**Year A**

#### Day 1

# December 1, 2013

First Sunday of Advent   
Lectionary: 1  
  
Reading 1 [IS 2:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/2:1)

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz,  
saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In days to come,  
the mountain of the LORD’s house  
shall be established as the highest mountain  
and raised above the hills.  
All nations shall stream toward it;  
many peoples shall come and say:  
“Come, let us climb the LORD’s mountain,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may instruct us in his ways,  
and we may walk in his paths.”  
For from Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and impose terms on many peoples.  
They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
one nation shall not raise the sword against another,  
nor shall they train for war again.  
O house of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord!

#### Reading 2 [ROM 13:11-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/romans/13:11)

Brothers and sisters:  
You know the time;  
it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.  
For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed;  
the night is advanced, the day is at hand.  
Let us then throw off the works of darkness  
and put on the armor of light;  
let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day,  
not in orgies and drunkenness,  
not in promiscuity and lust,  
not in rivalry and jealousy.  
But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

**Responsorial Psalm** [**PS 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/122:1)

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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD.  
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls,  
prosperity in your buildings.  
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
Because of my brothers 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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Day 2**

# December 2, 2013

### Monday of the First Week of Advent  Lectionary: 175

#### Reading 1 [IS 4:2-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/4:2)

On that day,  
The branch of the LORD will be luster and glory,  
and the fruit of the earth will be honor and splendor  
for the survivors of Israel.  
He who remains in Zion  
and he who is left in Jerusalem  
Will be called holy:  
every one marked down for life in Jerusalem.  
When the LORD washes away  
the filth of the daughters of Zion,  
And purges Jerusalem’s blood from her midst  
with a blast of searing judgment,  
Then will the LORD create,  
over the whole site of Mount Zion  
and over her place of assembly,  
A smoking cloud by day  
and a light of flaming fire by night.  
For over all, the LORD’s glory will be shelter and protection:  
shade from the parching heat of day,  
refuge and cover from storm and rain.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/122:1)

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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
Jerusalem, built as a city   
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,   
the tribes of the LORD.  
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!   
May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls,   
prosperity in your buildings.   
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Day 3**

# December 3, 2013

### Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest  Lectionary: 176

#### Reading 1 [IS 11:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/11:1)

On that day,  
A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.  
The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:  
a Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
A Spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a Spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,  
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.  
Not by appearance shall he judge,  
nor by hearsay shall he decide,  
But he shall judge the poor with justice,  
and decide aright for the land’s afflicted.  
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.  
Justice shall be the band around his waist,  
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.  
  
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
The calf and the young lion shall browse together,  
with a little child to guide them.  
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,  
together their young shall rest;  
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.  
The baby shall play by the cobra’s den,  
and the child lay his hand on the adder’s lair.  
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.  
  
On that day,  
The root of Jesse,  
set up as a signal for the nations,  
The Gentiles shall seek out,  
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/72:1)

R. (see 7) **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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

**Day 4**

# December 4, 2013

### Wednesday of the First Week of Advent  Lectionary: 177

#### Reading 1 [IS 25:6-10A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/25:6)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts  
will provide for all peoples  
A feast of rich food and choice wines,  
juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines.  
On this mountain he will destroy  
the veil that veils all peoples,  
The web that is woven over all nations;  
he will destroy death forever.  
The Lord GOD will wipe away  
the tears from all faces;  
The reproach of his people he will remove  
from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.  
  
On that day it will be said:  
“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
This is the LORD for whom we looked;  
let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”  
For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/23:1)

R. (6cd) **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. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**  
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. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**  
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. **I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

**Day 5**

# December 5, 2013

### Thursday of the First Week of Advent  Lectionary: 178

#### Reading 1 [IS 26:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/26:1)

On that day they will sing this song in the land of Judah:  
  
“A strong city have we;  
he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us.  
Open up the gates  
to let in a nation that is just,  
one that keeps faith.  
A nation of firm purpose you keep in peace;  
in peace, for its trust in you.”  
  
Trust in the LORD forever!  
For the LORD is an eternal Rock.  
He humbles those in high places,  
and the lofty city he brings down;  
He tumbles it to the ground,  
levels it with the dust.  
It is trampled underfoot by the needy,  
by the footsteps of the poor.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/118:1)

R. (26a) **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **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. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 6**

# December 6, 2013

### Friday of the First Week of Advent  Lectionary: 179

#### Reading 1 [IS 29:17-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/29:17)

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
But a very little while,  
and Lebanon shall be changed into an orchard,  
and the orchard be regarded as a forest!  
On that day the deaf shall hear  
the words of a book;  
And out of gloom and darkness,  
the eyes of the blind shall see.  
The lowly will ever find joy in the LORD,  
and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.  
For the tyrant will be no more  
and the arrogant will have gone;  
All who are alert to do evil will be cut off,  
those whose mere word condemns a man,  
Who ensnare his defender at the gate,  
and leave the just man with an empty claim.  
Therefore thus says the LORD,  
the God of the house of Jacob,  
who redeemed Abraham:  
Now Jacob shall have nothing to be ashamed of,  
nor shall his face grow pale.  
When his children see  
the work of my hands in his midst,  
They shall keep my name holy;  
they shall reverence the Holy One of Jacob,  
and be in awe of the God of Israel.  
Those who err in spirit shall acquire understanding,  
and those who find fault shall receive instruction.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:1, 4, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/27:1)

