed  
through him whom we recognize  
as outwardly like ourselves.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 16

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things,  
both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading  
of your people  
and bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 23

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions  
according to your good pleasure,  
that in the name of your beloved Son  
we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honor you  
with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## February 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Keep your family safe, O Lord,  
with unfailing care,  
that, relying solely on the hope  
of heavenly grace,  
they may be defended always  
by your protection.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## February 13

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who teach us that you abide  
in hearts that are just and true,  
grant that we may be so fashioned  
by your grace  
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## February 20

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## February 27

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**





## Common Responsorial Psalms for Ordinary Time

*Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (R/. John 6:68c)*

10 

R/. Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing  
life, the words of ev - er - last - ing life. \_\_\_\_\_

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(LPGA C128) Marty Haugen

The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul.

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, / giving wisdom to the simple. R/.

The precepts of the LORD are right, / rejoicing the heart.


The command of the LORD is clear, / enlightening the eye. R/.

The fear of the LORD is pure, / enduring forever.

The ordinances of the Lord are true, / all of them just. R/.

They are more precious than gold, / than a heap of purest gold;  
sweeter also than syrup / or honey from the comb. R/.

*Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14*

11 

R/. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

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(LPGA C129) James M. Burns

The LORD is my light and my salvation; / whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge; / of whom should I be afraid? R/.

One thing I ask of the LORD; / this I seek:


to dwell in the house of the LORD / all the days of my life,

that I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD, / and contemplate his temple. R/.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD / in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD, with courage; / be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD! R/.

### After the Second Reading

12 

*Reader* The word of the Lord. *All* Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

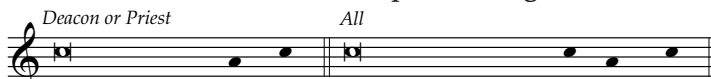
13 

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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### After the Gospel Reading

14 

*Deacon or Priest* The Gospel of the Lord. *All* Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

# ADVENT

November 28

## ❖ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

(LECT. 3—YEAR C)

Today's Gospel may come as a shock on this first Sunday of Advent. "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming" (Luke 21:26). "For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth" (21:35). Wow. You won't be reading *those* words in any Christmas cards you get this year! Today's Gospel is not about the birth of Jesus at all; no, it is about his second coming to judge humankind at the end of time. This is what Jesus warns his disciples about. It is certainly much more pleasant to look back at his first coming as a beautiful baby than to look forward to his second coming as the ultimate judge. But we know that in between these two occasions are an infinite number of other moments when Jesus comes into the world. Sometimes heartwarming, sometimes terrifying, often traumatic, our Savior continually waits to be born into our ordinary lives. Let us pray that we are prepared to welcome him however it may happen—in a manger, in an earthquake, or in some other way we least expect.

What will you do to prepare yourself to welcome the Lord at any time?

SIR

### First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14  
(R/. 1b)

15   
R/. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; / teach me your paths,  
guide me in your truth and teach me, / for you are God my savior, /  
and for you I wait all the day. **R/.**

Good and upright is the LORD; / thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice, / and teaches the humble his way. **R/.**

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy /  
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, /  
and his covenant, for their instruction. **R/.**

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 85:8



**R/.** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Show us, Lord, your love; / and grant us your salvation. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 21:25–28, 34–36

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

December 5

❖ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

(LECT. 6—YEAR C)

Envisioning an eventual return of the exiles to Jerusalem, Isaiah painted a beautiful image of mountains being made low, roads being made straight, and rough ways being made smooth. The vision was so powerful that centuries later Baruch echoed those words when describing the Jewish people's return home from the Diaspora. Even more generations had passed when all four evangelists chose to quote Isaiah's original words to describe John the Baptist's exhortation to repent. Their sins were the mountains and hills that needed to be made low, impeding their ability to follow the Lord. Likewise, our sins are obstacles on the path, perhaps a recent "mountain (to) be made low," often "age-old depths and gorges (to) be filled to level ground" (Baruch 5:7). This Advent let John the Baptist guide us as well. Let us make smooth our path to the Lord through repentance, regretting our sins and atoning for the hurt we have caused. Good work was begun in us in baptism. During this holy season let us show that good work, preparing ourselves for our encounter with Christ, whenever and however he comes.

What specifically can you do to repent for your sins, which create obstacles on your path to follow the Lord?

SIR

First Reading

*Baruch 5:1-9*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery;  
put on the splendor of glory from God forever:  
wrapped in the cloak of justice from God,  
bear on your head the mitre  
that displays the glory of the eternal name.  
For God will show all the earth your splendor:  
you will be named by God forever  
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children  
gathered from the east and the west  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Led away on foot by their enemies they left you:  
but God will bring them back to you  
borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.

For God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low,  
and that the age-old depths and gorges  
be filled to level ground,  
that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God.

The forests and every fragrant kind of tree  
have overshadowed Israel at God's command;  
for God is leading Israel in joy  
by the light of his glory,  
with his mercy and justice for company.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6*

17 

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When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, /  
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, /  
and our tongue with rejoicing. **R/.**

Then they said among the nations, /  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us; / we are glad indeed. **R/.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, / like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. **R/.**

Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown,  
they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

18 

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: /  
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 3:1–6

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled*

*and every mountain and hill shall be made low.*

*The winding roads shall be made straight,*

*and the rough ways made smooth,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



December 8

❖ SOLEMNITY OF THE  
❖ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ❖  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(LECT. 689)

Free will is one of God's greatest gifts to humanity. We use it to decide for ourselves how to act. Without it, we would be robots, programmed to respond however our designer wishes. But every person has free will. Even the Blessed Virgin Mary, immaculately conceived without original sin, was free to decide herself whether to accept the formidable role of the Mother of God. Though that was God's will, we well know that the will of God is not always followed. We are reminded in today's first reading that Eve chose to ignore the will of God when she was tempted by the serpent. Similarly, Adam gave in to temptation when Eve offered him the forbidden fruit. Mary herself was troubled and doubtful when Gabriel first told her the shocking news. But in the end, she made the decision herself to follow the will of God: "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Saint Paul writes that through Jesus God willed that we all be adopted as God's children. However we use *our* free will, may we find comfort in the knowledge that *God's* will is that each of us be a child of God.

How will you use your free will to better align with the will of God?

STR

First Reading

Genesis 3:9–15, 20

A reading from the Book of Genesis

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this, you shall be banned  
from all the animals  
and from all the wild creatures;  
on your belly shall you crawl,  
and dirt shall you eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike at your head,  
while you strike at his heel."


The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

The word of the Lord.


Thanks be to God.

# Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4*

19 

**R/.** Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar-vel-ous deeds.



Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done mar-vel-ous deeds.

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Sing to the LORD a new song, / for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him, / his holy arm. **R/.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: /  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness /  
toward the house of Israel. **R/.**

All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; / break into song; sing praise. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.

In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND 

20 **R/.** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; /  
blessed are you among women. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



December 12

❖ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

(LECT. 9—YEAR C)

You wouldn't know it from his words, but Zephaniah preached during a very difficult time. God's Chosen People had turned away from the LORD, influenced by the legacy of a corrupt king (Manasseh) and compromised by Assyrian rule. Yet he wrote, "Shout for joy!" "Be glad and exult!" (3:14). How could he say this? He believed that the people would change, for God was in their midst, ready to save them. John the Baptist came upon the scene at another difficult time. Once again, the Jewish people lived under foreign rule. Many had dishonored themselves by working for the occupying force. John called them to change. Tax collectors: Collect only what is fair. Soldiers: Stop extorting people. Everyone: Share what you have with those who don't. God is in your midst, ready to save you, for the Messiah comes. Rejoice! Even in the darkest of times God is in our midst as well, ready to enter our hearts, ready to save us. Let us change how we live, becoming wheat for the world, giving sustenance to our neighbor as we look to be gathered into God's kingdom.

What can you do to be "wheat for the world," to be sustenance for your neighbor?

SIT

First Reading

*Zephaniah 3:14–18a*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

Sing joyfully, O Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has removed the judgment against you,  
he has turned away your enemies;

the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.

On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a mighty savior;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
and renew you in his love,

he will sing joyfully because of you,  
as one sings at festivals.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6*

21 

R/. Cry out with joy and glad-ness: for a-mong you is the  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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God indeed is my savior; / I am confident and unafraid.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD, / and he has been my savior.  
With joy you will draw water / at the fountain of salvation. **R/.**

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; /  
among the nations make known his deeds, /  
proclaim how exalted is his name. **R/.**

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; /  
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, / for great in your midst /  
is the Holy One of Israel! **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Philippians 4:4-7*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!  
Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety  
at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make  
your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all  
understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

*Isaiah 61:1 (cited in Luke 4:18)*

22 

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, / because he has anointed me /  
to bring glad tidings to the poor. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 3:10–18

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What should we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “And what is it that we should do?” He told them, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.”

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



*If pastoral advantage calls for it (cf. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 376), a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe may be celebrated on a weekday before or after December 12, with the proper readings and prayers.*

## ✠ FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ✠

(LECT. 690A)

*On this day the readings and psalm are chosen from the Proper texts for this feast (Lect. 690A) or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lect. 707, 709–712).*

One wintry morning in 1531, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, a poor indigenous peasant living outside Mexico City, wrapped his cloak more tightly around himself while climbing Tepeyac Hill on his way to morning Mass. Suddenly, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to him, speaking his native Nahuatl tongue and looking like people of his race, asking that a chapel be built there so that all peoples could come to worship—native and European, rich and poor, mighty and lowly. But after he returned home and found his uncle seriously ill, he detoured around Tepeyac Hill to get help. But the Mother of God did not abandon him. She appeared to him again, assured him that his uncle had recovered, and promised him a sign if he made one last visit to the bishop with her request. Her words were true. We can still witness her image on Juan Diego's cloak, but more than that we can witness the faith of all the people who gather together in God's name in the Americas day after day, Sunday after Sunday, just as Our Lady of Guadalupe foresaw.

How does witnessing the faith of all kinds of people affect you?

STR

### First Reading

*Zechariah 2:14–17*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD. Many nations shall join themselves to the LORD on that day, and they shall be his people, and he will dwell among you, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. The LORD will possess Judah as his portion in the holy land, and he will again choose Jerusalem. Silence, all mankind, in the presence of the LORD! For he stirs forth from his holy dwelling.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

— OR —

*Revelation 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab*

A reading from the Book of Revelation

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God

and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:  
"Now have salvation and power come,  
and the Kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Anointed."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm *Judith 13:18bcde, 19 (R/. 15:9d)*



R/. You are the high - est hon - or of our race.



You are the high - est hon - or of our race.

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Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, /  
above all the women on earth; / and blessed be the LORD God, /  
the creator of heaven and earth. R/.

Your deed of hope will never be forgotten /  
by those who tell of the might of God. R/.

STAND

### Gospel Acclamation



R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; /  
from you rose the sun of justice, Christ our God. R/.

*The Gospel for the Immaculate Conception (Luke 1:26–38, page 25)  
may be proclaimed or the following.*

### Gospel

*Luke 1:39–47*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to

me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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December 19

❖ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

(LECT. 12—YEAR C)

We have probably heard the story of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, two pregnant women blessed with child and filled with joy, countless times. But have we noticed who else was present when they met? "Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit . . ." (Luke 1:41). Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was present in Mary, and when she greeted Elizabeth, the Holy Spirit filled her as well. Baptized in Christ, the Holy Spirit fills us as well, flowing freely from us and through us as we live our lives. Herself suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth cries out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (1:42). She goes on to say, "Blessed are you who believed . . ." (1:45). The only time in Luke's Gospel—or any of the other Gospels—in which the word "blessed" is used more often is in the Beatitudes. Years before Jesus gives his, Elizabeth showers the Blessed Virgin Mary with hers, honoring her cousin and anticipating God's blessings upon the poor and lowly.

How do you bless those you meet?

SIT

First Reading

*Micah 5:1–4a*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah,  
too small to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time  
when she who is to give birth has borne,  
and the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the children of Israel.

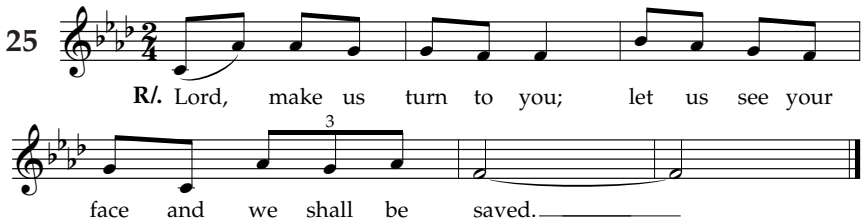
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock  
by the strength of the LORD,  
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;  
and they shall remain, for now his greatness  
shall reach to the ends of the earth;  
he shall be peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19*  
(R/. 4)

25 

R/. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your  
face and we shall be saved.

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O shepherd of Israel, hearken, /  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power, / and come to save us. **R/.**  
Once again, O LORD of hosts, / look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine, / and protect what your right hand has planted, /  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R/.**  
May your help be with the man of your right hand, /  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you; /  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.  
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,  
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.” These are offered according to the law. Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second. By this “will,” we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

26 

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. /  
May it be done to me according to your word. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



# CHRISTMAS TIME

December 24, Evening

❖ SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ❖

## CHRISTMAS

❖ VIGIL MASS ❖

(LECT. 13)

*The texts that follow may also be used for Masses on Christmas Day, with the option of choosing from one or another of the three sets of readings according to the pastoral needs of each congregation.*

Put plainly, no one could remember living through a more difficult time. Many people had died and countless families were mourning those they had lost. After a historic upheaval to their country, nothing would ever be the same. People longed to get back to normal, but “normal” was different now. The nightmare could continue for a while. Though these lines could easily be describing the last couple of years in this country, they also accurately depict the era that the writer of tonight’s passage from Isaiah lived through. The Chosen People had been driven into exile, their capital destroyed. Only after almost fifty years could they return and the Promised Land looked forsaken and desolate. But Isaiah rebuts this, declaring that the LORD calls the land “Espoused,” still held in the covenant, and the people “My Delight,” still precious in God’s eyes (62:4). So too does God delight in us. This infant child whose birth we celebrate tonight is evidence of God’s continuing love for us. He is the fulfillment of that long-ago promise to the human race. In Jesus, we are never forsaken or desolate. In Jesus, we rejoice, for he brings light, life, truth, justice, and peace to a world once again sorely in need of all.

With Christ having been born in your heart, how can you share his gifts of light, life, truth, justice, and peace with others?

SRT

### First Reading

*Isaiah 62:1–5*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion’s sake I will not be silent,  
for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,  
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn  
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
you shall be called by a new name  
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,  
a royal diadem held by your God.

No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"  
 or your land "Desolate,"  
 but you shall be called "My Delight,"  
 and your land "Espoused."  
 For the LORD delights in you  
 and makes your land his spouse.  
 As a young man marries a virgin,  
 your Builder shall marry you;  
 and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
 so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29*  
*(R/. 2a)*

27 

**R/.** For ev - er I will sing the good-ness of the Lord.

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I have made a covenant with my chosen one, /  
 I have sworn to David my servant:  
 forever will I confirm your posterity /  
 and establish your throne for all generations. **R/.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; /  
 in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day, /  
 and through your justice they are exalted. **R/.**

He shall say of me, "You are my father, / my God, the rock, my savior."  
 Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, /  
 and my covenant with him stands firm. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Acts 13:16-17, 22-25*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

28

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: /  
the Savior of the world will reign over us. R/.

## Gospel

Matthew 1:1–25 or 1:18–25

*In the shorter form of the Gospel, the passage in brackets is omitted.*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king.

David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.

After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, fourteen generations.

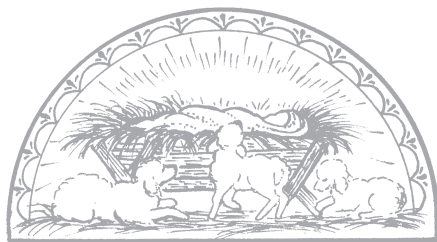
Now ] this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*

which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



December 25

❖ SOLEMNITY OF ❖  
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS

❖ MASS DURING THE NIGHT ❖

(LECT. 14)

Isaiah describes them as: “The people who walked in darkness, . . . who dwelt in the land of gloom” (Isaiah 9:1). Is he speaking of the citizens of his beloved Judah, who were led by a corrupt king and suffered lethal threats from Northern Israel, which had turned against its own people? Or is he speaking of the people of this country over the last two years, who lost hundreds of thousands to Covid-19 and saw a mob invade the capitol in an attempt to overturn a democratic election? Isaiah’s words are timeless, after all, and they are as appropriate now as they were then. Therefore, let the rest of those very sentences give us hope: “(they) have seen a great light; . . . (upon them) a light has shone.” Tonight we give witness to that light, as the shepherds did over two thousand years ago when “the glory of the Lord shone around them” (Luke 2:9). The glory of the Lord shines around us too, for this tiny babe lying in a manger is the light of the world, guiding us, patiently and painstakingly, out of the darkness of death and disease and discord to the light of truth and goodness and life. Christ our Light drives out the darkneses of hate and sin and death from our hearts, our minds, and our world.

What darkneses continue to exist in your life that need the purifying and healing effects of light?

SIR

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1–6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone.  
You have brought them abundant joy  
and great rejoicing,  
as they rejoice before you as at the harvest,  
as people make merry when dividing spoils.  
For the yoke that burdened them,  
the pole on their shoulder,  
and the rod of their taskmaster  
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.  
For every boot that tramped in battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
will be burned as fuel for flames.  
For a child is born to us, a son is given us;  
upon his shoulder dominion rests.

They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,  
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.  
His dominion is vast  
and forever peaceful,  
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,  
which he confirms and sustains  
by judgment and justice,  
both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13*  
(*R/. Luke 2:11*)

29   
R/. To - day is born our Sav - ior, Christ the Lord.

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Sing to the LORD a new song; / sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R/.**

Announce his salvation, day after day. / Tell his glory among the nations; /  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R/.**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; /  
let the sea and what fills it resound; /  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult. **R/.**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; /  
for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice / and the peoples with his constancy. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Titus 2:11-14*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



December 25

❖ SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ❖

CHRISTMAS

❖ MASS AT DAWN ❖

(LECT. 15)

When the Babylonian army invaded Judah in the sixth century BCE, they besieged and eventually destroyed Jerusalem, razing the temple. Defeated, most of the Chosen People were forced to flee their homes and their land, driven into exile. Returning after Babylon was defeated, they must have been shaken by the destruction and desolation they saw. Their beautiful city, their sacred temple, ruined and forsaken. But Isaiah saw a new day, a day when a savior would come, when the people would be redeemed, when the holy city would be reborn. That day would not come in his lifetime, but the hope and longing for that day had already arrived. We feel a sense of hope and longing ourselves after what we have suffered over the last two years. And we have an advantage over Isaiah, for our Savior has already come into the world and come into our hearts. In him we have been reborn and redeemed. Like the shepherds, who hastened to see the Messiah and proclaim the good news they heard from the angels, we are called to proclaim what we believe, “glorifying and praising God” as we celebrate his birth (Luke 2:20). Jesus has “saved us through the bath of rebirth” (Titus 3:5). May this good news of great joy inspire us, for a new day is dawning for us and for our world.

How has God’s promise, incarnated in Jesus Christ, sustained you through hardship?

SIR

First Reading

*Isaiah 62:11–12*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

See, the LORD proclaims  
to the ends of the earth:  
say to daughter Zion,  
your savior comes!  
Here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.  
They shall be called the holy people,  
the redeemed of the LORD,  
and you shall be called “Frequented,”  
a city that is not forsaken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 97:1, 6, 11–12*



**R/.** A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

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The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; / let the many isles be glad.  
The heavens proclaim his justice, / and all peoples see his glory. **R/.**

Light dawns for the just; / and gladness, for the upright of heart.  
Be glad in the LORD, you just, / and give thanks to his holy name. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Titus 3:4–7*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Beloved:

When the kindness and generous love  
of God our savior appeared,  
not because of any righteous deeds we had done  
but because of his mercy,  
he saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
whom he richly poured out on us  
through Jesus Christ our savior,  
so that we might be justified by his grace  
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 2:14*



**R/.** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to those /  
on whom his favor rests. **R/.**

## Gospel

*Luke 2:15–20*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they

saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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December 25

❖ SOLEMNITY OF  
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD ❖

CHRISTMAS

❖ MASS DURING THE DAY ❖

(LECT. 16)

When Isaiah cried out “O ruins of Jerusalem!” he was not engaging in hyperbole (52:9). Jerusalem *was* in ruins, laid desolate after Judah’s capital was besieged and its temple destroyed. What’s more, Isaiah was not recounting past history. Jerusalem was still in ruins. The Chosen People were still exiled. People had lost hope that life would ever be the same again, that their world would ever return to normal. But Isaiah refused to do so. In the midst of exile and destruction, he saw peace, joy, and salvation. As difficult as it was to do so, he envisioned what John would put into words hundreds of years later: “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Light, the first gift God brought to the formless wasteland that became our world, becomes the ultimate gift God gives the human race. Then and now, light shines a way out of the deepest trauma, through the darkest times. To the darkness of discord, Christ our Light brings peace. To the darkness of despair, the Lord brings joy. To the darkness of sin and death, our Savior brings salvation and eternal life. And so today we celebrate that the Word has become flesh, has chosen to dwell among us, here and now: in our hearts, in our thoughts, and in our world.

What darkness does Christ our Light come to banish for you today?

SIT

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,  
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy,  
for they see directly, before their eyes,  
the LORD restoring Zion.

Break out together in song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD comforts his people,  
he redeems Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6*



**R/.** All the ends of the earth have seen the sav-ing pow'r of God.

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(LPGA C9) James V. Marchionda

Sing to the LORD a new song, / for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him, / his holy arm. **R/.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: /  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness /  
toward the house of Israel. **R/.**

All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; / break into song; sing praise. **R/.**  
Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, / with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn /  
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD. **R/.**

### Second Reading

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways  
to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to  
us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom  
he created the universe,

who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being,  
and who sustains all things by his mighty word.

When he had accomplished purification from sins,  
he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
as far superior to the angels  
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say:  
*You are my son; this day I have begotten you?*

Or again:

*I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?*

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:  
*Let all the angels of God worship him.*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

34

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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A holy day has dawned upon us. / Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. /  
For today a great light has come upon the earth. **R/.**

## Gospel

*John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

*In the shorter form of the Gospel, the two passages in brackets are omitted.*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

[ A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. ] The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him,  
but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,  
but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.

[John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, "The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him. ]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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December 26

❖ FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY ❖  
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(LECT. 17—YEAR C)

What makes a family a family? Is it not the love they have for each other? Ideally, that love is a selfless love, a willingness to put other family members' needs before your own. This kind of love is modeled in today's readings. Jesus—the perfect example of self-sacrificing love—demonstrates this love in today's Gospel passage. He remains in his "Father's house" for three days, a sign of his love for his divine family. He remained obedient to his parents, demonstrating his selfless love for his human family. Sirach speaks of caring for an elderly parent in a way as appropriate now as it was then: "Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him" (3:13). Hannah, who had been childless for years, selflessly offers her long-awaited child to the LORD. Paul asks us to "put on" a host of selfless qualities: "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience" (Colossians 3:12), and John reminds us that our love for one another is always familial, for we are all children of God. It is that selfless love, that love for a family member whose needs we put above our own, that is truly, as Paul wrote, "the bond of perfection" (3:14).

How can you show self-sacrificing love to a family member this week? Can you show that love to others in our human family as well?

SIR

### First Reading

*Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14*

A reading from the Book of Sirach

God sets a father in honor over his children;  
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.  
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
and preserves himself from them.  
When he prays, he is heard;  
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.  
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
and, when he prays, is heard.  
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;  
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives.  
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;  
revile him not all the days of his life;  
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
firmly planted against the debt of your sins  
—a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (R/. cf. 1)*



**R/.** Bless - ed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, / who walks in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; /  
blessed shall you be, and favored. **R/.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine / in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants / around your table. **R/.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed / who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion: / may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem /  
all the days of your life. **R/.**

## Second Reading *Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17*

*In the shorter form of the reading, the passage in brackets is omitted.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

[ Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged. ]

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10*  
(*R/. cf. 5a*)



**R/.** Bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

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(LPGA C11) Donna B. Kasbohm

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! /

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. **R/.**

Happy they who dwell in your house! / Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are! /

Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage. **R/.**

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer; / hearken, O God of Jacob!

O God, behold our shield, / and look upon the face of your anointed. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*1 John 3:1-2, 21-24*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

38

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Open our hearts, O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. R/.

*The Gospel is found on page 48.*

January 1, 2022

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

❖ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, ❖  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(LECT. 18)

Sometimes we forget just how powerful God's word is, even as we sit here today and hear it proclaimed. In today's first reading, God's word showers blessings of protection, peace, kindness, and grace upon the Chosen People as they make their way from captivity in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. The shepherds in today's Gospel pass along God's word that they heard from the angel: a savior has been born and is lying in a manger. But it is through Mary, the Blessed Virgin, that God's word is articulated most powerfully, for she has given birth to the very Word of God. The Mother of God brought the Word made flesh into the world, with his power to heal us, to change us, to make us whole, and ultimately to redeem us. On the eighth day after his birth, which we celebrate today, he was named Jesus, meaning "God saves." The Word is our Savior. By virtue of our baptism, we too are called to be bearers of God in the world. Let us look to Mary as a model of bearing God's word to a world in need of healing, renewal, and redemption.

How are you called to bear God's word to the world around you?

SIT

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the Book of Numbers

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

39

R/. May God bless us in his mer - cy.\_\_\_\_\_

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(LPGA C12) Joseph B. Sullivan

May God have pity on us and bless us; / may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth; /  
among all nations, your salvation. **R/.**

May the nations be glad and exult /  
because you rule the peoples in equity; /  
the nations on the earth you guide. **R/.**

May the peoples praise you, O God; / may all the peoples praise you!  
May God bless us, / and may all the ends of the earth fear him! **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Galatians 4:4-7*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

*Hebrews 1:1-2*

40

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; /  
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son. **R/.**

## Gospel

*Luke 2:16-21*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary

kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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January 2

❖ SOLEMNITY OF THE  
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ❖

(LECT. 20)

Just over a week ago we celebrated Jesus' birth. We heard Isaiah prophesy that the LORD would come as a light in the darkness and John confirm that the darkness would not overcome it. Today we celebrate the effect of this light, the extent of this light, and the power of this light. Isaiah, returning to the ruins of Jerusalem, envisions a city restored to glory, so radiant that its light will draw Arabians from north (the nomads of Midian) to south (the traders of Sheba), outsiders both. The psalmist sings of all the nations on earth being attracted to God's glory, demonstrated not by triumph in war, but by the triumph of peace: a "profound peace" (72:7) marked by care for the poor, the afflicted, and the lowly. Paul, enlightened by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, testifies that the Gentiles are members—not of a supplemental body, or even a complementary body—but of the same body, fully part of the *one* body of Christ. Finally, in the Gospel we hear of the light from the star, that light that leads the magi from the east with their gifts and devotion. Jesus, the Light of the World, shines forth to all, for all, over all, one body of Christ.

How have you seen Christ's light in your life?

SIR

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.  
Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.  
Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,  
your heart shall throb and overflow,  
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11,  
12–13 (R/. cf. 11)*

41 

**R/.** Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

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(LPGA C14) Joseph B. Sullivan

O God, with your judgment endow the king, /  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
he shall govern your people with justice /  
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R/.**

Justice shall flower in his days, /  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea, /  
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R/.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; /  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him homage, / all nations shall serve him. **R/.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, /  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; /  
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

42 

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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We saw his star at its rising / and have come to do him homage. **R/.**

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

January 9

❖ FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ❖

(LECT. 21—YEAR C)

While the Chosen People suffered in exile, a voice called out to a young prophet. The voice spoke with words of power and promise, words of comfort and tenderness, words of hope and blessing. This voice was God's. That voice is heard once again many centuries later after Jesus is baptized. The Lord's message to Jesus is much simpler and straightforward: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). No "bring forth justice," "open the eyes of the blind," or "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" is necessary, for all this is already present in the person of Jesus (Isaiah 42:1, 7; 40:5). From this point on, filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus brings forth justice, opens the eyes of the blind, and reveals the Father's glory. Baptized in Christ, we too are charged to listen for the Lord's voice. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, who descended upon us at our baptism, we are called to prepare the way, just as Isaiah and John and Peter and Paul and Titus were, so that justice and peace and kindness and love may spread to every nation, to every people. We too are God's beloved children. May the Lord be well pleased with us.

How is God calling you to live out your baptismal commitment?

SIT

First Reading

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
upon whom I have put my spirit;

he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
not crying out, not shouting,  
not making his voice heard in the street.

A bruised reed he shall not break,  
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,  
until he establishes justice on the earth;  
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
I have grasped you by the hand;


I formed you, and set you  
as a covenant of the people,  
a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10*  
(*R/. 11b*)

43 

**R/.** The Lord will bless his peo - ple with peace.

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Give to the LORD, you sons of God, / give to the LORD glory and praise,  
give to the LORD the glory due his name; / adore the LORD in holy attire. **R/.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, / the LORD, over vast waters.  
The voice of the LORD is mighty; / the voice of the LORD is majestic. **R/.**

The God of glory thunders, / and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
The LORD is enthroned above the flood; /  
the LORD is enthroned as king forever. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Acts 10:34-38*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf. Mark 9:7*

44 

**R/.** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: /  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*In Year C, these readings may be used.*

STR

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated;

indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up onto a high mountain,  
Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out  
and say to the cities of Judah:  
Here is your God!

Here comes with power  
the Lord God,  
who rules by a strong arm;  
here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.  
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,  
27-28, 29-30*

45   
R/. O bless the Lord, my soul.

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(LPGA C16) Hal H. Hopson

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! /  
you are clothed with majesty and glory,  
robed in light as with a cloak. /  
You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth. **R/.**

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. /  
You make the clouds your chariot;  
you travel on the wings of the wind. /  
You make the winds your messengers,  
and flaming fire your ministers. **R/.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD! /  
In wisdom you have wrought them all— /  
the earth is full of your creatures;  
the sea also, great and wide, / in which are schools without number /  
of living things both small and great. **R/.**

They look to you to give them food in due time. /  
When you give it to them, they gather it;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **R/.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. /  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.



# ORDINARY TIME

January 16

## ❖ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖

(LECT. 66—YEAR C)

Ostensibly, the Gospel passage we hear today was placed at the beginning of Ordinary Time because it comes at the beginning of John's Gospel. However, its placement a week after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is also appropriate, for this passage is all about conversion. The miracle Jesus accomplished at the wedding at Cana converted water into wine, but also converted the hearts and minds of his disciples, who were still coming to an understanding of this man they called Rabbi (Teacher) and Messiah. Isaiah's poetry celebrates the conversion of the holy city and its people from defeated and desolate to victorious and vindicated, even using the language of a wedding ceremony to describe the joy and promise of God's care. This wedding reception at Cana is Jesus' first recorded meal with his disciples. At their last meal, he used water from similar jars to wash his disciples' feet as a model of service, then changed wine into his Blood. In Jesus, the ordinary is converted into something new, something greater, something glorious. May our own continual conversion, expressed in the spiritual gifts we have received, be as well.

How has your world been converted through the workings of our Lord?

SIR

### First Reading

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn  
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;

you shall be called by a new name  
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,  
a royal diadem held by your God.

No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"  
or your land "Desolate,"

but you shall be called "My Delight,"  
and your land "Espoused."

For the LORD delights in you  
and makes your land his spouse.

As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10*

47 

**R/.** Pro-claim his mar-vel-ous deeds to all the na - tions.

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(LPGA C61) Steven R. Janco

Sing to the LORD a new song; / sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R/.**

Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations; /  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R/.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, /  
give to the LORD glory and praise; /  
give to the LORD the glory due his name! **R/.**

Worship the LORD in holy attire. / Tremble before him, all the earth;  
say among the nations: The LORD is king. /  
He governs the peoples with equity. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14*

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**R/.** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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God has called us through the Gospel /  
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **R/.**

## Gospel

*John 2:1–11*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from—although the servers who had drawn the water knew—, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



January 23

✦ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✦

(LECT. 69—YEAR C)

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). Jesus stuns the faithful of his hometown when he follows the passage from Isaiah with these words. They cannot imagine that their native son is the Messiah whom Isaiah prophesied. What began as just an ordinary sabbath in the synagogue became anything but. The worship service we hear about in Nehemiah is a special one to begin with. Ezra gathered the faithful out in the open, which was noteworthy, for they had just returned to Jerusalem after years of exile. After he read from the Torah, the people wept. Perhaps worshipping in the holy city once again overwhelmed them, perhaps it was remorse for presumed sin, or perhaps God’s law felt like too much. Whatever the case, Nehemiah assures them of how special this day is: “Today is holy to our LORD” (Nehemiah 8:10). We know that Jesus is present with us whenever we gather in his name. So the “today” we hear is not just in the fifth century BC or the first century AD. It is here and now. For today, this very day, the Anointed One is here, bringing glad tidings to the poor and proclaiming liberty, healing, and a jubilee year to us all.

How can you—who have put on Christ in baptism—make *today* special in the Lord?

SIR

First Reading

*Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10*

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people—; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
(R/. cf. John 6:63c)

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The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, / giving wisdom to the simple. **R/.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, / rejoicing the heart;  
the command of the LORD is clear, / enlightening the eye. **R/.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, / enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true, / all of them just. **R/.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart /  
find favor before you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **R/.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12–30  
or 12:12–14, 27

*In the shorter form of the reading, the two passages in brackets are omitted.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. [If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now ] you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. [ Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ]

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

*cf. Luke 4:18*

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R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, /  
and to proclaim liberty to captives. **R/.**

## Gospel

*Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

January 30

❖ FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖

(LECT. 72—YEAR C)

Saint Paul did not write letters to far-flung Christian communities just to keep in touch. No, he sent letters because debates, disagreements, and outright divisions had broken out among its members. Disagreements were to be expected, but divisions were dangerous and distressing. Paul wanted to make sure that Corinth avoided division. Jesus had been confronted with similar discord in his hometown when he explained that like the prophets of old, he was not sent to help the faithful of his native place. Indeed, Jesus would go on to spend his time with sinners and foreigners. Matthew and Mark mention that the people of Nazareth were unbelieving. But Luke—the only evangelist to tell the parable of the good Samaritan and the account of the ten lepers (when only the Samaritan returned to give thanks)—writes that the townsfolk turn furious and homicidal. With reactions like this in mind, Paul wants to emphasize to the church in Corinth that love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts. We are all blessed with it, capable of it. With love, disagreements are resolved without discord, for love seeks the truth, not its own interests. Love bears differences, for it endures beyond disagreements.

What disagreement has affected you recently? How can love help to resolve it?

SIR

First Reading

*Jeremiah 1:4–5, 17–19*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I dedicated you,  
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins;  
stand up and tell them  
all that I command you.

Be not crushed on their account,  
as though I would leave you crushed before them;  
for it is I this day

who have made you a fortified city,  
a pillar of iron, a wall of brass,  
against the whole land:  
against Judah's kings and princes,  
against its priests and people.


They will fight against you but not prevail over you,  
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17  
(R/. cf. 15ab)

51 

R/. I will sing, — I will sing of your sal - va - tion. —

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In you, O LORD, I take refuge; / let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; /  
incline your ear to me, and save me. R/.

Be my rock of refuge, / a stronghold to give me safety, /  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked. R/.

For you are my hope, O Lord; / my trust, O God, from my youth.

On you I depend from birth; /  
from my mother's womb you are my strength. R/.

My mouth shall declare your justice, / day by day your salvation.

O God, you have taught me from my youth, /  
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds. R/.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13  
or 13:4-13

*In the shorter form of the reading, the passage in brackets is omitted.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: [ Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ]

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

52 

*R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.*

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The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, /  
to proclaim liberty to captives. *R/.*

## Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## February 6

# ❖ FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖

(LECT. 75—YEAR C)

As Peter hovered in the background in the wake of Jesus' arrest, scared of being taken away as well, did he think back to his astonishment three years before when he first met Jesus in the scene we hear narrated today? He landed probably the biggest catch of fish he'd ever had, yet he abandoned his trade and all his belongings to follow Jesus. Also during Holy Week we hear Isaiah testify, "I gave my back to those who beat me . . . my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6). Did he recall the enthusiasm we hear him express today when he is called by God: "Here I am . . . send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)? In the second reading, Paul reminds us of his own call, as well as his remorse for persecuting the church. In each case, the power of the Lord's call not only leads them to follow at once, but it also drives them to persevere through fear and hurt. Isaiah remains steadfast in his faith, setting his face "like flint" (50:7). Paul continues to preach through danger and imprisonment. Peter, after tears of shame and sorrow, becomes the rock upon which the church is built. Following God's call is not easy, but its power enables us to withstand suffering and overcome failure.

What hardships has your faith help you overcome?

SRT

### First Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8



R/. In the sight of the an-gels I will sing your prais-es, Lord.

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I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, /  
 for you have heard the words of my mouth; /  
 in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
 I will worship at your holy temple / and give thanks to your name. **R/.**  
 Because of your kindness and your truth; /  
 for you have made great above all things / your name and your promise.  
 When I called, you answered me; / you built up strength within me. **R/.**  
 All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD, /  
 when they hear the words of your mouth;  
 and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: /  
 "Great is the glory of the LORD." **R/.**  
 Your right hand saves me. /  
 The LORD will complete what he has done for me;  
 your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; /  
 forsake not the work of your hands. **R/.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 or 15:3-8, 11

*In the shorter form of the reading, the three passages in brackets are omitted.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

[ I am reminding you, ] brothers and sisters, [ of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For ] I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. [ For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. ] Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Come after me / and I will make you fishers of men. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

February 13

❖ SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖

(LECT. 78—YEAR C)

How would you feel if you received an invitation today to a simple but free meal, maybe a plate with beans, some bread, and a tall glass of cool water? If you are wealthy, you would likely refuse, for you know you could afford a much more sumptuous meal elsewhere. But if you are having difficulty putting food on your table and your family is starving, this complimentary meal would be a godsend. Exactly: a godsend. Something sent by the grace of God. In Luke's account of the Beatitudes, Jesus shows the crowds both sides of the coin. The hungry will be satisfied, but the satisfied will be hungry. The despairing will be joyful, but the joyful will despair. Jesus is able to preach this for he is literally a godsend, sent by God to save us. In him, we are redeemed. Because of him, we can train our eyes on heaven. As Paul wrote, our hope in Christ is not for this life only. Or to use Jeremiah's imagery from the first reading, we are like trees planted by a stream, stretching out our roots to the living waters Christ brings, for he satisfies us with joy, with plenty, and ultimately, with the kingdom of God.

How can you be a godsend for others?

SIR

First Reading

*Jeremiah 17:5–8*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,  
who seeks his strength in flesh,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a barren bush in the desert  
that enjoys no change of season,  
but stands in a lava waste,  
a salt and empty earth.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose hope is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream:  
it fears not the heat when it comes;  
its leaves stay green;  
in the year of drought it shows no distress,  
but still bears fruit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 1:1–2, 3, 4 and 6*  
(*R/. 40:5a*)



**R/. Bless - ed are they who hope in the Lord.**

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Blessed the man who follows not / the counsel of the wicked,  
nor walks in the way of sinners, / nor sits in the company of the insolent,  
but delights in the law of the LORD /  
and meditates on his law day and night. **R/.**

He is like a tree / planted near running water,  
that yields its fruit in due season, / and whose leaves never fade. /  
Whatever he does, prospers. **R/.**

Not so the wicked, not so; / they are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the just, /  
but the way of the wicked vanishes. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

*Luke 6:23ab*



**R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

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Rejoice and be glad; / your reward will be great in heaven. **R/.**

## Gospel

*Luke 6:17, 20–26*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.  
Woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.  
Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.  
Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## February 20

# ❖ SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ❖

(LECT. 81—YEAR C)

“It’s not fair!” If you’re a parent of young children, you probably hear this every day. You’ve certainly said it yourself, or at least felt that way, in some context. But this plea assumes that life is transactional. Whatever you get, I should get, too. If I do something good, I should get something good in return. Jesus teaches a different way of looking at life. Having just taught his Beatitudes, he extends this perspective to the way we treat each other. Reach out in love, kindness, generosity, and goodness to everyone, friend and enemy alike. Why? We should be kind and merciful because God, our Father, is kind and merciful. Kindness and mercy are not limited resources that we should only “spend” on those who are worthy. God is kind and merciful to all, even “the ungrateful and the wicked” (Luke 6:35). Just as the LORD looked kindly on David when he spared Saul’s life, the Father will look kindly on us when we give and forgive instead of judging and condemning. It is a bold challenge and a difficult one, but the One whose generosity is overflowing has given us both a promise and a model.

To whom do you need to respond anew with kindness and mercy?

SIR

## First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul’s soldiers by night and found Saul lying

asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.


Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4,  
8, 10, 12-13*

57   
**R/.** The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

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Bless the LORD, O my soul; / and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, / and forget not all his benefits. **R/.**

He pardons all your iniquities, / heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction, /  
crowns you with kindness and compassion. **R/.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, /  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us, /  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes. **R/.**

As far as the east is from the west, /  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, /  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. **R/.**

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:45-49*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

58 

R/. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: /  
love one another as I have loved you. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54–58

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

*Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

60 

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Shine like lights in the world / as you hold on to the word of life. **R/.**

## Gospel

Luke 6:39–45

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SIT

STAND

# Homily

## Profession of Faith

*On the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord we kneel where "bow" is indicated.*

### NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.*

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Faithful



Lord, hear our prayer.

(Service Music 133) Byzantine chant



Lord, hear our prayer.

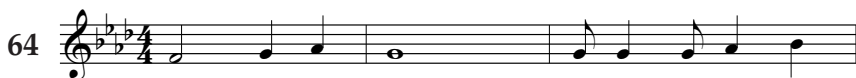
Chant



... we pray to the Lord: Lord, hear our prayer.

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Lord, hear our prayer;

De - us, ex - au - di  
Pa - nie, wy - slu - chaj -



nos;  
nas;            Se - ñor, es - cú - cha - nos.

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# ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

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## SIT Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

If there is no song or instrumental music, the Priest may say the following prayers aloud.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### Invitation to Prayer

Pray, brethren [ brothers and sisters ],  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

STAND **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.**



# Prayer over the Offerings

## November 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Accept, we pray, O Lord,  
these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us  
to celebrate devoutly here below  
gain for us the prize  
of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Be pleased, O Lord,  
with our humble prayers and offerings,  
and, since we have no merits  
to plead our cause,  
come, we pray, to our rescue  
with the protection of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Graciously accept the saving sacrifice  
which we offer you, O Lord,  
on the Solemnity  
of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
and grant that, as we profess her,  
on account of your prevenient grace,  
to be untouched by any stain of sin,  
so, through her intercession,  
we may be delivered from all our faults.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord,  
we pray,  
be offered to you unceasingly,  
to complete what was begun  
in sacred mystery  
and powerfully accomplish for us  
your saving work.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Accept, O Lord, the gifts  
we present to you  
on this feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
and grant that this sacrifice  
may strengthen us  
to fulfill your commandments  
as true children of the Virgin Mary.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,  
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,  
just as he filled with his power the womb  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 24, Evening

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS AT THE VIGIL MASS

As we look forward, O Lord,  
to the coming festivities,  
may we serve you all the more eagerly  
for knowing that in them  
you make manifest  
the beginnings of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT

May the oblation of this day's feast  
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,  
that through this most holy exchange  
we may be found  
in the likeness of Christ,  
in whom our nature is united to you.  
Who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN

May our offerings be worthy, we pray,  
O Lord,  
of the mysteries of the Nativity this day,  
that, just as Christ was born a man  
and also shone forth as God,  
so these earthly gifts may confer on us  
what is divine.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY

Make acceptable, O Lord,  
our oblation on this solemn day,  
when you manifested the reconciliation  
that makes us wholly pleasing  
in your sight  
and inaugurated for us  
the fullness of divine worship.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 26

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH

We offer you, Lord,  
the sacrifice of conciliation,  
humbly asking that,  
through the intercession of the  
Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,  
you may establish our families firmly  
in your grace and your peace.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 1

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS  
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

O God, who in your kindness  
begin all good things  
and bring them to fulfillment,  
grant to us, who find joy in the  
Solemnity of the holy Mother of God,  
that, just as we glory  
in the beginnings of your grace,  
so one day we may rejoice  
in its completion.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 1, Evening

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
VIGIL MASS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, our offerings,  
in honor of the appearing  
of your Only Begotten Son  
and the first fruits of the nations,  
that to you praise may be rendered  
and eternal salvation be ours.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
MASS DURING THE DAY

Look with favor, Lord, we pray,  
on these gifts of your Church,  
in which are offered now not gold  
or frankincense or myrrh,  
but he who by them is proclaimed,  
sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.  
Who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Accept, O Lord, the offerings  
we have brought to honor  
the revealing of your beloved Son,  
so that the oblation of your faithful  
may be transformed  
into the sacrifice of him  
who willed in his compassion  
to wash away the sins of the world.  
Who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## January 16

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may participate worthily  
in these mysteries,  
for whenever the memorial  
of this sacrifice is celebrated  
the work of our redemption  
is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 23

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,  
and in sanctifying them  
grant that they may profit us  
for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O Lord, we bring to your altar  
these offerings of our service:  
be pleased to receive them, we pray,  
and transform them  
into the Sacrament of our redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O Lord our God,  
who once established  
these created things  
to sustain us in our frailty,  
grant, we pray,  
that they may become for us now  
the Sacrament of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 13

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse and renew us  
and may it become for those  
who do your will  
the source of eternal reward.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 20

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord,  
with the observance that is your due,  
we humbly ask you,  
that what we offer  
to the honor of your majesty  
may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 27

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who provide gifts  
to be offered to your name  
and count our oblations as signs  
of our desire to serve you with devotion,  
we ask of your mercy  
that what you grant  
as the source of merit  
may also help us to attain merit's reward.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Eucharistic Prayer

## Preface Dialogue

65 *Priest* *All*  
 The Lord be with you. And with your spir-it.  
*Priest* *All*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.  
*Priest* *All*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.  
 (Service Music 4) Chant

66 *Priest* *All* *Priest*  
 The Lord be with you. And with your spir-it. Lift up your  
*All* *Priest*  
 hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give  
*All*  
 thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

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## Preface

*The Priest proclaims one of the following or another Preface.*

### Usually with Eucharistic Prayer II

It is truly right and just,  
 our duty and our salvation,  
 always and everywhere  
 to give you thanks, Father most holy,  
 through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
 your Word through whom  
 you made all things,  
 whom you sent  
 as our Savior and Redeemer,  
 incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the Virgin.

Fulfilling your will  
 and gaining for you a holy people,  
 he stretched out his hands  
 as he endured his Passion,  
 so as to break the bonds of death  
 and manifest the resurrection.  
 And so, with the Angels  
 and all the Saints  
 we declare your glory,  
 as with one voice we acclaim:

*Continue with the Preface Acclamation  
 on page 87.*

## Always with Eucharistic Prayer IV

It is truly right to give you thanks,  
truly just to give you glory,  
Father most holy,  
for you are the one God living and true,  
existing before all ages  
and abiding for all eternity,  
dwelling in unapproachable light;  
yet you, who alone are good,  
the source of life,  
have made all that is,  
so that you might fill your creatures  
with blessings  
and bring joy to many of them  
by the glory of your light.

And so, in your presence  
are countless hosts of Angels,  
who serve you day and night  
and, gazing upon the glory of your face,  
glorify you without ceasing.  
With them we, too,  
confess your name in exultation,  
giving voice to every creature  
under heaven,  
as we acclaim:

*Continue with the Preface Acclamation  
on the next page.*

## Always with Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I

It is truly right and just  
that we should always give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God.  
For you do not cease to spur us on  
to possess a more abundant life  
and, being rich in mercy,  
you constantly offer pardon  
and call on sinners  
to trust in your forgiveness alone.  
Never did you turn away from us,  
and, though time and again  
we have broken your covenant,  
you have bound the human family  
to yourself  
through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer,  
with a new bond of love so tight  
that it can never be undone.

Even now you set before your people  
a time of grace and reconciliation,  
and, as they turn back to you in spirit,  
you grant them hope in Christ Jesus  
and a desire to be of service to all,  
while they entrust themselves  
more fully to the Holy Spirit.  
And so, filled with wonder,  
we extol the power of your love,  
and, proclaiming our joy  
at the salvation that comes from you,  
we join in the heavenly hymn  
of countless hosts,  
as without end we acclaim:

*Continue with the Preface Acclamation  
on the next page.*

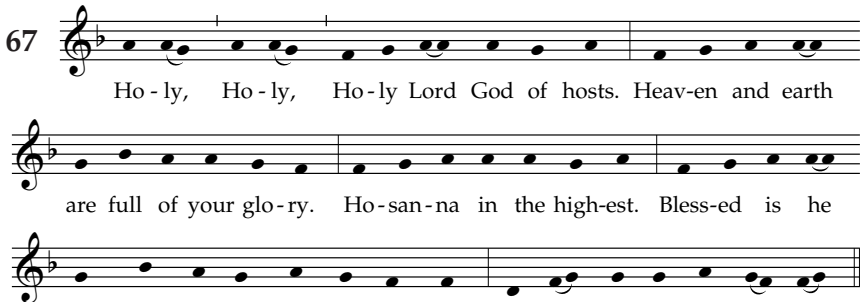
## Always with Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II

It is truly right and just  
that we should give you thanks  
and praise,  
O God, almighty Father,  
for all you do in this world,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
For though the human race  
is divided by dissension and discord,  
yet we know that by testing us  
you change our hearts  
to prepare them for reconciliation.  
Even more, by your Spirit  
you move human hearts  
that enemies may speak  
to each other again,  
adversaries join hands,  
and peoples seek to meet together.

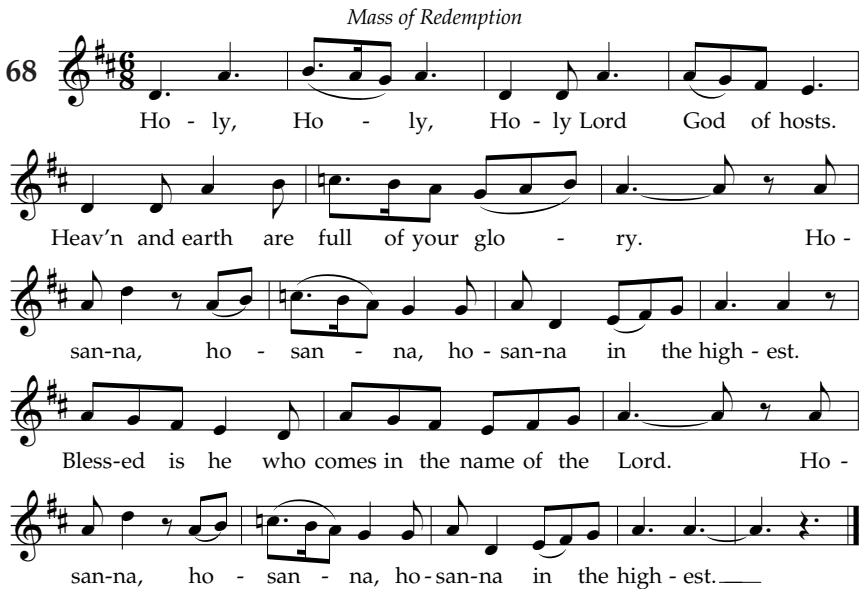
By the working of your power  
it comes about, O Lord,  
that hatred is overcome by love,  
revenge gives way to forgiveness,  
and discord is changed  
to mutual respect.  
Therefore, as we give you  
ceaseless thanks  
with the choirs of heaven,  
we cry out to your majesty on earth,  
and without end we acclaim:

*Continue with the Preface Acclamation  
on the next page.*

## Preface Acclamation

67   
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth  
are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
(Service Music 5) Chant

*Mass of Redemption*

68   
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. —

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*Besides one of the six Eucharistic Prayers printed here, the Priest may proclaim one of the Eucharistic Prayers for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions or for Masses with Children.*

KNEEL

### Eucharistic Prayer I

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
we make humble prayer and petition  
through Jesus Christ,

your Son, our Lord:  
that you accept  
and bless these gifts, these offerings,  
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,  
which we offer you firstly  
for your holy catholic Church.  
Be pleased to grant her peace,  
to guard, unite and govern her  
throughout the whole world,  
together with your servant *N.* our Pope  
and *N.* our Bishop,  
and all those who, holding to the truth,  
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.  
Remember, Lord,  
your servants *N.* and *N.*

*When Baptism is celebrated:*

who have presented your chosen ones  
for the holy grace of your Baptism,

and all gathered here,  
whose faith and devotion are known  
to you.

For them, we offer you this sacrifice  
of praise  
or they offer it for themselves  
and all who are dear to them:  
for the redemption of their souls,  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true.

*On the Nativity of the Lord  
and throughout the Octave:*

Celebrating the most sacred night [ day ]  
on which blessed Mary  
the immaculate Virgin  
brought forth the Savior for this world,

*On the Epiphany of the Lord:*

Celebrating the most sacred day  
on which your Only Begotten Son,  
eternal with you in your glory,  
appeared in a human body,  
truly sharing our flesh,

In communion with those  
whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord,  
Jesus Christ,

and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,  
Peter and Paul, Andrew,

[ James, John,  
Thomas, James, Philip,  
Bartholomew, Matthew,  
Simon and Jude;  
Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,  
Cornelius, Cyprian,  
Lawrence, Chrysogonus,  
John and Paul,  
Cosmas and Damian ]  
and all your Saints;

we ask that  
through their merits and prayers,  
in all things we may be defended  
by your protecting help.  
[ Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ]

Therefore, Lord, we pray:  
graciously accept  
this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family;

*When Baptism is celebrated:*

which we offer you  
also for those to whom  
you have been pleased to give  
the new birth of water  
and the Holy Spirit,  
granting them forgiveness of all their sins  
so as to find them

in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and command that their names  
be written  
in the book of the living.

[ Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ]

order our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered  
from eternal damnation  
and counted among the flock  
of those you have chosen.

[ Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ]

Be pleased, O God, we pray,  
to bless, acknowledge,  
and approve this offering  
in every respect;

make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood  
of your most beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,  
he took bread in his holy  
and venerable hands,  
and with eyes raised to heaven  
to you, O God, his almighty Father,  
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way,  
when supper was ended,  
he took this precious chalice  
in his holy and venerable hands,

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
the fount of all holiness.  
Make holy, therefore, these gifts,  
we pray,  
by sending down your Spirit upon them  
like the dewfall,  
so that they may become for us  
the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed  
and entered willingly into his Passion,  
he took bread and,  
giving thanks, broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

KNEEL

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and all you have created  
rightly gives you praise,  
for through your Son  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by the power and working  
of the Holy Spirit,  
you give life to all things  
and make them holy,  
and you never cease  
to gather a people to yourself,  
so that from the rising of the sun  
to its setting  
a pure sacrifice may be offered  
to your name.  
Therefore, O Lord,  
we humbly implore you:

and once more giving you thanks,  
he said the blessing  
and gave the chalice to his disciples,  
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU,  
AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU  
AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.  
The mystery of faith.

*Continue with one of the acclamations  
on pages 92–93.*

### Eucharistic Prayer II

In a similar way,  
when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice  
and, once more giving thanks,  
he gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU,  
AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU  
AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.  
The mystery of faith.

*Continue with one of the acclamations  
on pages 92–93.*

### Eucharistic Prayer III

by the same Spirit graciously make holy  
these gifts we have brought to you  
for consecration,  
that they may become  
the Body and Blood  
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
at whose command  
we celebrate these mysteries.  
For on the night he was betrayed  
he himself took bread,  
and, giving you thanks,  
he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way,  
when supper was ended,  
he took the chalice,  
and, giving you thanks,  
he said the blessing,  
and gave the chalice to his disciples,  
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU,  
AND DRINK FROM IT,

KNEEL

### Eucharistic Prayer IV

We give you praise, Father most holy,  
for you are great  
and you have fashioned all your works  
in wisdom and in love.

You formed man in your own image  
and entrusted the whole world  
to his care,  
so that in serving you alone, the Creator,  
he might have dominion  
over all creatures.

And when through disobedience  
he had lost your friendship,  
you did not abandon him  
to the domain of death.

For you came in mercy to the aid of all,  
so that those who seek might find you.  
Time and again

you offered them covenants  
and through the prophets  
taught them to look forward  
to salvation.

And you so loved the world,  
Father most holy,  
that in the fullness of time  
you sent your Only Begotten Son  
to be our Savior.

Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
he shared our human nature  
in all things but sin.  
To the poor he proclaimed  
the good news of salvation,  
to prisoners, freedom,  
and to the sorrowful of heart, joy.  
To accomplish your plan,  
he gave himself up to death,  
and, rising from the dead,  
he destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live  
no longer for ourselves  
but for him who died  
and rose again for us,  
he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father,

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU  
AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.  
The mystery of faith.

*Continue with one of the acclamations  
on pages 92–93.*

as the first fruits for those who believe,  
so that, bringing to perfection  
his work in the world,  
he might sanctify creation to the full.  
Therefore, O Lord, we pray:  
may this same Holy Spirit  
graciously sanctify these offerings,  
that they may become  
the Body and Blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ  
for the celebration of this great mystery,  
which he himself left us  
as an eternal covenant.

For when the hour had come  
for him to be glorified by you,

Father most holy,  
having loved his own  
who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end:  
and while they were at supper,  
he took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way,  
taking the chalice  
filled with the fruit of the vine,  
he gave thanks,  
and gave the chalice to his disciples,  
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU,  
AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU  
AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.  
The mystery of faith.

*Continue with one of the acclamations  
on pages 92–93.*

KNEEL

## Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,  
and from the world's beginning  
are ceaselessly at work,  
so that the human race may become holy,  
just as you yourself are holy.

Look, we pray,  
upon your people's offerings  
and pour out on them  
the power of your Spirit,  
that they may become  
the Body and Blood  
of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whom we, too,  
are your sons and daughters.  
Indeed, though we once were lost  
and could not approach you,  
you loved us with the greatest love:  
for your Son, who alone is just,  
handed himself over to death,  
and did not disdain to be nailed  
for our sake  
to the wood of the Cross.

But before his arms were outstretched  
between heaven and earth,  
to become the lasting sign  
of your covenant,  
he desired to celebrate the Passover  
with his disciples.

As he ate with them,  
he took bread  
and, giving you thanks,  
he said the blessing,  
broke the bread and gave it to them,  
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way,  
when supper was ended,  
knowing that he was about to reconcile  
all things in himself  
through his Blood to be shed  
on the Cross,  
he took the chalice,  
filled with the fruit of the vine,  
and once more giving you thanks,  
handed the chalice to his disciples,  
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU,  
AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU  
AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.  
The mystery of faith.

*Continue with one of the acclamations  
on the next page.*

KNEEL

## Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II

You, therefore, almighty Father,  
we bless through Jesus Christ your Son,  
who comes in your name.  
He himself is the Word  
that brings salvation,  
the hand you extend to sinners,  
the way by which  
your peace is offered to us.  
When we ourselves had turned away  
from you  
on account of our sins,  
you brought us back to be reconciled,  
O Lord,  
so that, converted at last to you,  
we might love one another  
through your Son,  
whom for our sake  
you handed over to death.

And now, celebrating the reconciliation  
Christ has brought us,  
we entreat you:  
sanctify these gifts  
by the outpouring of your Spirit,  
that they may become  
the Body and Blood of your Son,  
whose command we fulfill  
when we celebrate these mysteries.  
For when about to give his life  
to set us free,  
as he reclined at supper,  
he himself took bread into his hands,  
and, giving you thanks,  
he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, on that same evening,  
he took the chalice of blessing  
in his hands,  
confessing your mercy,  
and gave the chalice to his disciples,  
saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU,  
AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU  
AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.  
The mystery of faith.

*Continue with one of the acclamations.*

## Memorial Acclamation



**A** We pro-claim your Death, O Lord,



and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

(Service Music 6) Chant



**B** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,



we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

(Service Music 7) Chant



**C** Save us, Sav-ior of the world,



for by your Cross and Res-ur-rec-tion you have set us free.

(Service Music 8) Chant

Mass of Redemption

72  **A** We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your  
  
Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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73  **B** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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74  **C** Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your  
  
Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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## Eucharistic Prayer I, continued

Therefore, O Lord,  
as we celebrate the memorial  
of the blessed Passion,  
the Resurrection from the dead,  
and the glorious Ascension into heaven  
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
we, your servants and your holy people,  
offer to your glorious majesty  
from the gifts that you have given us,  
this pure victim,  
this holy victim,  
this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.  
Be pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance,  
and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham,  
our father in faith,  
and the offering  
of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.  
In humble prayer we ask you,  
almighty God:  
command that these gifts be borne  
by the hands of your holy Angel  
to your altar on high  
in the sight of your divine majesty,  
so that all of us, who  
through this participation at the altar  
receive the most holy Body and Blood  
of your Son,  
may be filled with every grace  
and heavenly blessing.  
[ Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ]

Remember also, Lord,  
your servants *N.* and *N.*,  
who have gone before us  
with the sign of faith  
and rest in the sleep of peace.  
Grant them, O Lord, we pray,  
and all who sleep in Christ,  
a place of refreshment, light and peace.  
[ Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ]  
To us, also, your servants, who,  
though sinners,  
hope in your abundant mercies,  
graciously grant some share  
and fellowship with your holy Apostles  
and Martyrs:  
with John the Baptist, Stephen,  
Matthias, Barnabas,  
[ Ignatius, Alexander,  
Marcellinus, Peter,  
Felicity, Perpetua,  
Agatha, Lucy,  
Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia ]  
and all your Saints;  
admit us, we beseech you,  
into their company,  
not weighing our merits,  
but granting us your pardon,  
through Christ our Lord.  
Through whom  
you continue to make  
all these good things, O Lord;  
you sanctify them, fill them with life,  
bless them, and bestow them upon us.