R. (1a) **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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Day 7**

# December 7, 2013

### Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  Lectionary: 180

#### Reading 1 [IS 30:19-21, 23-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/30:19)

Thus says the Lord GOD,  
the Holy One of Israel:  
O people of Zion, who dwell in Jerusalem,  
no more will you weep;  
He will be gracious to you when you cry out,  
as soon as he hears he will answer you.  
The Lord will give you the bread you need  
and the water for which you thirst.  
No longer will your Teacher hide himself,  
but with your own eyes you shall see your Teacher,  
While from behind, a voice shall sound in your ears:  
“This is the way; walk in it,”  
when you would turn to the right or to the left.  
  
He will give rain for the seed  
that you sow in the ground,  
And the wheat that the soil produces  
will be rich and abundant.  
On that day your flock will be given pasture  
and the lamb will graze in spacious meadows;  
The oxen and the asses that till the ground  
will eat silage tossed to them  
with shovel and pitchfork.  
Upon every high mountain and lofty hill  
there will be streams of running water.  
On the day of the great slaughter,  
when the towers fall,  
The light of the moon will be like that of the sun  
and the light of the sun will be seven times greater  
like the light of seven days.  
On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people,  
he will heal the bruises left by his blows.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/147:1)

R. (see Isaiah 30:18d) **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. **Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.**  
He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.  
He tells the number of the stars;  
he calls each by name.  
R. **Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.**

**Day 8**

# December 8, 2013

### Second Sunday of Advent  Lectionary: 4

#### Reading 1 [IS 11:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/11:1)

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:  
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
a spirit of counsel and of strength,  
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,  
and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.  
Not by appearance shall he judge,  
nor by hearsay shall he decide,  
but he shall judge the poor with justice,  
and decide aright for the land’s afflicted.  
He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.  
Justice shall be the band around his waist,  
and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.  
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the young lion shall browse together,  
with a little child to guide them.  
The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,  
together their young shall rest;  
the lion shall eat hay like the ox.  
The baby shall play by the cobra’s den,  
and the child lay his hand on the adder’s lair.  
There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,  
as water covers the sea.  
On that day, the root of Jesse,  
set up as a signal for the nations,  
the Gentiles shall seek out,  
for his dwelling shall be glorious.

#### Reading 2 [ROM 15:4-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/romans/15:4)

Brothers and sisters:  
Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction,   
that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures   
we might have hope.  
May the God of endurance and encouragement   
grant you to think in harmony with one another,   
in keeping with Christ Jesus,   
that with one accord you may with one voice   
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,   
for the glory of God.  
For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised  
to show God’s truthfulness,   
to confirm the promises to the patriarchs,   
but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.  
As it is written:Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentilesand sing praises to your name.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/72:1)

R. (cf. 7) **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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

**Day 9**

# December 9, 2013

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feastday of the United States of America  Lectionary: 689

#### Reading 1 [GN 3:9-15, 20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/genesis/3:9)

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 meC  
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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (1) **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**  
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. **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**  
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. **Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**  
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 to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.**

**Day 10**

# December 10, 2013

### Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent  Lectionary: 182

#### Reading 1 [IS 40:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/40:1)

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.  
  
A voice says, “Cry out!”  
I answer, “What shall I cry out?”  
“All flesh is grass,  
and all their glory like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower wilts,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it.  
So then, the people is the grass.  
Though the grass withers and the flower wilts,  
the word of our God stands forever.”  
  
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 his 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:1-2, 3 AND 10AC, 11-12, 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/96:1)

R. (see Isaiah 40:10ab) **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. **The Lord our God comes with power.**  
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. **The Lord our God comes with power.**  
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. **The Lord our God comes with power.**  
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. **The Lord our God comes with power.**

**Day 11**

# December 11, 2013

Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent   
Lectionary: 183

#### Reading 1 [IS 40:25-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/40:25)

To whom can you liken me as an equal?  
says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high  
and see who has created these things:  
He leads out their army and numbers them,  
calling them all by name.  
By his great might and the strength of his power  
not one of them is missing!  
Why, O Jacob, do you say,  
and declare, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
  
Do you not know  
or have you not heard?  
The LORD is the eternal God,  
creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint nor grow weary,  
and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.  
He gives strength to the fainting;  
for the weak he makes vigor abound.  
Though young men faint and grow weary,  
and youths stagger and fall,  
They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength,  
they will soar as with eagles’ wings;  
They will run and not grow weary,  
walk and not grow faint.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 AND 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/103:1)

R. (1) **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
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. **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
He pardons all your iniquities,  
he heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
he crowns you with kindness and compassion.  
R. **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
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. **O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Day 12**

# December 12, 2013

### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  Lectionary: 690A

#### Reading 1 [ZEC 2:14-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/zechariah/2:14)

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.