*Continue with the Doxology on page 97.*

## Eucharistic Prayer II, continued

Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial  
of his Death and Resurrection,  
we offer you, Lord,  
the Bread of life  
and the Chalice of salvation,  
giving thanks  
that you have held us worthy  
to be in your presence  
and minister to you.  
Humbly we pray  
that, partaking of the Body  
and Blood of Christ,  
we may be gathered into one  
by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church,  
spread throughout the world,  
and bring her to the fullness of charity,  
together with *N.* our Pope  
and *N.* our Bishop  
and all the clergy.

*When Baptism is celebrated:*

Remember also, Lord,  
the newly baptized  
who, through Baptism  
[ and Confirmation ],  
have today been joined to your family,  
that they may follow Christ, your Son,  
with a generous heart  
and a willing spirit.

Remember also our brothers and sisters  
who have fallen asleep  
in the hope of the resurrection,  
and all who have died in your mercy:  
welcome them into the light of your face.  
Have mercy on us all, we pray,  
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,

with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,  
and may praise and glorify you  
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

*Continue with the Doxology on page 97.*

### Eucharistic Prayer III, continued

Therefore, O Lord,  
as we celebrate the memorial  
of the saving Passion of your Son,  
his wondrous Resurrection  
and Ascension into heaven,  
and as we look forward  
to his second coming,  
we offer you in thanksgiving  
this holy and living sacrifice.  
Look, we pray,  
upon the oblation of your Church  
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim  
by whose death  
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,  
grant that we, who are nourished  
by the Body and Blood of your Son  
and filled with his Holy Spirit,  
may become one body,  
one spirit in Christ.  
May he make of us  
an eternal offering to you,  
so that we may obtain an inheritance  
with your elect,  
especially with the most  
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles  
and glorious Martyrs  
[ with Saint *N.*: *the Saint of the day*  
*or Patron Saint* ]  
and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession  
in your presence  
we rely for unfailing help.  
May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,  
we pray, O Lord,  
advance the peace and salvation  
of all the world.

Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity  
your pilgrim Church on earth,  
with your servant *N.* our Pope  
and *N.* our Bishop,  
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,  
and the entire people  
you have gained for your own.  
Listen graciously to the prayers  
of this family,  
whom you have summoned before you:

*When Baptism is celebrated:*

Strengthen, we pray,  
in their holy purpose  
your servants who  
by the cleansing waters of rebirth  
[ and the bestowing of the Holy Spirit ]  
have today been joined to your people  
and grant that they may always walk  
in newness of life.

in your compassion, O merciful Father,  
gather to yourself all your children  
scattered throughout the world.

To our departed brothers and sisters  
and to all who were pleasing to you  
at their passing from this life,  
give kind admittance to your kingdom.  
There we hope to enjoy for ever  
the fullness of your glory  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you bestow on the world  
all that is good.

*Continue with the Doxology on page 97.*

## Eucharistic Prayer IV, continued

Therefore, O Lord,  
as we now celebrate the memorial  
of our redemption,  
we remember Christ's Death  
and his descent to the realm of the dead,  
we proclaim his Resurrection  
and his Ascension to your right hand,  
and, as we await his coming in glory,  
we offer you his Body and Blood,  
the sacrifice acceptable to you  
which brings salvation  
to the whole world.

Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice  
which you yourself  
have provided for your Church,  
and grant in your loving kindness  
to all who partake of this one Bread  
and one Chalice  
that, gathered into one body  
by the Holy Spirit,  
they may truly become  
a living sacrifice in Christ  
to the praise of your glory.

Therefore, Lord, remember now  
all for whom we offer this sacrifice:  
especially your servant *N.* our Pope,  
*N.* our Bishop,  
and the whole Order of Bishops,  
all the clergy,  
those who take part in this offering,  
those gathered here before you,

## Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I, continued

Therefore, as we celebrate  
the memorial of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is our Passover  
and our surest peace,  
we celebrate his Death and Resurrection  
from the dead,  
and looking forward  
to his blessed Coming,  
we offer you, who are our faithful  
and merciful God,  
this sacrificial Victim  
who reconciles to you the human race.  
Look kindly, most compassionate Father,  
on those you unite to yourself  
by the Sacrifice of your Son,  
and grant that, by the power  
of the Holy Spirit,  
as they partake of this one Bread  
and one Chalice,  
they may be gathered into one Body  
in Christ,  
who heals every division.

*When Baptism is celebrated:*

especially the newly baptized,  
whom today you have brought  
to new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit,

your entire people,  
and all who seek you  
with a sincere heart.

Remember also  
those who have died  
in the peace of your Christ  
and all the dead,  
whose faith you alone have known.

To all of us, your children,  
grant, O merciful Father,  
that we may enter  
into a heavenly inheritance  
with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
and with your Apostles  
and Saints in your kingdom.  
There, with the whole of creation,  
freed from the corruption  
of sin and death,  
may we glorify you  
through Christ our Lord,  
through whom you bestow on the world  
all that is good.

*Continue with the Doxology on the next page.*

Be pleased to keep us always  
in communion of mind and heart,  
together with *N.* our Pope  
and *N.* our Bishop.  
Help us to work together  
for the coming of your Kingdom,  
until the hour when we stand before you,  
Saints among the Saints  
in the halls of heaven,  
with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,  
the blessed Apostles and all the Saints,  
and with our deceased brothers  
and sisters,  
whom we humbly commend  
to your mercy.

Then, freed at last  
from the wound of corruption  
and made fully into a new creation,  
we shall sing to you with gladness  
the thanksgiving of Christ,  
who lives for all eternity.

*Continue with the Doxology on the next page.*

Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II, continued

Celebrating, therefore, the memorial  
of the Death and Resurrection  
of your Son,  
who left us this pledge of his love,  
we offer you

what you have bestowed on us,  
the Sacrifice of perfect reconciliation.

Holy Father, we humbly beseech you  
to accept us also, together with your Son,  
and in this saving banquet  
graciously to endow us  
with his very Spirit,  
who takes away everything  
that estranges us from one another.

May he make your Church  
a sign of unity  
and an instrument of your peace  
among all people  
and may he keep us in communion  
with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop  
and all the Bishops  
and your entire people.

Just as you have gathered us now  
at the table of your Son,  
so also bring us together,  
with the glorious Virgin Mary,  
Mother of God,  
with your blessed Apostles  
and all the Saints,  
with our brothers and sisters  
and those of every race and tongue  
who have died in your friendship.  
Bring us to share with them  
the unending banquet of unity  
in a new heaven and a new earth,  
where the fullness of your peace  
will shine forth  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Continue with the Doxology.*

## Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

### Amen

75 

A - men.

(Service Music 9) Chant

### Mass of Redemption

76 

A - men, a - men, a - men. a - men.

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77 

A - men, a - men, a - men.


(Service Music 141) Traditional melody


# ❖ COMMUNION RITE ❖

STAND


## The Lord's Prayer

At the Savior's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:


78   
Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy name;



thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.



Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,

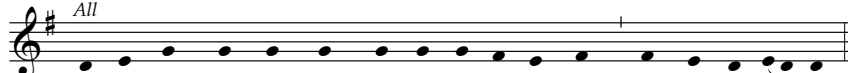


as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us;



and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All*   
For the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

(Service Music 10) Chant  
Adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926-1998

Mass of Redemption


79 *All*



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal - lowed be thy  
name; thy king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for-give us our  
tres-pass-es, — as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; — and  
lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. —

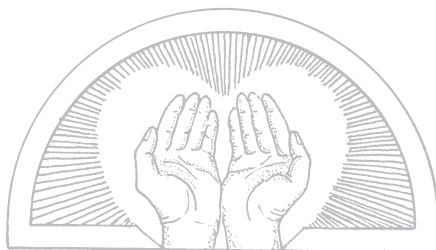
*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord, ... Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All*



For the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev - er.

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*Mass of Redemption*

82 *Cantor*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, \_

\_ have mer-cy on us, \_ have mer-cy on us. \_

*Cantor*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace,

*All*

grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Cantor*

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,  
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy  
 that you should enter under my roof,  
 but only say the word  
 and my soul shall be healed.**

## Communion

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**  
 The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

# Communion Chant

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

## November 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
*Psalms 85(84):13*

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

## December 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
*Baruch 5:5; 4:36*

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon  
the heights, and behold the joy  
which comes to you from God.**

## December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Glorious things are spoken of  
you, O Mary, for from you arose  
the sun of justice, Christ our God.**

## December 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
*cf. Isaiah 35:4*

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong  
and do not fear. Behold, our God  
will come, and he will save us.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
*Luke 1:52*

**The Lord has cast down the  
mighty from their thrones, and  
has lifted up the lowly.**

*or cf. Psalm 147(146):20*

**God has not acted thus for any  
other nation; to no other people  
has he shown his love so clearly.**

## December 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
*Isaiah 7:14*

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son; and his name will  
be called Emmanuel.**

## December 24, Evening

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS AT THE VIGIL MASS  
*cf. Isaiah 40:5*

**The glory of the Lord will be re-  
vealed, and all flesh will see the  
salvation of our God.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT  
*John 1:14*

**The Word became flesh, and we  
have seen his glory.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN  
*cf. Zechariah 9:9*

**Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up  
praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Be-  
hold, your King will come, the  
Holy One and Savior of the world.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY  
*cf. Psalm 98(97):3*

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.**

## December 26

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH  
*Baruch 3:38*

**Our God has appeared on the  
earth, and lived among us.**

## January 1

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS  
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
*Hebrews 13:8*

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,  
today, and for ever.**

## January 1, Evening

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
VIGIL MASS  
*cf. Revelation 21:23*

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

## January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
MASS DURING THE DAY  
*cf. Matthew 2:2*

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## January 9

BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
*John 1:32, 34*

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## January 16

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 23(22):5*

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

*or 1 John 4:16*

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

## January 23

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 34(33):6*

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

*or John 8:12*

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

## January 30

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 31(30):17-18*

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

*or Matthew 5:3-4*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

## February 6

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 107(106):8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

*or Matthew 5:5-6*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

## February 13

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*cf. Psalm 78(77):29-30*

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

*or John 3:16*

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

## February 20

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Psalm 9:2-3*

**I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O  
Most High.**

*or John 11:27*

**Lord, I have come to believe that  
you are the Christ, the Son of the  
living God, who is coming into  
this world.**

## February 27

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*cf. Psalm 13(12):6*

**I will sing to the Lord who has  
been bountiful with me, sing  
psalms to the name of the Lord  
Most High.**

*or Matthew 28:20*

**Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, says  
the Lord.**

SIT After communion we spend some time in silent prayer and/or sing a psalm or song of praise.

STAND

## Prayer after Communion

### November 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now,  
as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### December 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Replenished by the food  
of spiritual nourishment,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,  
that, through our partaking  
in this mystery,  
you may teach us to judge wisely  
the things of earth  
and hold firm to the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May the Sacrament we have received,  
O Lord our God,  
heal in us the wounds of that fault  
from which in a singular way  
you preserved Blessed Mary  
in her Immaculate Conception.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### December 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Lord God, may the Body and Blood  
of your Son,  
which we receive in this sacrament,  
reconcile us always in your love;  
and may we who rejoice  
in Our Lady of Guadalupe  
live united and at peace in this world  
until the day of the Lord dawns in glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### December 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Having received this pledge  
of eternal redemption,  
we pray, almighty God,  
that, as the feast day of our salvation  
draws ever nearer,  
so we may press forward  
all the more eagerly  
to the worthy celebration of the mystery  
of your Son's Nativity.  
Who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 24, Evening

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS AT THE VIGIL MASS

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may draw new vigor  
from celebrating the Nativity  
of your Only Begotten Son,  
by whose heavenly mystery  
we receive both food and drink.  
Who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE NIGHT  
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that we,  
who are gladdened by participation  
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,  
may through an honorable way of life  
become worthy of union with him.  
Who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN  
Grant us, Lord,  
as we honor with joyful devotion  
the Nativity of your Son,  
that we may come to know  
with fullness of faith  
the hidden depths of this mystery  
and to love them ever more and more.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## December 25

NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY  
Grant, O merciful God,  
that, just as the Savior of the world,  
born this day,  
is the author of divine generation for us,  
so he may be the giver  
even of immortality.  
Who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## December 26

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH

Bring those you refresh  
with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly  
the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 1

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS  
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
We have received this  
heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord:  
grant, we pray,  
that it may lead us to eternal life,  
for we rejoice to proclaim  
the blessed ever-Virgin Mary  
Mother of your Son  
and Mother of the Church.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 1, Evening

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
VIGIL MASS  
Renewed by sacred nourishment,  
we implore your mercy, O Lord,  
that the star of your justice  
may shine always bright in our minds  
and that our true treasure may  
ever consist in our confession of you.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
MASS DURING THE DAY  
Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,  
always and everywhere,  
that we may perceive with clear sight  
and revere with true affection  
the mystery in which  
you have willed us to participate.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 9

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Nourished with these sacred gifts,  
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,  
that, faithfully listening  
to your Only Begotten Son,  
we may be your children  
in name and in truth.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 16

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pour on us, O Lord,  
the Spirit of your love,  
and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread  
one in mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 23

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, receiving the grace  
by which you bring us to new life,  
we may always glory in your gift.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## January 30

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that through this help to eternal salvation  
true faith may ever increase.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 6

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

O God, who have willed  
that we be partakers  
in the one Bread and the one Chalice,  
grant us, we pray, so to live  
that, made one in Christ,  
we may joyfully bear fruit  
for the salvation of the world.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 13

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Having fed upon  
these heavenly delights,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that we may always long  
for that food by which we truly live.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 20

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we may experience  
the effects of the salvation  
which is pledged to us  
by these mysteries.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## February 27

### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nourished by your saving gifts,  
we beseech your mercy, Lord,  
that by this same Sacrament  
with which you feed us  
in the present age,  
you may make us partakers  
of life eternal.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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# ❖ CONCLUDING RITE ❖

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*After any brief announcements, the Blessing and Dismissal follow.*  
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

## Blessing

### **A** Simple Blessing

✠ May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **B** Solemn Blessing

*We bow our heads and respond Amen to each petition of the blessing.*

### **C** Prayer over the People

*We bow our heads and respond Amen to the prayer and the blessing.*

### **D** Pontifical Blessing

*A Bishop may bless the people using the following dialogue.*

Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Now and for ever.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

✠ May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

83 *Deacon or Priest* *All*

**A** Go forth, the Mass is end-ed. Thanks be to God.

84 *Deacon or Priest* *All*

**B** Go and an-ounce the Gos-pel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

85 *Deacon or Priest* *All*

**C** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God.

86 *Deacon or Priest* *All*

**D** Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

*Mass concludes with song, with a postlude, or with holy silence.*

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❖ WEEKDAY MASSES ❖

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November 26 — Friday

(Ordinary 34 - 507)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 85(84):9*

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones and to those who turn to him.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 (R/. 59b)*

*First Reading: Daniel 7:2–14*

**R/. Give glory and eternal praise to him!**

“Mountains and hills, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“You springs, bless the Lord; / praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“Seas and rivers, bless the Lord; / praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“You dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“All you birds of the air, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“All you beasts, wild and tame, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 21:28*

*Gospel: Luke 21:29–33*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Stand erect and raise your heads / because your redemption is at hand. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 117(116):1, 2*

**O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.**

*or Matthew 28:20*

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.**

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November 27 — Saturday

(Ordinary 34 - 508)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 85(84):9*

**The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones and to those who turn to him.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 (R/. 59b)*

*First Reading: Daniel 7:15–27*

**R/. Give glory and eternal praise to him.**

“You sons of men, bless the Lord; / praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“O Israel, bless the Lord; / praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“Priests of the Lord, bless the Lord; / praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

“Holy men of humble heart, bless the Lord; /  
praise and exalt him above all forever.” **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 21:36*

*Gospel: Luke 21:34–36*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Be vigilant at all times and pray /  
that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 117(116):1, 2*

**O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.**

*or Matthew 28:20*

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (707, 709–712)

*A Mass from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary is found on page 158.*

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## November 29 — Monday

*(Advent 1 - 175)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Jeremiah 31:10; Isaiah 35:4*

**Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 122:1–2, 3–4b, 4cd–5, 6–7, 8–9*

*First Reading: Isaiah 2:1–5*

**R/. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced because they said to me, / “We will go up to the house of the LORD.”  
And now we have set foot / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/.**

Jerusalem, built as a city / with compact unity.

To it the tribes go up, / the tribes of the LORD. **R/.**

According to the decree for Israel, / to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

In it are set up judgment seats, / seats for the house of David. **R/.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! / May those who love you prosper!

May peace be within your walls, / prosperity in your buildings. **R/.**

Because of my relatives and friends / I will say, “Peace be within you!”

Because of the house of the LORD, our God, / I will pray for your good. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Psalm 80:4*

*Gospel: Matthew 8:5–11*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come and save us, Lord our God; /

let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 106(105):4–5; Isaiah 38:3*

**Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.**

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## November 30 — Tuesday

FEAST OF ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

*(684)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 4:18–19*

**Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew,  
and he said to them: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.**

*The “Gloria” is found on pages 9–11.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11*

*First Reading: Romans 10:9–18*

**R/. The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.**

*or John 6:63*

**R/. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul;  
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, / giving wisdom to the simple. **R/.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, / rejoicing the heart;  
The command of the LORD is clear, / enlightening the eye. **R/.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, / enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the LORD are true, / all of them just. **R/.**

They are more precious than gold, / than a heap of purest gold;  
Sweeter also than syrup / or honey from the comb. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 4:19*

*Gospel: Matthew 4:18–22*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come after me, says the Lord, / and I will make you fishers of men. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. John 1:41–42*

**Andrew told his brother Simon: We have found the Messiah, the Christ,  
and he brought him to Jesus.**

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## December 1 — Wednesday

*(Advent 1 - 177)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Habakkuk 2:3; 1 Corinthians 4:5*

**The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is  
hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6*

*First Reading: Isaiah 25:6–10a*

**R/. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. /

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me; / he refreshes my soul. **R/.**

He guides me in right paths / for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff / that give me courage. **R/.**

You spread the table before me / in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; / my cup overflows. **R/.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me / all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD / for years to come. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Matthew 15:29–37*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, the Lord comes to save his people; /

blessed are those prepared to meet him. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Isaiah 40:10; 35:5*

**Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of  
his servants.**

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## December 2 — Thursday

*(Advent 1 - 178)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 119(118):151–152*

**You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have  
known of your decrees, for you are eternal.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 118:1 and 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a*

*First Reading: Isaiah 26:1–6*

**R/. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, / for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD / than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD / than to trust in princes. **R/.**

Open to me the gates of justice; / I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

This gate is the LORD's; / the just shall enter it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me /  
and have been my savior. **R/.**

O LORD, grant salvation! / O LORD, grant prosperity!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; /

we bless you from the house of the LORD. /

The LORD is God, and he has given us light. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Isaiah 55:6*

*Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24–27*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Seek the LORD while he may be found; / call him while he is near. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Titus 2:12–13*

**Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our great God.**

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## December 3 — Friday

MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST

(685)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 18(17):50; 22(21):23*

**I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my  
kin.**

— Weekday (Advent 1 - 179) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14*

*First Reading: Isaiah 29:17–24*

**R/. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; / whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge; / of whom should I be afraid? **R/.**

One thing I ask of the LORD; / this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD / all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD / and contemplate his temple. **R/.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD / in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage; / be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Matthew 9:27–31*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, our Lord shall come with power, /

he will enlighten the eyes of his servants. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Mark 16:15*

*First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23; Gospel: Mark 16:15–20*

**R/. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Matthew 10:27*

**What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what  
you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.**

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 80(79):4, 2*

**Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (R/. cf. Isaiah 30:18d)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26*

**R/. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.**

Praise the LORD, for he is good; / sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; / it is fitting to praise him.

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; / the dispersed of Israel he gathers. **R/.**

He heals the brokenhearted / and binds up their wounds.

He tells the number of the stars; / he calls each by name. **R/.**

Great is our LORD and mighty in power: / to his wisdom there is no limit.