#### Or [RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/revelation/11:19)

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.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [JDT 13:18BCDE, 19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/judith/13:18)

R. (15:9d) **You are the highest honor of our race.**  
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. **You are the highest honor of our race.**  
Your deed of hope will never be forgotten  
by those who tell of the might of God.  
R. **You are the highest honor of our race.**

**Day 13**

# December 13, 2013

### Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  Lectionary: 185

#### Reading 1 [IS 48:17-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/48:17)

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer,  
the Holy One of Israel:  
I, the LORD, your God,  
teach you what is for your good,  
and lead you on the way you should go.  
If you would hearken to my commandments,  
your prosperity would be like a river,  
and your vindication like the waves of the sea;  
Your descendants would be like the sand,  
and those born of your stock like its grains,  
Their name never cut off  
or blotted out from my presence.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/1:1)

R. (see John 8:12) **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. **Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**  
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. **Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**  
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. **Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**

**Day 14**

# December 14, 2013

### Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church  Lectionary: 186

#### Reading 1 [SIR 48:1-4, 9-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/sirach/48:1)

In those days,  
like a fire there appeared the prophet Elijah  
whose words were as a flaming furnace.  
Their staff of bread he shattered,  
in his zeal he reduced them to straits;  
By the Lord’s word he shut up the heavens  
and three times brought down fire.  
How awesome are you, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds!  
Whose glory is equal to yours?  
You were taken aloft in a whirlwind of fire,  
in a chariot with fiery horses.  
You were destined, it is written, in time to come  
to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD,  
To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons,  
and to re-establish the tribes of Jacob.  
Blessed is he who shall have seen you   
and who falls asleep in your friendship.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/80:2)

R. (4) **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. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**  
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. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**  
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. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

**Day 15**

# December 15, 2013

### Third Sunday of Advent  Lectionary: 7

#### Reading 1 [IS 35:1-6A, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/35:1)

The desert and the parched land will exult;  
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.  
They will bloom with abundant flowers,  
and rejoice with joyful song.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the LORD,  
the splendor of our God.  
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,  
make firm the knees that are weak,  
say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
Be strong, fear not!  
Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
with divine recompense  
he comes to save you.  
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.  
  
Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy;  
they will meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning will flee.

#### Reading 2 [JAS 5:7-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/james/5:7)

Be patient, brothers and sisters,  
until the coming of the Lord.  
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,   
being patient with it  
until it receives the early and the late rains.  
You too must be patient.  
Make your hearts firm,  
because the coming of the Lord is at hand.  
Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another,   
that you may not be judged.  
Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.  
Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters,  
the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/146:6)

R. (cf. Is 35:4) **Lord, come and save us.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD God keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.  
R. **Lord, come and save us.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.  
R. **Lord, come and save us.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The fatherless and the widow he sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations.  
R. **Lord, come and save us.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 16**

# December 16, 2013

### Monday of the Third Week of Advent  Lectionary: 187

#### Reading 1 [NM 24:2-7, 15-17A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/numbers/24:2)

When Balaam raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe,  
the spirit of God came upon him,  
and he gave voice to his oracle:  
  
The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor,  
the utterance of a man whose eye is true,  
The utterance of one who hears what God says,  
and knows what the Most High knows,  
Of one who sees what the Almighty sees,  
enraptured, and with eyes unveiled:  
How goodly are your tents, O Jacob;  
your encampments, O Israel!  
They are like gardens beside a stream,  
like the cedars planted by the LORD.  
His wells shall yield free-flowing waters,  
he shall have the sea within reach;  
His king shall rise higher,  
and his royalty shall be exalted.  
  
Then Balaam gave voice to his oracle:  
  
The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor,  
the utterance of the man whose eye is true,  
The utterance of one who hears what God says,  
and knows what the Most High knows,  
Of one who sees what the Almighty sees,  
enraptured, and with eyes unveiled.  
I see him, though not now;  
I behold him, though not near:  
A star shall advance from Jacob,  
and a staff shall rise from Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/25:4)

R. (4) **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. **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**  
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. **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**  
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. **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

**Day 17**

# December 17, 2013

### Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent  Lectionary: 193

#### Reading 1 [GN 49:2, 8-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/genesis/49:2)

Jacob called his sons and said to them:  
“Assemble and listen, sons of Jacob,  
listen to Israel, your father.  
  
“You, Judah, shall your brothers praise  
–your hand on the neck of your enemies;  
the sons of your father shall bow down to you.  
Judah, like a lion’s whelp,  
you have grown up on prey, my son.  
He crouches like a lion recumbent,  
the king of beasts–who would dare rouse him?  
The scepter shall never depart from Judah,  
or the mace from between his legs,  
While tribute is brought to him,  
and he receives the people’s homage.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/72:1)

R. (see 7) **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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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 flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

**Day 18**

# December 18, 2013

### Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent  Lectionary: 194

#### Reading 1 [JER 23:5-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/jeremiah/23:5)

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;  
As king he shall reign and govern wisely,  
he shall do what is just and right in the land.  
In his days Judah shall be saved,  
Israel shall dwell in security.  
This is the name they give him:  
“The LORD our justice.”  
  
Therefore, the days will come, says the LORD,  
when they shall no longer say, “As the LORD lives,  
who brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt”;  
but rather, "As the LORD lives,  
who brought the descendants of the house of Israel  
up from the land of the north”–   
and from all the lands to which I banished them;  
they shall again live on their own land.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/72:1)

R. (see 7) **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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**  
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. **Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

**Day 19**

# December 19, 2013

 Thursday of Third Week of Advent   
Lectionary: 195

#### Reading 1 [JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/judges/13:2)

There was a certain man from Zorah, of the clan of the Danites,  
whose name was Manoah.   
His wife was barren and had borne no children.   
An angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her,  
“Though you are barren and have had no children,  
yet you will conceive and bear a son.   
Now, then, be careful to take no wine or strong drink  
and to eat nothing unclean.  
As for the son you will conceive and bear,  
no razor shall touch his head,  
for this boy is to be consecrated to God from the womb.   
It is he who will begin the deliverance of Israel  
from the power of the Philistines.”  
  
The woman went and told her husband,  
“A man of God came to me;  
he had the appearance of an angel of God, terrible indeed.   
I did not ask him where he came from, nor did he tell me his name.   
But he said to me,  
‘You will be with child and will bear a son.   
So take neither wine nor strong drink, and eat nothing unclean.   
For the boy shall be consecrated to God from the womb,  
until the day of his death.’”  
  
The woman bore a son and named him Samson.   
The boy grew up and the LORD blessed him;  
the Spirit of the LORD stirred him.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/71:3)

R. (see 8) **My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**  
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. **My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**  
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 be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**  
I will treat of the mighty works of the LORD;  
O God, I will tell of your singular justice.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth,  
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.  
R. **My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!**

**Day 20**

# December 20, 2013

### Friday of Third Week of Advent  Lectionary: 196

#### Reading 1 [IS 7:10-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/7:10)

The LORD spoke to Ahaz:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
“I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!”   
Then Isaiah said:  
Listen, O house of David!   
Is it not enough for you to weary men,  
must you also weary my God?   
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/24:1)

R. (see 7c and 10b) **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. **Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**  
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. **Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**  
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. **Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.**

**Day 21**

# December 21, 2013

### Saturday of the Third Week of Advent  Lectionary: 197

#### Reading 1 [SG 2:8-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/songofsongs/2:8)

Hark! my lover–here he comes  
springing across the mountains,  
leaping across the hills.  
My lover is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Here he stands behind our wall,  
gazing through the windows,  
peering through the lattices.  
My lover speaks; he says to me,  
“Arise, my beloved, my dove, my beautiful one,  
and come!  
“For see, the winter is past,  
the rains are over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of pruning the vines has come,  
and the song of the dove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one,  
and come!  
  
“O my dove in the clefts of the rock,  
in the secret recesses of the cliff,  
Let me see you,  
let me hear your voice,   
For your voice is sweet,  
and you are lovely.”

#### Or [ZEP 3:14-18A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/zephaniah/3:14)

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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/33:2)

R. (1a; 3a) **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. **Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.**  
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. **Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.**  
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. **Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.**

**Day 22**

# December 22, 2013

### Fourth Sunday of Advent  Lectionary: 10

#### Reading 1 [IS 7:10-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/7:10)

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:   
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;   
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
“I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!”  
Then Isaiah said:  
Listen, O house of David!  
Is it not enough for you to weary people,   
must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:   
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,   
and shall name him Emmanuel.

#### Reading 2 [ROM 1:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/romans/1:1)

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,  
called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God,  
which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,  
the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh,   
but established as Son of God in power   
according to the Spirit of holiness   
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,   
to bring about the obedience of faith,  
for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,  
among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;  
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/24:1)

R. (7c and 10b) **Let the Lord enter; he is 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. **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**  
Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.  
R. **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**  
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. **Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

**Day 23**

# December 23, 2013

### Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent  Lectionary: 199

#### Reading 1 [MAL 3:1-4, 23-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/malachi/3:1)

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
And suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek,  
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.  
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.  
But who will endure the day of his coming?  
And who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like the refiner’s fire,  
or like the fuller’s lye.  
He will sit refining and purifying silver,  
and he will purify the sons of Levi,  
Refining them like gold or like silver  
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.  
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem  
will please the LORD,  
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.  
  
Lo, I will send you  
Elijah, the prophet,  
Before the day of the LORD comes,  
the great and terrible day,  
To turn the hearts of the fathers to their children,  
and the hearts of the children to their fathers,  
Lest I come and strike  
the land with doom.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/25:4)

R. (see Luke 21:28) **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. **Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.**  
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. **Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.**  
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. **Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.**

**Day 24**

# December 24, 2013

### Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent  Lectionary: 200

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/2samuel/7:1)

When King David was settled in his palace,  
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,  
he said to Nathan the prophet,  
“Here I am living in a house of cedar,  
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”   
Nathan answered the king,  
“Go, do whatever you have in mind,  
for the LORD is with you.”   
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:  
“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:  
Should you build me a house to dwell in?  
  