The LORD sustains the lowly; / the wicked he casts to the ground. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Isaiah 33:22*

*Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The LORD is our Judge, our Lawgiver, our King; / he it is who will save us. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Revelation 22:12*

**Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.**

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN DAMASCENE,  
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

(686)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Luke 4:18*

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 19:10*

*First Reading: 2 Timothy 1:13-14; 2:1-3;*

*Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-23*

**R/. The judgments of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.**

*or John 6:63*

**R/. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Matthew 28:20*

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.**

December 6 — Monday

(Advent 2 - 181)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Jeremiah 31:10; Isaiah 35:4*

**Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands:  
Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 (R/. Isaiah 35:4f)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10*

**R/. Our God will come to save us!**

I will hear what God proclaims; / the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, /  
glory dwelling in our land. **R/.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; / justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, / and justice shall look down from heaven. **R/.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits; / our land shall yield its increase.

Justice shall walk before him, / and salvation, along the way of his steps. **R/.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Luke 5:17–26

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold the king will come, the Lord of the earth, /  
and he himself will lift the yoke of our captivity. **R/.**

## Communion Antiphon *cf. Psalm 106(105):4–5; Isaiah 38:3*

**Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.**

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### OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. NICHOLAS, BISHOP

(687)

## Entrance Antiphon *cf. 1 Samuel 2:35*

**I shall raise up for myself a faithful priest who will act in accord with my heart and my mind, says the Lord.**

## Psalm Response *Psalm 40:8a and 9a*

*First Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8; Gospel: Luke 10:1–9*

**R/. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

## Communion Antiphon *John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.**

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## December 7 — Tuesday

MEMORIAL OF ST. AMBROSE,

BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

(688)

## Entrance Antiphon *cf. Sirach 15:5*

**In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.**

— Weekday (Advent 2 - 182) —

## Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 96:1–2, 3 and 10ac, 11–12, 13 (R/. cf. Isaiah 40:10ab)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 40:1–11*

**R/. The Lord our God comes with power.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; / sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name; / announce his salvation, day after day. **R/.**

Tell his glory among the nations; / among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Say among the nations: The LORD is king; /

he governs the peoples with equity. **R/.**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; /

let the sea and what fills it resound; /

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then let all the trees of the forest rejoice. **R/.**

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; / for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice / and the peoples with his constancy. **R/.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Gospel: Matthew 18:12–14

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The day of the Lord is near: / Behold, he comes to save us. **R/.**

— Memorial —

## Psalm Response *Psalm 89*

*First Reading: Ephesians 3:8–12; Gospel: John 10:11–16*

**R/. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

## Communion Antiphon *cf. Psalm 1:2, 3*

**He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.**

Weekday Masses 113

## December 8 — Wednesday

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*The Liturgy of the Word is found beginning on page 23.*

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## December 9 — Thursday

*(Advent 2 - 184)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 119(118):151-152*

**You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab (R/. 8)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 41:13-20*

**R/. The Lord is gracious and merciful;  
slow to anger, and of great kindness.**

I will extol you, O my God and King, /

and I will bless your name forever and ever.

The LORD is good to all / and compassionate toward all his works. **R/.**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, /

and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom / and speak of your might. **R/.**

Let them make known to men your might /

and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

Your Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages, /

and your dominion endures through all generations. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Isaiah 45:8*

*Gospel: Matthew 11:11-15*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, / and the earth bring forth a Savior. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Titus 2:12-13*

**Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of the glory of our great God.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN (689A)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Jeremiah 17:7-8*

**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.**

**He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to  
the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes.**

**Psalm Response**

*First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30*

**R/. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 15:9*

**As the Father loves me, so I also love you; remain in my love, says  
the Lord.**

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## December 10 — Friday

*(Advent 2 - 185)*

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendor to visit his people  
with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 (R/. cf. John 8:12)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 48:17-19*

**R/. Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**

Blessed the man who follows not / the counsel of the wicked

Nor walks in the way of sinners, / nor sits in the company of the insolent,

But delights in the law of the LORD / and meditates on his law day and night. **R/.**  
He is like a tree / planted near running water,  
That yields its fruit in due season, / and whose leaves never fade. /  
Whatever he does, prospers. **R/.**  
Not so the wicked, not so; / they are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the just, /  
but the way of the wicked vanishes. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Matthew 11:16–19*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord will come; go out to meet him! / He is the prince of peace. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Philippians 3:20–21*

**We await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LORETO

(689B)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Isaiah 45:8*

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.**

**Psalm Response** *Luke 1:49 (709-5)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–14; 8:10 (707-7);  
Gospel: Luke 1:26–38 (712-4)*

**R/. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

*or*

**R/. O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Isaiah 7:14*

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

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**December 11 — Saturday**

(Advent 2 - 186)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 80(79):4, 2*

**Come and show us your face, O Lord, who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we will be saved.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15–16, 18–19 (R/. 4)* *First Reading: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11*

**R/. Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power. **R/.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, / look down from heaven, and see;  
Take care of this vine, / and protect what your right hand has planted /  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R/.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand, /  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; /  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 3:4, 6*

*Gospel: Matthew 17:9a, 10–13*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: /  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Revelation 22:12*

Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each.

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. DAMASUS I, POPE (690)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Sirach 45:30*

The Lord established for him a covenant of peace, and made him the prince, that he might have the dignity of the priesthood for ever.

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 110:4b First Reading: Acts 20:17–18a, 28–32, 36; Gospel: John 15:9–17*

**R/. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. John 21:17*

Lord, you know everything: you know that I love you.

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## December 13 — Monday

MEMORIAL OF ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR (692)

**Entrance Antiphon**

Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for eternity.

— Weekday (Advent 3 - 187) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 25:4–5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8–9 First Reading: Numbers 24:2–7, 15–17a*

**R/. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; / teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, / for you are God my savior. **R/.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, / and your kindness are from of old.

In your kindness remember me, / because of your goodness, O LORD. **R/.**

Good and upright is the LORD; / thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice, / he teaches the humble his way. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Psalm 85:8 Gospel: Matthew 21:23–27*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us, LORD, your love, / and grant us your salvation. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 31:6 First Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:17–11:2; Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13*

**R/. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 10:42*

The wise virgin has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.

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## December 14 — Tuesday

MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS,  
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (693)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Galatians 6:14*

May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23*      *First Reading: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13*

**R/. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; / his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD; / the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R/.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, /  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, /  
and from all his distress he saved him. **R/.**

The LORD confronts the evildoers, /  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.  
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, /  
and from all their distress he rescues them. **R/.**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; /  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.  
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants; /  
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, O Lord, do not delay; / forgive the sins of your people. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 37:30a*      *First Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-10a; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33*

**R/. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 16:24*

**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross,  
and follow me, says the Lord.**

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## December 15 — Wednesday

*(Advent 3 - 189)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Habakkuk 2:3; 1 Corinthians 4:5*

**The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is  
hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 (R/. Isaiah 45:8)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25*

**R/. Let the clouds rain down the Just One,  
and the earth bring forth a Savior.**

I will hear what God proclaims; / the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, /  
glory dwelling in our land. **R/.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; / justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth, / and justice shall look down from heaven. **R/.**  
The LORD himself will give his benefits; / our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him, / and salvation, along the way of his steps. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Isaiah 40:9-10*

*Gospel: Luke 7:18b-23*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Raise your voice and tell the Good News: /  
Behold, the Lord GOD comes with power. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Isaiah 40:10; 35:5*

**Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of  
his servants.**

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 119(118):151-152*

**You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b*

*First Reading: Isaiah 54:1-10*

**R/. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear /

and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the nether world; /

you preserved me from among those going down into the pit. **R/.**

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, / and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment; / a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in, / but with dawn, rejoicing. **R/.**

“Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; / O LORD, be my helper.”

You changed my mourning into dancing; /

O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 3:4, 6*

*Gospel: Luke 7:24-30*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: /

All flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Titus 2:12-13*

**Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.**

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Isaiah 49:13*

**Rejoice, O heavens, and exult, O earth, for our Lord will come to show mercy to his poor.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 (R/. cf. 7)*

*First Reading: Genesis 49:2, 8-10*

**R/. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, /

and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice /

and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R/.**

The mountains shall yield peace for the people, / and the hills justice.

He shall defend the afflicted among the people, /

save the children of the poor. **R/.**

Justice shall flower in his days, / and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

May he rule from sea to sea, / and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R/.**

May his name be blessed forever; / as long as the sun his name shall remain.

In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; /

all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Matthew 1:1-17*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

O Wisdom of our God Most High, / guiding creation with power and love: /  
come to teach us the path of knowledge! **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Haggai 2:7*

**Behold, the Desired of all the nations will come, and the house of the Lord will be filled with glory.**

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Christ our King is coming, he is the Lamb foretold by John.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 72:1–2, 12–13, 18–19 (R/. cf. 7)*

*First Reading: Jeremiah 23:5–8*

**R/. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, /

and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice /

and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R/.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, /

and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; /

the lives of the poor he shall save. **R/.**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, / who alone does wondrous deeds.

And blessed forever be his glorious name; /

may the whole earth be filled with his glory. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Matthew 1:18–25*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

O Leader of the House of Israel, / giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: /

come to rescue us with your mighty power! **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon**

*Matthew 1:23*

**His name will be called Emmanuel, which means God-with-us.**

**December 20 — Monday**

(Final Advent Days - 196)

**Entrance Antiphon**

*cf. Isaiah 11:1; 40:5; Luke 3:6*

**A branch shall sprout from the root of Jesse, and the glory of the Lord will fill the whole earth, and all flesh will see the salvation of God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4ab, 5–6 (R/. cf. 7c and 10b)*

*First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–14*

**R/. Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; / the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas / and established it upon the rivers. **R/.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? / or who may stand in his holy place?

He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, /

who desires not what is vain. **R/.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, / a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks for him, / that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Luke 1:26–38*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

O Key of David, / opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: /

come and free the prisoners of darkness! **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon**

*Luke 1:31*

**The Angel said to Mary: Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.**

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Isaiah 7:14; 8:10*

**The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name will be called Emmanuel, because he will be God-with-us.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 (R/. 1a; 3a)* *First Reading: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

**R/. Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.**

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; /

with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

Sing to him a new song; / pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness. **R/.**

But the plan of the LORD stands forever; /

the design of his heart, through all generations.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, /

the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. **R/.**

Our soul waits for the LORD, / who is our help and our shield,

For in him our hearts rejoice; / in his holy name we trust. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation***Gospel: Luke 1:39-45*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: / come to save us, Lord our God! **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Luke 1:45*

**Blessed are you who have believed, that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. PETER CANISIUS,

PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

*(694)***Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 37(36):30-31*

**The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 40:8a and 9a* *First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-19*

**R/. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 12:42*

**Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.**

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**December 22 — Wednesday***(Final Advent Days - 198)***Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 24(23):7*

**O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!**

**Responsorial Psalm** *1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd (R/. cf. 1a)* *First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:24-28*

**R/. My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

"My heart exults in the LORD, / my horn is exalted in my God.

I have swallowed up my enemies; / I rejoice in my victory." **R/.**

"The bows of the mighty are broken, / while the tottering gird on strength.

The well-fed hire themselves out for bread, / while the hungry batten on spoil.

The barren wife bears seven sons, / while the mother of many languishes." **R/.**

“The LORD puts to death and gives life; / he casts down to the nether world; /  
he raises up again.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich, / he humbles, he also exalts.” **R/.**

“He raises the needy from the dust; / from the dung heap he lifts up the poor,  
To seat them with nobles / and make a glorious throne their heritage.” **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel: Luke 1:46–56*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: /  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust! **R/.**

### Communion Antiphon *Luke 1:46, 49*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, for the Almighty has done  
great things for me.**

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## December 23 — Thursday

*(Final Advent Days - 199)*

### Entrance Antiphon *cf. Isaiah 9:5; Psalm 72(71):17*

**A child shall be born for us, and he will be called God, the Almighty;  
every tribe of the earth shall be blest in him.**

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 25:4–5ab, 8–9, 10 and 14 (R/. cf. Luke 21:28)*

*First Reading: Malachi 3:1–4, 23–24*

**R/. Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; / teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me, / for you are God my savior. **R/.**

Good and upright is the LORD; / thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice, / he teaches the humble his way. **R/.**

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy /  
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.  
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, /  
and his covenant, for their instruction. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel: Luke 1:57–66*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: /  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust! **R/.**

### Communion Antiphon *Revelation 3:20*

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice and  
opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he  
with me.**

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## OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

*(695)*

### Entrance Antiphon *cf. Matthew 25:34, 36, 40*

**Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you  
visited me. Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of  
my brethren you did it for me.**

### Psalm Response *Psalm 112:1*

*First Reading: James 2:14–17; Gospel: Luke 6:27–38*

**R/. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

### Communion Antiphon *cf. John 13:35*

**This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for  
one another, says the Lord.**

## December 24 — Friday Morning (Final Advent Days - 200)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Galatians 4:4*

**Behold, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son into the world.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29* *First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16*

**R/. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The favors of the LORD I will sing forever; /  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; /  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. **R/.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, /  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity /  
and establish your throne for all generations." **R/.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, / my God, the Rock, my savior.'  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, /  
and my covenant with him stands firm." **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Luke 1:67-79*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

O Radiant Dawn, / splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: /  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Luke 1:68*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.**

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## December 25 — Saturday

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*The Liturgy of the Word is found beginning on page 34.*

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*During the Christmas Octave if a memorial is observed by a community,  
the Collect of the memorial may replace the Collect of the Christmas weekday  
or be used as the concluding prayer of the Prayer of the Faithful.*

*All other Mass texts, including the readings, are taken from the Christmas weekday.  
The vesture is white.*

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## December 27 — Monday

FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

(697)

**Entrance Antiphon**

**This is John, who reclined on the Lord's breast at supper, the blessed Apostle, to whom celestial secrets were revealed and who spread the words of life through all the world.**

*or cf. Sirach 15:5*

**In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.**

*The "Gloria" is found on pages 9-11.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12*

*First Reading: 1 John 1:1-4*

**R/. Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; / let the many isles be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are around him, /  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne. **R/.**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, / before the Lord of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his justice, / and all peoples see his glory. **R/.**

Light dawns for the just; / and gladness, for the upright of heart.  
Be glad in the LORD, you just, / and give thanks to his holy name. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Te Deum*

*Gospel: John 20:1a, 2-8*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

We praise you, O God, / we acclaim you as Lord; /  
the glorious company of Apostles praise you. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 1:14, 16*

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and from his fullness we have all received.**

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## December 28 — Tuesday

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

(698)

**Entrance Antiphon**

**The innocents were slaughtered as infants for Christ; spotless, they follow the Lamb and sing for ever: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The "Gloria" is found on pages 9-11.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 (R/. 7)*

*First Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2*

**R/. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.**

Had not the LORD been with us—  
When men rose up against us, / then would they have swallowed us alive,  
When their fury was inflamed against us. **R/.**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us;  
The torrent would have swept over us; /  
over us then would have swept the raging waters. **R/.**

Broken was the snare, / and we were freed.  
Our help is in the name of the LORD, / who made heaven and earth. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Te Deum*

*Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18*

**R/. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

We praise you, O God, / we acclaim you as Lord; /  
the white-robed army of martyrs praise you. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Revelation 14:4*

**Behold those redeemed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb, and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.**

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## December 29 — Wednesday

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

(202)

**Entrance Antiphon** *John 3:16*

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

*The "Gloria" is found on pages 9-11.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 5b–6 (R/. 11a)*

*First Reading: 1 John 2:3–11*

**R/. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Sing to the LORD a new song; / sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R/.**

Announce his salvation day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations; / among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R/.**

The LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty go before him; /

praise and grandeur are in his sanctuary. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 2:32*

*Gospel: Luke 2:22–35*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A light of revelation to the Gentiles / and glory for your people Israel. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Luke 1:78*

**Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. THOMAS BECKET,

BISHOP AND MARTYR

(699)

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## December 30 — Thursday

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

(203)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Wisdom 18:14–15*

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

*The "Gloria" is found on pages 9–11.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10 (R/. 11a)*

*First Reading: 1 John 2:12–17*

**R/. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, / give to the LORD glory and praise; /

give to the LORD the glory due his name! **R/.**

Bring gifts, and enter his courts; / worship the LORD in holy attire.

Tremble before him, all the earth. **R/.**

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.

He has made the world firm, not to be moved; /

he governs the peoples with equity. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Luke 2:36–40*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A holy day has dawned upon us. / Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. /

Today a great light has come upon the earth. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 1:16*

**From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

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## December 31 — Friday

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

(204)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Isaiah 9:5*

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

*The "Gloria" is found on pages 9–11.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13*

*First Reading: 1 John 2:18-21*

**R/. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Sing to the LORD a new song; / sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name; / announce his salvation, day after day. **R/.**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; /

let the sea and what fills it resound; /

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult before the LORD. **R/.**

The LORD comes, / he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice / and the peoples with his constancy. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 1:14a, 12a*

*Gospel: John 1:1-18*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. /

To those who accepted him / he gave power to become the children of God. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *1 John 4:9*

**God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. SYLVESTER I, POPE

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## January 1 — Saturday

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*The Liturgy of the Word is found beginning on page 50.*

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## January 3 — Monday

Weekdays of Christmas Time

(212)

**Entrance Antiphon**

**A holy day has dawned upon us: Come, you nations, and adore the Lord, for a great light has come down upon the earth.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a*

*First Reading: 1 John 3:22-4:6*

**R/. I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.**

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; / this day I have begotten you.

Ask of me and I will give you / the nations for an inheritance /

and the ends of the earth for your possession." **R/.**

And now, O kings, give heed; / take warning, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice before him; / with trembling rejoice. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Matthew 4:23*

*Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom /

and cured every disease among the people. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 1:14*

**We have seen his glory, the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with grace and truth.**

**Entrance Antiphon** *Philippians 2:10–11*

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 8:2ab*

*First Reading: Philippians 2:1–11; Gospel: Luke 2:21–24*

**R/. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 8:2*

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!**

**January 4 — Tuesday**

MEMORIAL OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS (510A)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Proverbs 14:1–2*

Behold a wise woman who has built her house. She feared the Lord and walked in the right path.

*or cf. Psalm 24(23):6*

**This is the generation which seeks the face of the God of Jacob.**

— Weekday (213) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8 (R/. cf. 11)*

*First Reading: 1 John 4:7–10*

**R/. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, /  
and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice /  
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R/.**

The mountains shall yield peace for the people, / and the hills justice.

He shall defend the afflicted among the people, /  
save the children of the poor. **R/.**

Justice shall flower in his days, / and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

May he rule from sea to sea, / and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 4:18*

*Gospel: Mark 6:34–44*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor /  
and to proclaim liberty to captives. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 128 (739-8)*

*First Reading: Deuteronomy 10:8–9 (737-4);*

*Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30 (742-4)*

**R/. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 6:51*

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever; the bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world.

## January 5 — Wednesday

MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

(510B)

### Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 16(15):5-6*

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. For me the measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites; fair to me indeed is my inheritance.

— Weekday (214) —

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 (R/. cf. 11)*

First Reading: 1 John 4:11-18

**R/. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, /  
and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice /  
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R/.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; /  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. **R/.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, /  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; /  
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *cf. 1 Timothy 3:16*

Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the Gentiles. /

Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. **R/.**

— Memorial —

### Psalm Response *Psalm 89:2 (721-4)*

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 (719-4);  
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 (724-4)

**R/. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

### Communion Antiphon *Matthew 19:29*

Everyone who has given up home, brothers, or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life.

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## January 6 — Thursday

### Weekdays of Christmas Time

(215)

### Entrance Antiphon *cf. John 1:1*

In the beginning and before all ages, the Word was God and he humbled himself to be born the Savior of the world.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 (R/. cf. 11)*

First Reading: 1 John 4:19-5:4

**R/. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king, /  
and with your justice, the king's son;

He shall govern your people with justice /  
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R/.**

From fraud and violence he shall redeem them, /  
and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

May they be prayed for continually; / day by day shall they bless him. **R/.**

May his name be blessed forever; / as long as the sun his name shall remain.

In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; /  
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness. **R/.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor /  
and to proclaim liberty to captives. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 3:16*

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all  
who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS (510C)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 25:34, 36, 40*

**Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you  
visited me. Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of  
my brethren you did it for me.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalms 128 (739-8)*

*First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4–9a, 11–15a (737-5);  
Gospel: Luke 9:57–62 (742-19)*

**R/. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. John 13:35*

**This is how all will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for  
one another, says the Lord.**

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## January 7 — Friday

### Weekdays of Christmas Time

(216)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalms 112(111):4*

**A light has risen in the darkness for the upright of heart; the Lord is  
generous, merciful and just.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalms 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20*

*First Reading: 1 John 5:5–13*

**R/. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; / praise your God, O Zion.

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; /

he has blessed your children within you. **R/.**

He has granted peace in your borders; / with the best of wheat he fills you.