“‘It was I who took you from the pasture  
and from the care of the flock  
to be commander of my people Israel.   
I have been with you wherever you went,  
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.   
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.   
I will fix a place for my people Israel;  
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place  
without further disturbance.  
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,  
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.  
I will give you rest from all your enemies.   
The LORD also reveals to you  
that he will establish a house for you.   
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,  
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,  
and I will make his Kingdom firm.  
I will be a father to him,  
and he shall be a son to me.  
Your house and your Kingdom shall endure forever before me;  
your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/89:2)

R. (2) **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. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
“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. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
“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. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Day 25**

# December 25, 2013 - Mass At Midnight

### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  Lectionary: 14

#### Reading 1 [IS 9:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/9:1)

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!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/96:1)

R. (Lk 2:11) **Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.  
R. **Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
R. **Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
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. **Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**  
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. **Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

**Day 26**

# December 26, 2013

### Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr  Lectionary: 696

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/acts/6:8)

Stephen, filled with grace and power,  
was working great wonders and signs among the people.  
Certain members of the so-called Synagogue of Freedmen,  
Cyrenians, and Alexandrians,  
and people from Cilicia and Asia,  
came forward and debated with Stephen,  
but they could not withstand the wisdom and the spirit with which he spoke.  
  
When they heard this, they were infuriated,  
and they ground their teeth at him.  
But he, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
looked up intently to heaven  
and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,  
and he said,  
“Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man  
standing at the right hand of God.”  
But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears,  
and rushed upon him together.  
They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him.  
The witnesses laid down their cloaks  
at the feet of a young man named Saul.   
As they were stoning Stephen, he called out  
“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/31:3)

R. (6) **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
Be my rock of refuge,  
a stronghold to give me safety.  
You are my rock and my fortress;  
for your name’s sake you will lead and guide me.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.  
I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
Rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your kindness.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Day 27**

# December 27, 2013

### Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist  Lectionary: 697

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 1:1-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/1john/1:1)

Beloved:  
What was from the beginning,  
what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
what we looked upon  
and touched with our hands  
concerns the Word of life —  
for the life was made visible;  
we have seen it and testify to it  
and proclaim to you the eternal life  
that was with the Father and was made visible to us—   
what we have seen and heard  
we proclaim now to you,  
so that you too may have fellowship with us;  
for our fellowship is with the Father  
and with his Son, Jesus Christ.  
We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/97:1)

R. (12) **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. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**  
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. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**  
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. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**

**Day 28**

# December 28, 2013

### Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs  Lectionary: 698

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 1:5—2:2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/1john/1:5)

Beloved:  
This is the message that we have heard from Jesus Christ  
and proclaim to you:  
God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.  
If we say, “We have fellowship with him,”   
while we continue to walk in darkness,  
we lie and do not act in truth.  
But if we walk in the light as he is in the light,  
then we have fellowship with one another,  
and the Blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.  
If we say, “We are without sin,”  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just   
and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.  
If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make him a liar,   
and his word is not in us.  
  
My children, I am writing this to you  
so that you may not commit sin.  
But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,   
Jesus Christ the righteous one.  
He is expiation for our sins,  
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/124:2)

R. (7) **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. **Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler’s snare.**  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us;  
The torrent would have swept over us;  
over us then would have swept the raging waters.  
R. **Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler’s snare.**  
Broken was the snare,  
and we were freed.  
Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
R. **Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler’s snare.**

**Day 29**

# December 29, 2013

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  Lectionary: 17

#### Reading 1 [SIR 3:2-6, 12-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/sirach/3:2)

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.

#### Reading 2 [COL 3:12-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/colossians/3:12)

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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/128:1)

R. (cf. 1) **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**  
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. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**  
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table.  
R. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**  
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. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

**Day 30**

# December 30, 2013

### The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas  Lectionary: 203

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 2:12-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/1john/2:12)

I am writing to you, children,  
because your sins have been forgiven for his name’s sake.  
  
I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.  
  
I am writing to you, young men,  
because you have conquered the Evil One.  
  
I write to you, children,  
because you know the Father.  
  
I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.  
  
I write to you, young men,  
because you are strong and the word of God remains in you,  
and you have conquered the Evil One.  
  
Do not love the world or the things of the world.   
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.   
For all that is in the world,  
sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life,  
is not from the Father but is from the world.   
Yet the world and its enticement are passing away.   
But whoever does the will of God remains forever.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:7-8A, 8B-9, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/96:7)

R. (11a) **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. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**  
Bring gifts, and enter his courts;  
worship the LORD in holy attire.  
Tremble before him, all the earth.  
R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**  
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. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

**Day 31**

# December 31, 2013

 The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas   
Lectionary: 204

#### Reading 1[1 JN 2:18-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/1john/2:18)

Children, it is the last hour;   
and just as you heard that the antichrist was coming,  
so now many antichrists have appeared.   
Thus we know this is the last hour.   
They went out from us, but they were not really of our number;  
if they had been, they would have remained with us.   
Their desertion shows that none of them was of our number.   
But you have the anointing that comes from the Holy One,  
and you all have knowledge.   
I write to you not because you do not know the truth   
but because you do, and because every lie is alien to the truth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:1-2, 11-12, 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/psalms/96:1)

R. (11a) **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 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. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**  
The LORD comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with his constancy.  
R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

**Day 32**

# January 1, 2014

### The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Lectionary: 18

#### Reading 1 [NM 6:22-27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/numbers/6:22)

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.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/67:2)

R/ (2a) **May God bless us in his mercy.**  
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 God bless us in his mercy.**  
May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.  
R/ **May God bless us in his mercy.**  
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/ **May God bless us in his mercy.**

**Day 33**

# January 2, 2014

 Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
Lectionary: 205

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 2:22-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/2:22)

Beloved:  
Who is the liar?   
Whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ.   
Whoever denies the Father and the Son, this is the antichrist.   
Anyone who denies the Son does not have the Father,  
but whoever confesses the Son has the Father as well.  
  
Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you.   
If what you heard from the beginning remains in you,  
then you will remain in the Son and in the Father.   
And this is the promise that he made us: eternal life.   
I write you these things about those who would deceive you.   
As for you,  
the anointing that you received from him remains in you,  
so that you do not need anyone to teach you.   
But his anointing teaches you about everything and is true and not false;   
just as it taught you, remain in him.  
  
And now, children, remain in him,  
so that when he appears we may have confidence  
and not be put to shame by him at his coming.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (3cd) **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
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.**All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
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 saving power of God.**  
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. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

**Day 34**

# January 3, 2014

### Christmas Weekday  Lectionary: 206

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 2:29-3:6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/2:29)

If you consider that God is righteous,  
you also know that everyone who acts in righteousness  
is begotten by him.  
  
See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.   
Yet 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.  
Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure,  
as he is pure.  
  
Everyone who commits sin commits lawlessness,  
for sin is lawlessness.   
You know that he was revealed to take away sins,  
and in him there is no sin.   
No one who remains in him sins;  
no one who sins has seen him or known him.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (3cd) **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
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. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
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. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
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. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

**Day 35**

# January 4, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Lectionary: 207

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 3:7-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/3:7)

Children, let no one deceive you.   
The person who acts in righteousness is righteous,  
just as he is righteous.   
Whoever sins belongs to the Devil,  
because the Devil has sinned from the beginning.   
Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil.   
No one who is begotten by God commits sin,  
because God’s seed remains in him;  
he cannot sin because he is begotten by God.   
In this way,  
the children of God and the children of the Devil are made plain;  
no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God,  
nor anyone who does not love his brother.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 98:1, 7-8, 9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (3cd) **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
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. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
Let the sea and what fills it resound,  
the world and those who dwell in it;  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
the mountains shout with them for joy before the LORD.  
R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
The LORD comes;  
he comes to rule the earth;  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with equity.  
R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

**Day 36**

# January 5, 2014

### Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord  Lectionary: 20

#### Reading 1 [IS 60:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/60:1)

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.

#### Reading 2  [EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/3:2)

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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/72:1)

R/ (cf. 11) **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/ **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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/ **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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/ **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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/ **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Day 37**

# January 6, 2014

### Monday after Epiphany Lectionary: 212

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 3:22-4:6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/3:22)

Beloved:  
We 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 whom he gave us.  
  
Beloved, do not trust every spirit  
but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God,  
because many false prophets have gone out into the world.  
This is how you can know the Spirit of God:  
every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh  
belongs to God,  
and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus  
does not belong to God.  
This is the spirit of the antichrist  
who, as you heard, is to come,  
but in fact is already in the world.  
You belong to God, children, and you have conquered them,  
for the one who is in you  
is greater than the one who is in the world.  
They belong to the world;  
accordingly, their teaching belongs to the world,  
and the world listens to them.  
We belong to God, and anyone who knows God listens to us,  
while anyone who does not belong to God refuses to hear us.  
This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/2:7)

R. (8ab)**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. **I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.**  
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.**I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.**

**Day 38**

# January 7, 2014

### Tuesday after Epiphany Lectionary: 213

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 4:7-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/4:7)

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.  
In this way 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.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/72:1)

R. (see 11) **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. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Day 39**

# January 8, 2014

### Wednesday after Epiphany  Lectionary: 214

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 4:11-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/4:11)

Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another.   
No one has ever seen God.   
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.  
  
This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,  
that he has given us of his Spirit.   
Moreover, we have seen and testify  
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.   
Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God remains in him and he in God.   
We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.  
  
God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.   
In this is love brought to perfection among us,  
that we have confidence on the day of judgment  
because as he is, so are we in this world.   
There is no fear in love,  
but perfect love drives out fear  
because fear has to do with punishment,  
and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/72:1)

R. (see 11) **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. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.  
R. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Day 40**

# January 9, 2014

### Thursday after Epiphany Lectionary: 215

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 4:19-5:4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/4:19)

Beloved, we love God because  
he first loved us.   
If anyone says, “I love God,”  
but hates his brother, he is a liar;  
for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen   
cannot love God whom he has not seen.   
This is the commandment we have from him:  
Whoever loves God must also love his brother.  
  
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,  
and everyone who loves the Father  
loves also the one begotten by him.   
In this way we know that we love the children of God  
when we love God and obey his commandments.   
For the love of God is this,  
that we keep his commandments.  
And his commandments are not burdensome,  
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.   
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 72:1-2, 14 AND 15BC, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/72:1)

R. (see 11) **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.**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Day 41**

# January 10, 2014

### Friday after Epiphany Lectionary: 216

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 5:5-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/5:5)

Beloved:  
Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
  
This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and Blood.   
The Spirit is the one who testifies,  
and the Spirit is truth.   
So there are three who testify,  
the Spirit, the water, and the Blood,   
and the three are of one accord.   
If we accept human testimony,  
the testimony of God is surely greater.   
Now the testimony of God is this,  
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.   
Whoever believes in the Son of God  
has this testimony within himself.  
Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar  
by not believing the testimony God has given about his Son.   
And this is the testimony:  
God gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son.   
Whoever possesses the Son has life;  
whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life.  
  