He sends forth his command to the earth; / swiftly runs his word! **R/.**

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, / his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

He has not done thus for any other nation; /

his ordinances he has not made known to them. **Alleluia. R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Matthew 4:23*

*Gospel: Luke 5:12–16*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom /  
and cured every disease among the people. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *1 John 4:9*

**By this the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his Only Begotten  
Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.**

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST (511)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 132(131):9*

**Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall  
ring out their joy.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 103:1*

*First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14–20; Gospel: Luke 12:35–40*

**R/. O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 24:46–47*

**Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes.**

**Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.**

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**January 8 — Saturday**  
**Weekdays of Christmas Time**

(217)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Galatians 4:4–5*

**God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as children.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5–6a and 9b (R/. cf. 4a)*

*First Reading: 1 John 5:14–21*

**R/. The Lord takes delight in his people.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

Sing to the LORD a new song / of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in their maker, / let the children of Zion rejoice in their king. **R/.**

Let them praise his name in the festive dance, /

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD loves his people, / and he adorns the lowly with victory. **R/.**

Let the faithful exult in glory; / let them sing for joy upon their couches;

Let the high praises of God be in their throats. /

This is the glory of all his faithful. **Alleluia. R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 4:16*

*Gospel: John 3:22–30*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, /

on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 1:16*

**From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

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**January 10 — Monday**

(Year 2, Ordinary 1 - 305)

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore,  
singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 116:12–13, 14–17, 18–19*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1–8*

**R/. To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

How shall I make a return to the LORD / for all the good he has done for me?

The cup of salvation I will take up, /

and I will call upon the name of the LORD. **R/.**

My vows to the LORD I will pay / in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the eyes of the LORD / is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; / I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; /

you have loosed my bonds. **R/.**

My vows to the LORD I will pay / in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the LORD, / in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mark 1:15*

*Gospel: Mark 1:14–20*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Kingdom of God is at hand; / repent and believe in the Gospel. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 36(35):10*

**With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.**

*or John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.**

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**January 11 — Tuesday**

*(Ordinary 1 - 306)*

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd (R). cf. 1*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-20*

**R/. My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

"My heart exults in the LORD, / my horn is exalted in my God.  
I have swallowed up my enemies; / I rejoice in my victory." **R/.**

"The bows of the mighty are broken, / while the tottering gird on strength.  
The well-fed hire themselves out for bread, / while the hungry batten on spoil.  
The barren wife bears seven sons, / while the mother of many languishes." **R/.**

"The LORD puts to death and gives life; / he casts down to the nether world; /  
he raises up again.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich, / he humbles, he also exalts." **R/.**

"He raises the needy from the dust; / from the dung heap he lifts up the poor,  
To seat them with nobles / and make a glorious throne their heritage." **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:13*

*Gospel: Mark 1:21-28*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Receive the word of God, not as the word of men, /  
but as it truly is, the word of God. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 36(35):10*

**With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.**

*or John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.**

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**January 12 — Wednesday**

*(Ordinary 1 - 307)*

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20*

**R/. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the LORD, /  
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

Blessed the man who makes the LORD his trust; / who turns not to idolatry /  
or to those who stray after falsehood. **R/.**

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, / but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Burnt offerings or sin-offerings you sought not; /  
then said I, "Behold I come." **R/.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me.  
To do your will, O my God, is my delight, /  
and your law is within my heart!" **R/.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; /  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 10:27*

*Gospel: Mark 1:29–39*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. / I know them, and they follow me. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 36(35):10*

**With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.**

*or John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.**

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## January 13 — Thursday

*(Ordinary 1 - 308)*

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 44:10–11, 14–15, 24–25 (R/. 27b)*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1–11*

**R/. Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy.**

Yet now you have cast us off and put us in disgrace, /  
and you go not forth with our armies.

You have let us be driven back by our foes; /  
those who hated us plundered us at will. **R/.**

You made us the reproach of our neighbors, /  
the mockery and the scorn of those around us.

You made us a byword among the nations, /  
a laughingstock among the peoples. **R/.**

Why do you hide your face, / forgetting our woe and our oppression?  
For our souls are bowed down to the dust, /  
our bodies are pressed to the earth. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Matthew 4:23*

*Gospel: Mark 1:40–45*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom /  
and cured every disease among the people. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 36(35):10*

**With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.**

*or John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. HILARY,  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

*(512)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Sirach 15:5*

**In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 110:4b*

*First Reading: 1 John 2:18–25; Gospel: Matthew 5:13–19*

**R/. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 12:42*

**Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore,  
singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 89:16–17, 18–19 (R/. 2)*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:4–7, 10–22a*

**R/. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; /  
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.  
At your name they rejoice all the day, /  
and through your justice they are exalted. **R/.**

For you are the splendor of their strength, /  
and by your favor our horn is exalted.

For to the LORD belongs our shield, / and to the Holy One of Israel, our King. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 7:16*

*Gospel: Mark 2:1–12*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A great prophet has arisen in our midst / and God has visited his people. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 36(35):10*

**With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.**

*or John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore,  
singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 21:2–3, 4–5, 6–7*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1*

**R/. Lord, in your strength the king is glad.**

O LORD, in your strength the king is glad; /  
in your victory how greatly he rejoices!  
You have granted him his heart's desire; /  
you refused not the wish of his lips. **R/.**

For you welcomed him with goodly blessings, /  
you placed on his head a crown of pure gold.

He asked life of you: you gave him / length of days forever and ever. **R/.**

Great is his glory in your victory; /  
majesty and splendor you conferred upon him.

For you made him a blessing forever; /  
you gladdened him with the joy of your face. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 4:18*

*Gospel: Mark 2:13–17*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor /  
and to proclaim liberty to captives. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 36(35):10*

**With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.**

*or John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says the Lord.**

**January 17 — Monday**

MEMORIAL OF ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

(513)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 92(91):13–14*

**The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar,  
planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.**

— Weekday (Ordinary 2 - 311) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21 and 23*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:16–23*

**R/. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

“Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you, /

for your burnt offerings are before me always.

I take from your house no bullock, / no goats out of your fold.” **R/.**

“Why do you recite my statutes, / and profess my covenant with your mouth,

Though you hate discipline / and cast my words behind you?” **R/.**

“When you do these things, shall I be deaf to it? /

Or do you think that I am like yourself? /

I will correct you by drawing them up before your eyes.

He that offers praise as a sacrifice glorifies me; /

and to him that goes the right way I will show the salvation of God.” **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Hebrews 4:12*

*Gospel: Mark 2:18–22*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The word of God is living and effective, /

able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 16:5*

*First Reading: Ephesians 6:10–13, 18; Gospel: Matthew 19:16–26*

**R/. You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 19:21*

**If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have, give to the poor, and  
follow me, says the Lord.**

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**January 18 — Tuesday**

(Ordinary 2 - 312)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 66(65):4*

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 89:20, 21–22, 27–28*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1–13*

**R/. I have found David, my servant.**

Once you spoke in a vision, / and to your faithful ones you said:

“On a champion I have placed a crown; / over the people I have set a youth.” **R/.**

“I have found David, my servant; / with my holy oil I have anointed him,

That my hand may be always with him, /

and that my arm may make him strong.” **R/.**

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father, / my God, the Rock, my savior.’

And I will make him the first-born, / highest of the kings of the earth.” **R/.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our hearts, /  
that we may know what is the hope / that belongs to our call. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 23(22):5*

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice  
that quenches my thirst.**

*or 1 John 4:16*

**We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.**

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## January 19 — Wednesday

*(Ordinary 2 - 313)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 66(65):4*

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9–10*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 17:32–33, 37, 40–51*

**R/. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

Blessed be the LORD, my rock, /  
who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war. **R/.**

My refuge and my fortress, / my stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield, in whom I trust, / who subdues my people under me. **R/.**

O God, I will sing a new song to you; /  
with a ten-stringed lyre I will chant your praise,

You who give victory to kings, /  
and deliver David, your servant from the evil sword. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Matthew 4:23*

*Gospel: Mark 3:1–6*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom /  
and cured every disease among the people. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 23(22):5*

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice  
that quenches my thirst.**

*or 1 John 4:16*

**We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.**

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## January 20 — Thursday

*(Ordinary 2 - 314)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 66(65):4*

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 56:2–3, 9–10a, 10b–11, 12–13 (R/. 5b)*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 18:6–9; 19:1–7*

**R/. In God I trust; I shall not fear.**

Have mercy on me, O God, for men trample upon me; /  
all the day they press their attack against me.

My adversaries trample upon me all the day; / yes, many fight against me. **R/.**

My wanderings you have counted; / my tears are stored in your flask; /  
are they not recorded in your book?

Then do my enemies turn back, / when I call upon you. **R/.**

Now I know that God is with me. / In God, in whose promise I glory, /  
in God I trust without fear; / what can flesh do against me? **R/.**

I am bound, O God, by vows to you; / your thank offerings I will fulfill.  
For you have rescued me from death, / my feet, too, from stumbling; /  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. 2 Timothy 1:10*

*Gospel: Mark 3:7–12*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death /  
and brought life to light through the Gospel. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 23(22):5*

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice  
that quenches my thirst.**

*or 1 John 4:16*

**We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.**

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. FABIAN, POPE AND MARTYR (514)

**Entrance Antiphon**

**The Lord chose him for himself as high priest, and, opening his treasure  
house, made him rich in all good things.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 40:8a and 9a* *First Reading: 1 Peter 5:1–4; Gospel: John 21:15–17*

**R/. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. John 10:11*

**The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep.**

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. SEBASTIAN, MARTYR (515)

**Entrance Antiphon**

**This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not  
fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 34:5* *First Reading: 1 Peter 3:14–17; Gospel: Matthew 10:28–33*

**R/. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 16:24*

**Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross,  
and follow me, says the Lord.**

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## January 21 — Friday

MEMORIAL OF ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR (516)

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared  
for you for eternity.**

— Weekday (Ordinary 2 - 315) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 57:2, 3–4, 6 and 11*

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 24:3–21*

**R/. Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**

Have mercy on me, O God; have mercy on me, / for in you I take refuge.

In the shadow of your wings I take refuge, / till harm pass by. **R/.**

I call to God the Most High, / to God, my benefactor.

May he send from heaven and save me; /

may he make those a reproach who trample upon me; /

may God send his mercy and his faithfulness. **R/.**

Be exalted above the heavens, O God; / above all the earth be your glory!

For your mercy towers to the heavens, / and your faithfulness to the skies. **R/.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, /  
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 23:1* First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26–31; Gospel: Matthew 13:44–46

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 10:42*

**The wise virgin has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.**

## January 22 — Saturday

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE

LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

(516A)

*The Bishops of the United States have designated today as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.*

*Prayers may be taken from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions: "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" with white vestments or "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" with violet vestments.*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 143(142):11*

**For the sake of your name, O Lord, give me life.**

— Weekday (Ordinary 2 - 316) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 80:2–3, 5–7 (R/. 4b)* First Reading: 2 Samuel 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27

**R/. Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, / O guide of the flock of Joseph!

From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth /

before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Rouse your power, / and come to save us. **R/.**

O LORD of hosts, how long will you burn with anger / while your people pray?

You have fed them with the bread of tears /

and given them tears to drink in ample measure.

You have left us to be fought over by our neighbors, /

and our enemies mock us. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Acts 16:14b*

Gospel: Mark 3:20–21

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Open our hearts, O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. **R/.**

— Day of Prayer —

*The following readings are suggested from among the many options.*

**Psalm Response** *cf. Psalm 72:7 (889-1)*

First Reading: Isaiah 32:15–18 (887-2);

Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12a (891-1)

**R/. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 36(35):10*

**With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light, we see light.**

## January 24 — Monday

MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES,  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

(518)

### Entrance Antiphon *cf. Daniel 12:3*

Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.

— Weekday (Ordinary 3 - 317) —

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 89:20, 21–22, 25–26* *First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1–7, 10*

**R/. My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him.**

Once you spoke in a vision, / and to your faithful ones you said:

“On a champion I have placed a crown; / over the people I have set a youth.” **R/.**

“I have found David, my servant; / with my holy oil I have anointed him,  
That my hand may be always with him, /  
and that my arm may make him strong.” **R/.**

“My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, /  
and through my name shall his horn be exalted.

I will set his hand upon the sea, / his right hand upon the rivers.” **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *cf. 2 Timothy 1:10*

*Gospel: Mark 3:22–30*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death /  
and brought life to light through the Gospel. **R/.**

— Memorial —

### Psalm Response *Psalm 37:30a*

*First Reading: Ephesians 3:8–12; Gospel: John 15:9–17*

**R/. The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.**

### Communion Antiphon *cf. 1 Corinthians 1:23–24*

**We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

## January 25 — Tuesday

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

(519)

### Entrance Antiphon *2 Timothy 1:12; 4:8*

I know the one in whom I have believed and I am sure that he, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day.

*The “Gloria” is found on pages 9–11.*

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 117:1bc, 2 (R/. Mark 16:15)* *First Reading: Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22*

**R/. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia, alleluia.*

Praise the LORD, all you nations; / glorify him, all you peoples! **R/.**

For steadfast is his kindness toward us, /  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *cf. John 15:16*

*Gospel: Mark 16:15–18*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I chose you from the world, / to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord. **R/.**

### Communion Antiphon *cf. Galatians 2:20*

**I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me.**

## January 26 — Wednesday

MEMORIAL OF SS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

(520)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 96(95):3-4*

**Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.**

*The First Reading for this memorial is proper.*

— Weekday (Ordinary 3 - 319) —

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Gospel: Mark 4:1-20*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; /  
all who come to him will live for ever. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10* *First Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5;*  
*Gospel: Luke 10:1-9*

**R/. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; / sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R/.**

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations; / among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R/.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, / give to the LORD glory and praise; /  
give to the LORD the glory due his name! **R/.**

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.

He has made the world firm, not to be moved; /  
he governs the peoples with equity. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20*

**Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel. I am with you always,  
says the Lord.**

## January 27 — Thursday

(Ordinary 3 - 320)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 96(95):1, 6*

**O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his  
presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 (R/. Luke 1:32b)*

*First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29*

**R/. The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.**

LORD, remember David / and all his anxious care;

How he swore an oath to the LORD, / vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob. **R/.**

"I will not enter the house where I live, / nor lie on the couch where I sleep;

I will give my eyes no sleep / my eyelids no rest,

Till I find a home for the LORD, / a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." **R/.**

The LORD swore an oath to David, /

a firm promise from which he will not withdraw:

"Your own offspring / I will set upon your throne." **R/.**

"If your sons keep my covenant / and the decrees which I shall teach them,

Their sons, too, forever / shall sit upon your throne." **R/.**

For the LORD has chosen Zion, / he prefers her for his dwelling;

"Zion is my resting place forever; / in her will I dwell, for I prefer her." **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Psalm 119:105*

*Gospel: Mark 4:21–25*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A lamp to my feet is your word, / a light to my path. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 34(33):6*

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

*or John 8:12*

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN (521)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Mark 10:14*

**Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**

**Psalm Response** *cf. Psalm 148:12a and 13a* *First Reading: 1 Peter 4:7b–11; Gospel: Mark 9:34b–37*

**R/. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

**Communion Antiphon** *Matthew 18:3*

**Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, says the Lord.**

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## January 28 — Friday

MEMORIAL OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS,  
PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

(522)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 37(36):30–31*

**The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.**

— *Weekday (Ordinary 3 - 321) —*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 51:3–4, 5–6a, 6bcd–7, 10–11 (R/. cf. 3a)*

*First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17*

**R/. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; /

in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt / and of my sin cleanse me. **R/.**

For I acknowledge my offense, / and my sin is before me always:

“Against you only have I sinned, / and done what is evil in your sight.” **R/.**

I have done such evil in your sight / that you are just in your sentence, / blameless when you condemn.

True, I was born guilty, / a sinner, even as my mother conceived me. **R/.**

Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; /

the bones you have crushed shall rejoice.

Turn away your face from my sins, / and blot out all my guilt. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Matthew 11:25*

*Gospel: Mark 4:26–34*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; /

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. **R/.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 119:12* First Reading: *Wisdom 7:7–10, 15–16; Gospel: Matthew 23:8–12*

**R/. Lord, teach me your statutes.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 12:42*

**Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.**

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## January 29 — Saturday

(*Ordinary 3 - 322*)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 96(95):1, 6*

**O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 51:12–13, 14–15, 16–17*

*First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1–7a, 10–17*

**R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, / and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence, / and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R/.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, / and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways, / and sinners shall return to you. **R/.**

Free me from blood guilt, O God, my saving God; /

then my tongue shall revel in your justice.

O Lord, open my lips, / and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 3:16*

*Gospel: Mark 4:35–41*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, /

so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 34(33):6*

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

*or John 8:12*

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (707, 709–712)

*A Mass from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary is found on page 158.*

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## January 31 — Monday

MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

(523)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 5:19*

**Whoever obeys and teaches the commandments of the Lord will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven, says the Lord.**

— Weekday (*Ordinary 4 - 323*) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 3:2–3, 4–5, 6–7 (R/. 8a)*

*First Reading: 2 Samuel 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13*

**R/. Lord, rise up and save me.**

O LORD, how many are my adversaries! / Many rise up against me!

Many are saying of me, / "There is no salvation for him in God." **R/.**

But you, O LORD, are my shield; / my glory, you lift up my head!

When I call out to the LORD, / he answers me from his holy mountain. **R/.**

When I lie down in sleep, / I wake again, for the LORD sustains me.

I fear not the myriads of people / arrayed against me on every side. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 7:16*

*Gospel: Mark 5:1–20*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A great prophet has arisen in our midst / and God has visited his people. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 103:1*

*First Reading: Philippians 4:4–9; Gospel: Matthew 18:1–5*

**R/. O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 8:12*

**Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life, says the Lord.**

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## February 1 — Tuesday

*(Ordinary 4 - 324)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 106(105):47*

**Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 86:1–2, 3–4, 5–6*

*First Reading: 2 Samuel 18:9–10, 14b, 24–25a, 30—19:3*

**R/. Listen, Lord, and answer me.**

Incline your ear, O LORD; answer me, / for I am afflicted and poor.

Keep my life, for I am devoted to you; / save your servant who trusts in you. /

You are my God. **R/.**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, / for to you I call all the day.

Gladden the soul of your servant, / for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. **R/.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, /

abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.

Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my pleading. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 8:17*

*Gospel: Mark 5:21–43*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ took away our infirmities / and bore our diseases. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 31(30):17–18*

**Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

*or Matthew 5:3–4*

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.**

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## February 2 — Wednesday

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*(524)*

### The Blessing of Candles and the Procession

*All gather in a chapel or other place apart from the church, or else near the door of the church. All light their candles and sing the antiphon "Behold, our Lord will come" or any suitable song.*

**Antiphon**

**Behold, our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia.**

*The Priest greets the people and invites them to enter into the mystery of this day.*

*Then he blesses the candles and sprinkles them with holy water.*

*Taking a lighted candle, he invites the people to join the procession:*

Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

*or*

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession we sing the Canticle of Simeon or any suitable song.*

**Canticle of Simeon** *Luke 2:29–32*

**R/. A light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace, / in accordance with your word: **R/.**

For my eyes have seen your salvation, /  
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples. **R/.**

*As the procession enters the church, the Entrance Antiphon is sung.*

*The "Gloria" (pages 9–11) and Collect follow.  
(The greeting and Penitential Act are omitted.)*

### **At the Mass**

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 48(47):10–11*

**Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your  
temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the  
earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10*

*Readings: Malachi 3:1–4 and Hebrews 2:14–18*

**R/. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; / reach up, you ancient portals, /  
that the king of glory may come in! **R/.**

Who is this king of glory? / The LORD, strong and mighty, /  
the LORD, mighty in battle. **R/.**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; / reach up, you ancient portals, /  
that the king of glory may come in! **R/.**

Who is this king of glory? / The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Luke 2:32*

*Gospel: Luke 2:22–40 or 2:22–32*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, / and glory for your people Israel. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Luke 2:30–31*

**My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of  
all the peoples.**

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## **February 3 — Thursday**

*(Ordinary 4 - 326)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 106(105):47*

**Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give  
thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d–12a, 12bcd* *First Reading: 1 Kings 2:1–4, 10–12*

**R/. Lord, you are exalted over all.**

"Blessed may you be, O LORD, / God of Israel our father, /  
from eternity to eternity." **R/.**

"Yours, O LORD, are grandeur and power, / majesty, splendor, and glory." **R/.**

"LORD, you are exalted over all. / Yours, O LORD, is the sovereignty; /  
you are exalted as head over all.  
Riches and honor are from you." **R/.**

"In your hand are power and might; /  
it is yours to give grandeur and strength to all." **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mark 1:15*

*Gospel: Mark 6:7–13*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Kingdom of God is at hand; / repent and believe in the Gospel. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 31(30):17–18*

**Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O  
Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.**

*or Matthew 5:3–4*

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR (525)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. 1 Samuel 2:35*

**I shall raise up for myself a faithful priest who will act in accord with  
my heart and my mind, says the Lord.**

**Psalm Response** *Mark 16:15*

*First Reading: Romans 5:1–5; Gospel: Mark 16:15–20*

**R/. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

*The Order for the Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of St. Blaise  
appears in Chapter 51 of the Book of Blessings. Within Mass,  
the Priest concludes the Prayer of the Faithful with the blessing.*

*Suitable psalms and songs are sung during the procession.*

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr,  
may God deliver you from every disease of the throat  
and from every other illness:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon** *John 10:10*

**I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly, says  
the Lord.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP (526)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Isaiah 52:7*

**How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad  
tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 96:3*

*First Reading: Isaiah 52:7–10; Gospel: Mark 1:14–20*

**R/. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20*

**Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel. I am with you always,  
says the Lord.**

## February 4 — Friday

(Ordinary 4 - 327)

### Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 106(105):47*

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 (R/. cf. 47b)*

First Reading: *Sirach 47:2–11*

**R/. Blessed be God my salvation!**

God's way is unerring, / the promise of the LORD is fire-tried; /  
he is a shield to all who take refuge in him. **R/.**

The LORD live! And blessed be my Rock! / Extolled be God my savior.  
Therefore will I proclaim you, O LORD, among the nations, /  
and I will sing praise to your name. **R/.**

You who gave great victories to your king /  
and showed kindness to your anointed, /  
to David and his posterity forever. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *cf. Luke 8:15*

Gospel: *Mark 6:14–29*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, /  
and yield a harvest through perseverance. **R/.**

### Communion Antiphon *cf. Psalm 31(30):17–18*

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

*or Matthew 5:3–4*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

## February 5 — Saturday

MEMORIAL OF ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

(527)

### Entrance Antiphon

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

— Weekday (Ordinary 4 - 328) —

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14*

First Reading: *1 Kings 3:4–13*

**R/. Lord, teach me your statutes.**

How shall a young man be faultless in his way? / By keeping to your words. **R/.**

With all my heart I seek you; / let me not stray from your commands. **R/.**

Within my heart I treasure your promise, / that I may not sin against you. **R/.**

Blessed are you, O LORD; / teach me your statutes. **R/.**

With my lips I declare / all the ordinances of your mouth. **R/.**

In the way of your decrees I rejoice, / as much as in all riches. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

Gospel: *Mark 6:30–34*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. **R/.**

— Memorial —

### Psalm Response *Psalm 31:6*

First Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:26–31*; Gospel: *Luke 9:23–26*

**R/. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

### Communion Antiphon *cf. Matthew 25:6*

Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.

## February 7 — Monday

(Ordinary 5 - 329)

### Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 95(94):6-7*

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10*

*First Reading: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13*

**R/. Lord, go up to the place of your rest!**

Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; / we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
Let us enter into his dwelling, / let us worship at his footstool. **R/.**

Advance, O LORD, to your resting place, / you and the ark of your majesty.  
May your priests be clothed with justice; /  
let your faithful ones shout merrily for joy.

For the sake of David your servant, / reject not the plea of your anointed. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *cf. Matthew 4:23*

*Gospel: Mark 6:53-56*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom /  
and cured every disease among the people. **R/.**

### Communion Antiphon *cf. Psalm 107(106):8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

*or Matthew 5:5-6*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

## February 8 — Tuesday

(Ordinary 5 - 330)

### Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 95(94):6-7*

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 (R/. 2)*

*First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30*

**R/. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**

My soul yearns and pines / for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh / cry out for the living God. **R/.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, / and the swallow a nest /  
in which she puts her young—

Your altars, O LORD of hosts, / my king and my God! **R/.**

Blessed they who dwell in your house! / continually they praise you.

O God, behold our shield, / and look upon the face of your anointed. **R/.**

I had rather one day in your courts / than a thousand elsewhere;

I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my God /  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *Psalm 119:36, 29b*

*Gospel: Mark 7:1-13*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Incline my heart, O God, to your decrees; / and favor me with your law. **R/.**

### Communion Antiphon *cf. Psalm 107(106):8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children  
of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with  
good things.

*or Matthew 5:5-6*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those  
who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Mark 10:14*

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 34:2**First Reading: Tobit 12:6–13; Gospel: Mark 10:17–30 or 10:17–27*

**R/.** I will bless the Lord at all times.

*or Psalm 34:9*

**R/.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** *Matthew 18:3*

Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, says the Lord.

## OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN (529A)

**Entrance Antiphon**

Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for eternity.

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 45:11**First Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:25–35; Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13*

**R/.** Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.

*or*

**R/.** The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 10:42*

The wise virgin has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her.

**February 9 — Wednesday***(Ordinary 5 - 331)***Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 95(94):6–7*

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 37:5–6, 30–31, 39–40**First Reading: 1 Kings 10:1–10*

**R/.** The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

Commit to the LORD your way; / trust in him, and he will act.

He will make justice dawn for you like the light; /

bright as the noonday shall be your vindication. **R/.**

The mouth of the just man tells of wisdom / and his tongue utters what is right.

The law of his God is in his heart, / and his steps do not falter. **R/.**

The salvation of the just is from the LORD; / he is their refuge in time of distress.

And the LORD helps them and delivers them; /

he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, /

because they take refuge in him. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. John 17:17b, 17a**Gospel: Mark 7:14–23*

**R/.** Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth: / consecrate us in the truth. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 107(106):8–9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

or Matthew 5:5-6

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.**

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## February 10 — Thursday

MEMORIAL OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

(530)

### Entrance Antiphon

**Let us rejoice and exult for joy: for the Lord of all has shown his love for a holy and glorious virgin.**

— Weekday (Ordinary 5 - 332) —

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40*

*First Reading: 1 Kings 11:4-13*

**R/. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

Blessed are they who observe what is right, / who do always what is just.

Remember us, O LORD, as you favor your people; /

visit us with your saving help. **R/.**

But they mingled with the nations / and learned their works.

They served their idols, / which became a snare for them. **R/.**

They sacrificed their sons / and their daughters to demons.

And the LORD grew angry with his people, / and abhorred his inheritance. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *James 1:21bc*

*Gospel: Mark 7:24-30*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you /  
and is able to save your souls. **R/.**

— Memorial —

### Psalm Response *cf. Psalm 148:12a and 13a*

*First Reading: Song of Songs 8:6-7;*

*Gospel: Luke 10:38-42*

**R/. Young men and women, praise the name of the Lord.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

### Communion Antiphon *cf. Matthew 25:4, 6*

**The five wise virgins brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Then at midnight, the cry went up: Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.**

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## February 11 — Friday

(Ordinary 5 - 333)

### Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 95(94):6-7*

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 (R/. 11a and 9a)*

*First Reading: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19*

**R/. I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.**

“There shall be no strange god among you / nor shall you worship any alien god. I, the LORD, am your God / who led you forth from the land of Egypt.” **R/.**

“My people heard not my voice, / and Israel obeyed me not;

So I gave them up to the hardness of their hearts; /

they walked according to their own counsels.” **R/.**

“If only my people would hear me, / and Israel walk in my ways,

Quickly would I humble their enemies; /

against their foes I would turn my hand.” **R/.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Open our hearts, O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 107(106):8–9*

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

*or Matthew 5:5–6*

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

(531)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Judith 13:18–19*

**Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for he has so exalted your name that your praise shall be undying on our lips.**

**Psalm Response** *Judith 15:9*

*First Reading: Isaiah 66:10–14c; Gospel: John 2:1–11*

**R/. You are the highest honor of our race.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 1:48*

**All generations will call me blessed, for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.**

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**February 12 — Saturday**

(*Ordinary 5 - 334*)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 95(94):6–7*

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 106:6–7ab, 19–20, 21–22 (R/. 4a)*

*First Reading: 1 Kings 12:26–32; 13:33–34*

**R/. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

We have sinned, we and our fathers; /

we have committed crimes; we have done wrong.

Our fathers in Egypt / considered not your wonders. **R/.**

They made a calf in Horeb / and adored a molten image;

They exchanged their glory / for the image of a grass-eating bullock. **R/.**

They forgot the God who had saved them, / who had done great deeds in Egypt,

Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham, / terrible things at the Red Sea. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 4:4b*

*Gospel: Mark 8:1–10*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

One does not live on bread alone, /

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 107(106):8–9*

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

*or Matthew 5:5–6*

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.**

**February 14 — Monday**

MEMORIAL OF SS. CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS, BISHOP (532)

**Entrance Antiphon**

These are holy men who became friends of God, glorious heralds of divine truth.

— Weekday (Ordinary 6 - 335) —

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 (R/. 77a)* *First Reading: James 1:1–11*

**R/. Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

Before I was afflicted I went astray, / but now I hold to your promise. **R/.**

You are good and bountiful; / teach me your statutes. **R/.**

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, / that I may learn your statutes. **R/.**

The law of your mouth is to me more precious /  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **R/.**

I know, O LORD, that your ordinances are just, /  
and in your faithfulness you have afflicted me. **R/.**

Let your kindness comfort me / according to your promise to your servants. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 14:6* *Gospel: Mark 8:11–13*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord; /  
no one comes to the Father except through me. **R/.**

— Memorial —

**Psalm Response** *Mark 16:15* *First Reading: Acts 13:46–49; Gospel: Luke 10:1–9*

**R/. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Mark 16:20*

The disciples went forth and preached the Gospel, while the Lord worked with them, confirming the word through accompanying signs.

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**February 15 — Tuesday**

(Ordinary 6 - 336)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 31(30):3–4*

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 94:12–13a, 14–15, 18–19* *First Reading: James 1:12–18*

**R/. Blessed the man you instruct, O Lord.**

Blessed the man whom you instruct, O LORD, / whom by your law you teach,  
Giving him rest from evil days. **R/.**

For the LORD will not cast off his people, / nor abandon his inheritance;  
But judgment shall again be with justice, /  
and all the upright of heart shall follow it. **R/.**

When I say, "My foot is slipping," / your mercy, O LORD, sustains me;  
When cares abound within me, / your comfort gladdens my soul. **R/.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; /  
and my Father will love him / and we will come to him. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 78(77):29–30*

**They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

*or John 3:16*

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that all  
who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

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**February 16 — Wednesday**

*(Ordinary 6 - 337)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 31(30):3–4*

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my  
rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 15:2–3a, 3bc–4ab, 5 (R/. 1b)*

*First Reading: James 1:19–27*

**R/. Who shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?**

He who walks blamelessly and does justice; / who thinks the truth in his heart /  
and slanders not with his tongue. **R/.**

Who harms not his fellow man, / nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
By whom the reprobate is despised, /  
while he honors those who fear the LORD. **R/.**

Who lends not his money at usury / and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things / shall never be disturbed. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Ephesians 1:17–18*

*Gospel: Mark 8:22–26*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our hearts, /  
that we may know what is the hope / that belongs to his call. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 78(77):29–30*

**They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

*or John 3:16*

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that all  
who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

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**February 17 — Thursday**

*(Ordinary 6 - 338)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 31(30):3–4*

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my  
rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7*

*First Reading: James 2:1–9*

**R/. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; / his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD; / the lowly will hear me and be glad. **R/.**

Glorify the LORD with me, / let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me / and delivered me from all my fears. **R/.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, /  
and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, /  
and from all his distress he saved him. **R/.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; / you have the words of everlasting life. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 78(77):29–30*

**They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

*or John 3:16*

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE  
SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER (533)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 16(15):5*

**O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my portion.**

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 34:2*

*First Reading: Romans 8:26–30; Gospel: Matthew 19:27–29*

**R/. I will bless the Lord at all times.**

*or Psalm 34:9*

**R/. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 19:27–29*

**Amen, I say to you: That you who have left all and followed me will receive a hundredfold and possess eternal life.**

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**February 18 — Friday** (Ordinary 6 - 339)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 31(30):3–4*

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 112:1–2, 3–4, 5–6 (R/. cf. 1b)*

*First Reading: James 2:14–24, 26*

**R/. Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord's commands.**

Blessed the man who fears the LORD, / who greatly delights in his commands.

His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth; /

the upright generation shall be blessed. **R/.**

Wealth and riches shall be in his house; / his generosity shall endure forever.

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; /

he is gracious and merciful and just. **R/.**

Well for the man who is gracious and lends, /

who conducts his affairs with justice;

He shall never be moved; / the just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 15:15b*

*Gospel: Mark 8:34–9:1*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I call you my friends, says the Lord, /

for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 78(77):29–30*

**They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

*or John 3:16*

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 31(30):3-4*

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8*

*First Reading: James 3:1-10*

**R/. You will protect us, Lord.**

Help, O LORD! for no one now is dutiful; /  
faithfulness has vanished from among the children of men.  
Everyone speaks falsehood to his neighbor; /  
with smooth lips they speak, and double heart. **R/.**

May the LORD destroy all smooth lips, / every boastful tongue,  
Those who say, "We are heroes with our tongues; /  
our lips are our own; who is lord over us?" **R/.**

The promises of the LORD are sure, /  
like tried silver, freed from dross, sevenfold refined.  
You, O LORD, will keep us / and preserve us always from this generation. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Mark 9:6*

*Gospel: Mark 9:2-13*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: /  
This is my beloved Son. Listen to him. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 78(77):29-30*

**They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

*or John 3:16*

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (707, 709-712)

*A Mass from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary is found on page 158.*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 13(12):6*

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15*

*First Reading: James 3:13-18*

**R/. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul;  
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, / giving wisdom to the simple. **R/.**  
The precepts of the LORD are right, / rejoicing the heart;  
The command of the LORD is clear, / enlightening the eye. **R/.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, / enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the LORD are true, / all of them just. **R/.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart /  
find favor before you, / O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. 2 Timothy 1:10*

*Gospel: Mark 9:14-29*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ has destroyed death /  
and brought life to light through the Gospel. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 9:2-3*

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

*or John 11:27*

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF ST. PETER DAMIAN,  
BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

(534)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 37(36):30-31*

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.

**Psalm Response** *cf. Psalm 16:5a*

*First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Gospel: John 15:1-8*

**R/. You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Luke 12:42*

Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

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**February 22 — Tuesday**

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

(535)

**Entrance Antiphon** *Luke 22:32*

The Lord says to Simon Peter: I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and, once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

*The "Gloria" is found on pages 9-11.*

*For a votive Mass of Saint Peter the readings are as follows.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6*

*First Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4*

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. /

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

Beside restful waters he leads me; / he refreshes my soul. **R/.**

Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff / that give me courage. **R/.**

You spread the table before me / in the sight of my foes;

You anoint my head with oil; / my cup overflows. **R/.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me / all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD / for years to come. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 16:18*

*Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; /

the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Matthew 16:16, 18*

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

## February 23 — Wednesday

MEMORIAL OF ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

(536)

### Entrance Antiphon

This truly is a Martyr, who shed his blood for the name of Christ, who did not fear the threats of judges but attained the heavenly kingdom.

— Weekday (Ordinary 7 - 343) —

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 (R/. Matthew 5:3) First Reading: James 4:13-17*

**R/. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

Hear this, all you peoples; / hearken, all who dwell in the world,  
Of lowly birth or high degree, / rich and poor alike. **R/.**

Why should I fear in evil days / when my wicked ensnarers ring me round?  
They trust in their wealth; / the abundance of their riches is their boast. **R/.**

Yet in no way can a man redeem himself, / or pay his own ransom to God;  
Too high is the price to redeem one's life; he would never have enough /  
to remain alive always and not see destruction. **R/.**

For he can see that wise men die, /  
and likewise the senseless and the stupid pass away, /  
leaving to others their wealth. **R/.**

### Gospel Acclamation *John 14:6*

*Gospel: Mark 9:38-40*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord; /  
no one comes to the Father except through me. **R/.**

— Memorial —

### Psalm Response *Psalm 31:6*

*First Reading: Revelation 2:8-11; Gospel: John 15:18-21*

**R/. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

### Communion Antiphon *cf. John 15:1, 5*

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

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## February 24 — Thursday

(Ordinary 7 - 344)

### Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 13(12):6*

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 (R/. Matthew 5:3)*

*First Reading: James 5:1-6*

**R/. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

This is the way of those whose trust is folly, /  
the end of those contented with their lot:

Like sheep they are herded into the nether world; /  
death is their shepherd and the upright rule over them. **R/.**

Quickly their form is consumed; / the nether world is their palace.

But God will redeem me /  
from the power of the nether world by receiving me. **R/.**

Fear not when a man grows rich, / when the wealth of his house becomes great,  
For when he dies, he shall take none of it; /

his wealth shall not follow him down. **R/.**

Though in his lifetime he counted himself blessed, /

"They will praise you for doing well for yourself,"

He shall join the circle of his forebears / who shall never more see light. **R/.**

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Receive the word of God, not as the word of men, /  
but as it truly is, the word of God. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 9:2–3*

**I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and  
sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

*or John 11:27*

**Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the  
living God, who is coming into this world.**

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**February 25 — Friday**

*(Ordinary 7 - 345)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 13(12):6*

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your  
salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8–9, 11–12*

*First Reading: James 5:9–12*

**R/. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; / and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, / and forget not all his benefits. **R/.**

He pardons all your iniquities, / he heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction, /

he crowns you with kindness and compassion. **R/.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, / slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

He will not always chide, / nor does he keep his wrath forever. **R/.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, /

so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, /

so far has he put our transgressions from us. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. John 17:17b, 17a*

*Gospel: Mark 10:1–12*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Your word, O Lord, is truth; / consecrate us in the truth. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 9:2–3*

**I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and  
sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

*or John 11:27*

**Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the  
living God, who is coming into this world.**

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**February 26 — Saturday**

*(Ordinary 7 - 346)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 13(12):6*

**O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your  
salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 141:1, 2, 3 and 8*

*First Reading: James 5:13–20*

**R/. Let my prayer come like incense before you.**

O LORD, to you I call; hasten to me; / hearken to my voice when I call upon you.

Let my prayer come like incense before you; /

the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice. **R/.**

O LORD, set a watch before my mouth, / a guard at the door of my lips.

For toward you, O God, my LORD, my eyes are turned; /

in you I take my refuge; strip me not of life. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Matthew 11:25*

*Gospel: Mark 10:13–16*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; /  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 9:2–3*

**I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and  
sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

*or John 11:27*

**Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the  
living God, who is coming into this world.**

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OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (707, 709–712)

*A Mass from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary is found on page 158.*

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## February 28 — Monday

*(Ordinary 8 - 347)*

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 18(17):19–20*

**The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of  
freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 111:1–2, 5–6, 9 and 10c*

*First Reading: 1 Peter 1:3–9*

**R/. The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

*Alternative psalm response: Alleluia.*

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart /  
in the company and assembly of the just.

Great are the works of the LORD, / exquisite in all their delights. **R/.**

He has given food to those who fear him; /  
he will forever be mindful of his covenant.

He has made known to his people the power of his works, /  
giving them the inheritance of the nations. **R/.**

He has sent deliverance to his people; / he has ratified his covenant forever; /  
holy and awesome is his name. / His praise endures forever. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *2 Corinthians 8:9*

*Gospel: Mark 10:17–27*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus Christ became poor although he was rich, /  
so that by his poverty you might become rich. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 13(12):6*

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to  
the name of the Lord Most High.**

*or Matthew 28:20*

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.**

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 18(17):19-20*

**The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4*

*First Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-16*

**R/. The Lord has made known his salvation.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, / for he has done wondrous deeds;

His right hand has won victory for him, / his holy arm. **R/.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: /

in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness /

toward the house of Israel. **R/.**

All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; / break into song; sing praise. **R/.**

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Matthew 11:25*

*Gospel: Mark 10:28-31*

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; /

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. **R/.**

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. Psalm 13(12):6*

**I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

*or Matthew 28:20*

**Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.**



# COMMONS, VOTIVE MASSES, ✦ AND MASSES FOR VARIOUS ✦ NEEDS AND OCCASIONS

*The numbers in parentheses refer to Lectionary sections,  
which offer further options for the psalms and Gospel acclamations.  
The Roman Missal offers further options for entrance and communion antiphons.*

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## The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

(995–1000)

*The Entrance and Communion Antiphons are taken from the  
Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, found in The Roman Missal.*

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 33(32):11, 19*

The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death and to keep them alive in famine.

**Psalm Response** *Psalm 25:6a (997-3)*

R/. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Matthew 11:29ab (999-3)*

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, /  
for I am meek and humble of heart. R/.

**Communion Antiphon** *cf. John 7:37–38*

Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink.  
Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

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## The Blessed Virgin Mary during Ordinary Time

(707, 709–712)

**Entrance Antiphon**

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who bore the Creator of all things.  
You became the Mother of your Maker, and you remain for ever Virgin.

**Psalm Response** *Luke 1:49 (709-5a)*

R/. The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

**Gospel Acclamation** *cf. Luke 1:45 (711-2)*

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who believed /  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. R/.

**Communion Antiphon** *Luke 1:49*

He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

## For the Preservation of Peace and Justice

(887–891)

**Entrance Antiphon** *cf. Sirach 36:18, 19*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you; hear the prayers of your servants and guide us in the way of justice.

**Psalm Response** *cf. Psalm 72:7 (889-1)*

R/. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 14:27 (890-2)*

R/. Alleluia, alleluia.

Peace I leave with you, says the Lord, / my peace I give to you. R/.

**Communion Antiphon** *John 14:27*

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you, says the Lord.





# BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS



## A Prayer When One Cannot Receive Communion

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My Jesus,

I believe that even before I was born, you have been with me knitting my very being, day by day, into the garment of your love, clothing me with grace every moment of my life.

And on the day of my baptism you poured your love into my heart through the Holy Spirit who unites me eternally to you.

Through that same Spirit I pledge my love and adore you, present in your Most Holy Body and Blood.

Though I cannot consume you in this sacred banquet let me be consumed by your complete desire for me so that my longing for you may be filled by your love alone and your mercy overflow through me into this world so in need.

On that joyful day when I do receive you in the Eucharist, may I remember that this precious gift is still but a foretaste of the holy gifts that await your holy people at your heavenly altar. There, with the saints and angels, we shall see you face to face and give you perfect praise for ever. **Amen.**

## Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, fill me with love.

Water from Christ's side, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Never let me be parted from you.

From the evil enemy, protect me.

At the hour of my death, call me,

and tell me to come to you,  
that with your saints I may praise you  
through all eternity. **Amen.**

## To Saint Michael

Holy Michael the archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do you,

O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the divine power thrust into hell  
Satan and all the other evil spirits  
who wander through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.

## RENEW Prayer

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Gracious God and Father

We are your people  
embraced by your love.

We thank you for your presence with us  
throughout all time.

Create us anew through  
Jesus Christ your son.

Liberate us  
from all that keeps us from you.

Send your Holy Spirit,  
enabling us to share in your work  
of recreating our world  
and restoring justice.

Heal us  
from every form of sin and violence.

Transform us  
to live your Word more profoundly.

Reconcile us  
so enemies become friends.

Awaken us to the sacred;  
nurture our relationships.

Enliven our parishes;  
reunite our families.

Fill us with joy  
to celebrate the fullness of life.

Empower us to be a community of love  
growing in your likeness,  
by the grace of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Act of Contrition

*from the Rite of Penance, © 1974, ICEL*

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance,  
to sin no more,  
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.

## To the Sacred Heart of Jesus

*From the Litany of the Sacred Heart*

Heart of Jesus,  
afame with love for us:  
have mercy on us.  
Heart of Jesus,  
source of justice and love:  
have mercy on us.  
Heart of Jesus,  
treasure-house of wisdom  
and knowledge:  
have mercy on us.  
Heart of Jesus,  
in whom there dwells  
the fullness of God:  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, gentle and humble of heart:  
Touch our hearts  
and make them like your own.

## Memorare

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help,  
or sought your intercession  
was left unaided.  
Inspired with this confidence,  
we turn to you, O Virgin of virgins,  
our Mother.  
To you we come,  
before you we stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
do not despise our petitions,  
but in your mercy  
hear and answer us. **Amen.**

## Respect for Life

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God of life and love,  
you created us in your image  
and sent your Son to bring us life.  
Instill in us a respect for all life,  
from conception to natural death.  
Empower us to work for  
justice for the poor.  
Nourish us that we may  
bring food to the hungry.  
Inspire us to cherish  
the fragile life of the unborn.  
Strengthen us to bring comfort  
to the chronically ill.  
Teach us to treat the aging  
with dignity and respect.  
Bring us one day into  
the glory of everlasting life.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For Vocations

*Cardinal Joseph Bernardin*

O Lord of the harvest,  
your Word finds a home in our hearts,  
calls us to community,  
and invites us to generous service  
of the human family.  
Bless with courage and spirit  
your priestly people,  
called to full participation  
in the one Body of Christ.  
May many choose to respond  
in public service  
to your call offered in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## Salve, Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy;  
hail, our life, our sweetness,  
and our hope!  
To thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve;  
to thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping  
in this vale of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this, our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary!

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help,  
grant that I may ever invoke  
your powerful name,  
which is the safeguard of the living  
and the salvation of the dying.

O pure Virgin Mary,  
let your name be henceforth  
ever on my lips.

Whenever I call on you by name,  
hasten to help me.

When I speak your sacred name  
or even think of you,  
what consolation and confidence,  
what sweetness and emotion  
fill my soul!

I thank God for having given you  
so sweet, powerful, and lovely a name  
for my good.

Let me love you for you prompt me  
to ever greet you  
as Mother of Perpetual Help.

### The Angelus

The angel of the Lord  
declared unto Mary,  
**and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace . . . Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**Be it done unto me according  
to your word.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace . . . Amen.**

And the Word was made Flesh,  
**and dwelt among us.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace . . . Amen.**

Pray for us, O holy mother of God,  
**that we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray:

**Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts;**

**that we, to whom the incarnation  
of Christ your Son,  
was made known**

**by the message of an angel,  
may by his passion and cross  
be brought to the glory  
of his resurrection.**

**Through the same Christ,  
our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Members of the Parish

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My friends, let us ask the Lord  
to bless the ministers  
of holy communion  
who have been entrusted to bring  
the life-giving Body  
and Blood of the Lord  
to the sick and homebound.

Let us pray.

Good and gracious God,  
look with loving kindness  
on our brothers and sisters  
who now carry the sacred Body  
of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to those who cannot be with us this day.

Strengthen all your people  
by this sacrament.

In your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in one communion of love.

Bring us at last to the banquet of heaven,  
where we will sing your praise  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*The Memorial of St. Francis is October 4.*

Lord, make me an instrument  
of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying  
that we are born to eternal life.

## For All Affected by Violence

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Lord Jesus, because you  
suffered and died for us,  
you know most intimately  
how intense is the shock  
and how unique is the grief  
when one dies by violence.

In the face of so much tragedy  
in the world,  
may our hearing of it  
inspire us to pray regularly  
for all who experience this trauma  
and for those who are dear to them.

Like your own all-embracing love,  
may our charity extend  
to every person responsible  
for these affronts to human dignity  
and God's honor.

Let not the usual remoteness  
of these actions  
lead us to indifference  
or insensitivity  
to the need for this prayer,  
for we are all truly members  
of one another.

May our prayers reinforce our witness,  
so that the violence of our times  
may be overcome  
and its resultant bitterness  
be transcended by you  
who alone can abate the hatreds  
of the human heart. **Amen.**

## For the Unity of Christians

*The week of prayer for Christian Unity  
is January 18–25.*

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Almighty and eternal God,  
you gather the scattered sheep  
and watch over those you have  
gathered.

Look kindly on all who follow Jesus,  
your Son.

You have marked them  
with the seal of one baptism,  
now make them one  
in the fullness of faith  
and unite them in the bond of love.

We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For Peace

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O God,  
source of all holy desires, right counsels  
and just works,  
grant us that peace  
which the world cannot give,  
so that we may be obedient  
to your commands  
and under your protection  
enjoy peace in our days  
and freedom from fear of our enemies.

We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## In Time of Suffering

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Behold me, my beloved Jesus,  
weighed down under the burden  
of my trials and sufferings,  
I cast myself at your feet,  
that you may renew my strength  
and courage,  
while I rest here in your presence.

Permit me to lay down my cross  
in your Sacred Heart,  
for only your infinite goodness  
can sustain me;  
only your love can help me bear  
my cross;  
only your powerful hand can lighten  
its weight.

O Divine King, Jesus,  
whose heart is so compassionate  
to the afflicted,  
I wish to live in you,  
suffer and die in you.

During my life  
be to me my model and my support;  
at the hour of my death  
be my hope and refuge. **Amen.**

## Act of Love

O my God, I love you  
above all things,  
with my whole heart and soul,  
because you are all good  
and worthy of all love.

I love my neighbor as myself  
for the love of you.

I forgive all who have injured me  
and ask pardon of all whom  
I have injured. **Amen.**

## Lord, We Turn to You

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Lord, we turn to you  
with open hearts.  
You have spoken to us  
in sacred writings,  
through your holy ones,  
in the events of each day.  
We believe that you are God's holy one.  
All truth is from you.  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Lord, help us to live out in the fullest  
what we have heard proclaimed  
as spirit and life.  
Make our lives an open gospel  
to all who observe our actions.

Let us become your Word  
to all whom we encounter.  
Fill us with the joy of your wisdom  
and a desire to please you. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Reconciliation

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*The Scripture citation is from Revelation 21:4.*

Everlasting Father,  
in Jesus you have reconciled  
every person and every nation  
to yourself.  
We join in one resolve to restore  
your fair and beautiful earth.  
You have called us to speak  
the word of peace.  
We know that we must try  
to live in love,  
not blind to your judgments,  
not heedless of your grace.  
Save us from easy answers.  
Help us to live our baptismal inheritance  
in Jesus.  
Keep alive in us the promise  
of your heaven  
where you "shall wipe every tear  
from our eyes,  
and there shall be no more death  
or mourning."  
We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## In Time of Sickness

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O Jesus,  
you suffered and died for us;  
you understand my suffering;  
teach me to understand my suffering  
as you do;  
to bear it in union with you;  
to offer it with you to atone for my sins  
and to bring your grace to souls in need.  
Calm my fears; increase my trust.  
May I gladly accept your holy will  
and become more like you in trial.  
If it be your will, restore my health  
so that I may work for your honor  
and glory  
and the salvation of all. **Amen.**

### Worker's Prayer

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God, send us into our work this week  
with new resolves.  
Help us to solve the problems  
that have perplexed us,  
and to serve the people we meet.  
May we see our work  
as part of your great plan  
and find significance in what we do.  
We do not know what any day  
will bring to us,  
but we do know the hour for serving you  
is always present.  
We dedicate our hearts, minds,  
and wills to your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For the Elect

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Lord God, heavenly Father,  
your holy church is great with child.  
In mystery she will give birth  
in the Easter waters of Baptism.  
Look with love and affection  
on your children soon to be born.  
Keep them in safety and health,  
each day growing in wisdom,  
each day stronger in your Holy Spirit.  
Protect also our Church.  
Calm her anxiety,  
and, when her time is fulfilled,  
grant her a season of bliss.  
We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer before Scripture Study

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Merciful Father,  
you have given the Church  
the Holy Bible.  
As we receive it, hear it, read it,  
and learn to live by it,  
may we discover in your word  
the fountain of life.  
Grant us comfort, challenge and strength  
in the study of its stories, its poetry,  
its wisdom and its commandments.  
May they inspire us to dedicated service  
to one another.  
Teach us to cherish the hope  
of everlasting life  
that you give us in your living Word,  
our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### For Parents

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Lord Jesus Christ,  
most holy Mary,  
good Saint Joseph:  
bless our parents  
and keep them in your love.  
Give them a share of your gentleness,  
your patience, your strength.  
When our days are done,  
welcome them and all your children  
into your everlasting home,  
where we will sing our Father's praise  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**  
*You may hold your hands over your parent(s) in a  
gesture of blessing and say:*  
May the Lord embrace you in love.  
May the Lord support you  
in your every need.  
May the Lord strengthen the family  
in peace.  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: **Pray for us.**

### For Students

2 Peter 3:18

May they grow in grace  
and in the knowledge  
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
Glory be to him now  
and to the day of eternity! **Amen.**

## Table Grace

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O God, you are the giver  
of every good gift.  
Through your goodness  
we enjoy the fruits of the earth  
and share the loving gifts  
of family and friendship.  
We ask your blessing on [our guests,]  
our table and our home.  
We offer thanks for the love  
with which this festive meal  
was prepared,  
and for the love and joy  
that bring us together to partake of it.  
In gratitude for your continued care  
for us,  
make us mindful of the needs  
of others.  
May we show our thankfulness  
in the manner of our living.  
May our hearts be filled  
with love and praise.  
We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For the Church

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We pray you,  
O almighty and eternal God,  
who through Jesus Christ  
have revealed your glory  
to all nations,  
to preserve the works of your mercy,  
that your Church,  
being spread through  
the whole world,  
may continue with unchanging faith  
in the confession of your name.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Book of Blessings, 1532*

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits  
the coming of its Savior,  
who enlightens our hearts  
and dispels the darkness  
of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath:  
may their light reflect  
the splendor of Christ,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing of a Manger or Nativity Scene

*Book of Blessings, 1564*

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Savior was great  
you sent your Son to be born  
of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy and love.

Lord,  
bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of  
Jesus,  
and raise up our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## During Lent

God of time and of eternity,  
you bless us with this holy season  
of Lent  
for the remembrance and renewal  
of the way of life we embraced  
in Baptism.

Grant us a season of good  
and honest labor.

Prosper the work of our hands,  
and support us when our efforts fail.  
Whether at the first hour  
or at the eleventh hour,  
may all of us enter into  
this privileged time  
of prayer, fasting,  
and the sharing of charity.

We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For Lent

God of times and seasons,  
you have brought us again to Lent—  
for the study of your Word,  
for the remembrance of the temptation  
of your Son,  
and for the contemplation of his cross.  
The birds know their seasons;  
forbid that we be blind to our times.  
Grant us a Lenten blessing,  
and may no one miss this time  
of growth.

We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer at Planting Time

*Adapted from the Sioux Falls Rural Life Conference*

Thank you, God of generosity,  
Creator of all things,  
for everything that grows on the earth.  
Thank you for the people  
who tend the land  
and who make it fruitful.

In our age  
we may forget our dependence  
on wind and weather, on sun and rain,  
without which nothing would grow.

In this seedtime of the year,  
make bright in us  
an appreciation for farmers  
and all who help bring forth  
the fruits of the earth.

Keep us always in mind  
of the things that matter most.

Help us to bring rural America together,  
and to fulfill our responsibilities  
in glorifying your earth,  
that this world may fulfill your will  
for the land to sustain your creation  
until the end of time.

We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## At Evening from Easter Sunday to Pentecost

*Luke 24:29–31*

They said to the stranger: Stay with us.  
Day is done, and night is drawing near.

Then Jesus took bread, blessed it,  
broke it, and gave it to them.

Their eyes were opened:  
And they knew him  
in the breaking of the bread.

## Prayer during the Summer

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Great God,  
you dress the world in summertime  
and paint the sky with stars.  
You write your story on our lives  
and guide the ways of all.  
Give us a wider sense of wonder,  
that we may unwrap the world  
like a gift,  
always thanking you  
for your goodness  
and living in love with our neighbors,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Responsory during Summer

*From Psalm 8*

Lord, our Lord,  
how glorious is your name  
over all the earth!  
When I behold the skies,  
the work of your hand:  
What are we that you should  
remember us?  
You have made us  
little less than the angels.  
You have crowned us  
with glory and honor.  
Lord, our Lord,  
how glorious is your name  
over all the earth!

## For Travelers and Vacationers

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God of Tobiah and his faithful dog,  
God of all travelers:  
Send us an angel to keep us safe  
wherever we go.  
Grant us summertime refreshment,  
as you once sent ravens to refresh  
your holy prophet Elijah.  
Like Ruth and Naomi,  
keep us devoted to one another.  
Like Abraham and Sarah,  
may we be gracious to guests  
and hospitable to strangers.  
Bless us on our journeys,  
bless the people we meet,  
and bless our returning home,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For the Nation

*Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty God, you have given us  
this good land for our heritage.  
We humbly ask you  
that we may always prove ourselves  
a people mindful of your favor  
and glad to do your will.  
Bless our land with honorable endeavor,  
sound learning, and pure manners.  
Save us from violence, discord,  
and confusion,  
from pride and arrogance,  
and from every evil way.

Defend our liberties  
and fashion into one united people  
the multitude brought here  
out of many nations and tongues.  
Endow with the Spirit of wisdom  
those to whom, in your name,  
we entrust the authority of government,  
that there may be justice and peace  
at home,  
and that through obedience to your law  
we may show forth your praise  
among the nations of earth.

In time of prosperity  
fill our hearts with thankfulness,  
and in the day of trouble  
do not allow our trust in you to fail.

We ask all of this  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## For a New School Year

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Spirit of God,  
fill our hearts with a desire  
to seek truth and rejoice in beauty.  
Help us to know what is pleasing to you  
and to understand what is right  
and good in your sight.  
Give us the spirit of learning  
that we may please you  
by our thoughts  
and love you in your creation.  
Give all teachers  
your constant encouragement  
and guide them in their work.  
Spirit of God,  
make us effective witnesses  
of your truth to all whose lives  
we touch.  
We ask this  
in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing of Pets

God our Creator,  
you made all things good.  
In love look now on us and on our pets  
and on all the creatures you have made.  
As you once sent your angel Raphael  
to guide your servant Tobiah  
and his faithful dog,  
send your angel to watch over us  
and our pets.  
Keep them in health and safety,  
secure in our care  
to be our comfort and joy.  
Remember them for life,  
for you delight in life.

We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer at Harvest and Thanksgiving

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O God, source and giver of all things,  
you manifest your infinite majesty,  
power and goodness  
in the earth about us;  
we give you honor and glory.  
For the sun and the rain,  
for the fruits of our fields,  
for the increase of our herds  
and flocks,  
we thank you.  
For the enrichment of our souls  
with your grace,  
we are grateful.  
Supreme Lord of the harvest,  
graciously accept us  
and the fruits of our toil,  
in union with Jesus, your Son,  
whose death, burial and resurrection  
have brought atonement for our sins.  
In your love foster the growth  
of your Church.  
Grant peace in our homes and salvation  
for all the world.  
We ask this  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Native American Prayer

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permission.*

O great Spirit,  
whose voice I hear in the winds,  
and whose breath gives life  
to all the world,  
hear me!  
I am small and weak;  
I need your strength and wisdom.  
Let me walk in beauty,  
and make my eyes ever behold  
the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things  
you have made  
and my ears sharp to hear your voice.  
Make me wise so that I may understand  
the things you have taught my people.  
Let me learn the lessons you have  
hidden in every leaf and rock.  
I seek strength, not to be greater  
than my brothers and sisters,  
but to fight my greatest enemy—  
myself.  
Make me always ready  
to come to you with clean hands  
and straight eyes,  
so that when life fades,  
as the fading sunset,  
my spirit may come to you  
without shame,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayer for the 2015 World Meeting of Families

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God and Father of us all,  
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,  
you have made us  
your sons and daughters  
in the family of the Church.  
May your grace and love  
help our families  
in every part of the world  
be united to one another  
in fidelity to the Gospel.  
May the example of the Holy Family,  
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families,  
especially those most troubled,  
to be homes of communion and prayer  
and to always seek your truth  
and live in your love.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

## Praying the Rosary

1. Begin on the crucifix and say the **Apostles' Creed**.
2. On the first bead, say one **Our Father**.
3. On each of the next three beads, say the Hail Mary.
4. On the next bead, say one **Glory Be**.
5. Reflect on the first mystery in the group of mysteries selected for meditation for the day and say one **Our Father** on that bead.
6. On each of the next ten beads, say one **Hail Mary**. Follow these with one **Glory Be**.
7. Repeat Steps 5 and 6 for each of the five mysteries.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**Amen.**

### The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.

**Amen.**

### The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.  
**Amen.**

## The Mysteries of the Rosary

### The Joyful Mysteries

*(recited Mondays, Saturdays,  
and Sundays of Advent)*

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation of the Lord
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

### The Sorrowful Mysteries

*(recited Tuesdays, Fridays,  
and Sundays of Lent)*

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death

### The Glorious Mysteries

*(recited Wednesdays  
and Sundays outside of Advent and Lent)*

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin

### The Luminous Mysteries

*(recited Thursdays)*

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

### Prayer after the Rosary

O God, whose only-begotten Son,  
by his life, death, and resurrection,  
has purchased for us the rewards  
of eternal life.

Grant, we beseech you,  
that by meditating upon these mysteries  
of the Most Holy Rosary  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
we may imitate what they contain  
and obtain what they promise,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**