I write these things to you so that you may know  
that you have eternal life,  
you who believe in the name of the Son of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/147:12)

R. (12a) **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R. **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. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
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. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.  
He has not done thus for any other nation;  
his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.  
R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 42**

# January 11, 2014

### Saturday after Epiphany Lectionary: 217

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 5:14-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/5:14)

Beloved:  
We have this confidence in him  
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.   
And if we know that he hears us in regard to whatever we ask,  
we know that what we have asked him for is ours.   
If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly,  
he should pray to God and he will give him life.   
This is only for those whose sin is not deadly.   
There is such a thing as deadly sin,  
about which I do not say that you should pray.   
All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.  
  
We know that anyone begotten by God does not sin;  
but the one begotten by God he protects,  
and the Evil One cannot touch him.   
We know that we belong to God,  
and the whole world is under the power of the Evil One.   
We also know that the Son of God has come  
and has given us discernment to know the one who is true.   
And we are in the one who is true,  
in his Son Jesus Christ.   
He is the true God and eternal life.   
Children, be on your guard against idols.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/149:1)

R. (see 4a) **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 43**

# January 12, 2014

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Lectionary: 21

#### Reading 1 [IS 42:1-4, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/42:1)

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.

#### Reading 2 [ACTS 10:34-38](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/10:34)

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.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/29:1)

R/ (11b) **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**  
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 Lord will bless his people with peace.**  
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 Lord will bless his people with peace.**  
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/ **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**Day 44**

# January 13, 2014

### Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 305

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 1:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/1:1)

There was a certain man from Ramathaim, Elkanah by name,  
a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim.  
He was the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu,  
son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.  
He had two wives, one named Hannah, the other Peninnah;  
Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless.  
This man regularly went on pilgrimage from his city  
to worship the LORD of hosts and to sacrifice to him at Shiloh,  
where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas,  
were ministering as priests of the LORD.  
When the day came for Elkanah to offer sacrifice,  
he used to give a portion each to his wife Peninnah  
and to all her sons and daughters,  
but a double portion to Hannah because he loved her,  
though the LORD had made her barren.  
Her rival, to upset her, turned it into a constant reproach to her  
that the LORD had left her barren.  
This went on year after year;  
each time they made their pilgrimage to the sanctuary of the LORD,  
Peninnah would approach her,  
and Hannah would weep and refuse to eat.  
Her husband Elkanah used to ask her:   
“Hannah, why do you weep, and why do you refuse to eat?  
Why do you grieve?  
Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/116:12)

R. (17a) **To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**  
or:  
R. **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. **To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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.**To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 45**

# January 14, 2014

### Tuesday of the First week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 306

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 1:9-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/1:9)

Hannah rose after a meal at Shiloh,  
and presented herself before the LORD;  
at the time, Eli the priest was sitting on a chair  
near the doorpost of the LORD’s temple.  
In her bitterness she prayed to the LORD, weeping copiously,  
and she made a vow, promising: “O LORD of hosts,  
if you look with pity on the misery of your handmaid,  
if you remember me and do not forget me,  
if you give your handmaid a male child,  
I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives;  
neither wine nor liquor shall he drink,  
and no razor shall ever touch his head.”  
As she remained long at prayer before the LORD,  
Eli watched her mouth, for Hannah was praying silently;  
though her lips were moving, her voice could not be heard.  
Eli, thinking her drunk, said to her,  
“How long will you make a drunken show of yourself?  
Sober up from your wine!”  
“It isn’t that, my lord,” Hannah answered.  
“I am an unhappy woman.  
I have had neither wine nor liquor;  
I was only pouring out my troubles to the LORD.  
Do not think your handmaid a ne’er-do-well;  
my prayer has been prompted by my deep sorrow and misery.”  
Eli said, “Go in peace,  
and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.”  
She replied, “Think kindly of your maidservant,” and left.  
She went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband,  
and no longer appeared downcast.  
Early the next morning they worshiped before the LORD,  
and then returned to their home in Ramah.  
  
When Elkanah had relations with his wife Hannah,  
the LORD remembered her.   
She conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son  
whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/2:1)

R. (see 1) **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. **My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**  
“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. **My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**  
“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. **My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**  
“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. **My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.**

**Day 46**

# January 15, 2014

### Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 307

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/3:1)

During the time young Samuel was minister to the LORD under Eli,  
a revelation of the LORD was uncommon and vision infrequent.  
One day Eli was asleep in his usual place.  
His eyes had lately grown so weak that he could not see.  
The lamp of God was not yet extinguished,  
and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD  
where the ark of God was.  
The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, “Here I am.”  
Samuel ran to Eli and said, “Here I am. You called me.”  
“I did not call you,” Eli said. “Go back to sleep.”   
So he went back to sleep.  
Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.  
“Here I am,” he said. “You called me.”  
But Eli answered, “I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep.”  
At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD,  
because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet.  
The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time.  
Getting up and going to Eli, he said, “Here I am.   
You called me.”  
Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth.  
So Eli said to Samuel, “Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply,  
‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’”   
When Samuel went to sleep in his place,  
the LORD came and revealed his presence,  
calling out as before, “Samuel, Samuel!”  
Samuel answered, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”  
  
Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him,  
not permitting any word of his to be without effect.  
Thus all Israel from Dan to Beersheba  
came to know that Samuel was an accredited prophet of the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 40:2 AND 5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/40:2)

R. (8a and 9a) **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. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
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. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
“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. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.  
R. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Day 47**

# January 16, 2014

### Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 308

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 4:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/4:1)

The Philistines gathered for an attack on Israel.  
Israel went out to engage them in battle and camped at Ebenezer,  
while the Philistines camped at Aphek.  
The Philistines then drew up in battle formation against Israel.  
After a fierce struggle Israel was defeated by the Philistines,  
who slew about four thousand men on the battlefield.  
When the troops retired to the camp, the elders of Israel said,  
“Why has the LORD permitted us to be defeated today  
by the Philistines?  
Let us fetch the ark of the LORD from Shiloh  
that it may go into battle among us  
and save us from the grasp of our enemies.”  
  
So the people sent to Shiloh and brought from there  
the ark of the LORD of hosts, who is enthroned upon the cherubim.  
The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were with the ark of God.  
When the ark of the LORD arrived in the camp,  
all Israel shouted so loudly that the earth resounded.  
The Philistines, hearing the noise of shouting, asked,  
“What can this loud shouting in the camp of the Hebrews mean?”  
On learning that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp,  
the Philistines were frightened.  
They said, “Gods have come to their camp.”  
They said also, “Woe to us! This has never happened before. Woe to us!  
Who can deliver us from the power of these mighty gods?  
These are the gods that struck the Egyptians  
with various plagues and with pestilence.  
Take courage and be manly, Philistines;  
otherwise you will become slaves to the Hebrews,  
as they were your slaves.  
So fight manfully!”   
The Philistines fought and Israel was defeated;  
every man fled to his own tent.  
It was a disastrous defeat,  
in which Israel lost thirty thousand foot soldiers.  
The ark of God was captured,  
and Eli’s two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were among the dead.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/44:10)

R. (27b) **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. **Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy.**  
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. **Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy.**  
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. **Redeem us, Lord, because of your mercy.**

**Day 48**

# January 17, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot Lectionary: 309

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/8:4)

All the elders of Israel came in a body to Samuel at Ramah  
and said to him, “Now that you are old,  
and your sons do not follow your example,  
appoint a king over us, as other nations have, to judge us.”  
  
Samuel was displeased when they asked for a king to judge them.  
He prayed to the LORD, however, who said in answer:  
“Grant the people’s every request.  
It is not you they reject, they are rejecting me as their king.”  
  
Samuel delivered the message of the LORD in full  
to those who were asking him for a king.  
He told them:  
“The rights of the king who will rule you will be as follows:  
He will take your sons and assign them to his chariots and horses,  
and they will run before his chariot.  
He will also appoint from among them his commanders of groups  
of a thousand and of a hundred soldiers.  
He will set them to do his plowing and his harvesting,  
and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.   
He will use your daughters as ointment makers, as cooks, and as bakers.  
He will take the best of your fields, vineyards, and olive groves,  
and give them to his officials.  
He will tithe your crops and your vineyards,  
and give the revenue to his eunuchs and his slaves.  
He will take your male and female servants,  
as well as your best oxen and your asses,  
and use them to do his work.  
He will tithe your flocks and you yourselves will become his slaves.  
When this takes place,  
you will complain against the king whom you have chosen,  
but on that day the LORD will not answer you.”  
  
The people, however, refused to listen to Samuel’s warning and said,  
“Not so! There must be a king over us.  
We too must be like other nations,  
with a king to rule us and to lead us in warfare  
and fight our battles.”   
When Samuel had listened to all the people had to say,  
he repeated it to the LORD, who then said to him,  
“Grant their request and appoint a king to rule them.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 89:16-17, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:16)

R. (2) **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 ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
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.**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Day 49**

# January 18, 2014

### Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 310

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/9:1)

There was a stalwart man from Benjamin named Kish,  
who was the son of Abiel, son of Zeror,  
son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite.  
He had a son named Saul, who was a handsome young man.  
There was no other child of Israel more handsome than Saul;  
he stood head and shoulders above the people.  
  
Now the asses of Saul’s father, Kish, had wandered off.  
Kish said to his son Saul, “Take one of the servants with you  
and go out and hunt for the asses.”  
Accordingly they went through the hill country of Ephraim,  
and through the land of Shalishah.  
Not finding them there,  
they continued through the land of Shaalim without success.  
They also went through the land of Benjamin,  
but they failed to find the animals.  
  
When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him,  
“This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people.”  
  
Saul met Samuel in the gateway and said,  
“Please tell me where the seer lives.”  
Samuel answered Saul: “I am the seer.  
Go up ahead of me to the high place and eat with me today.  
In the morning, before dismissing you,  
I will tell you whatever you wish.”  
  
Then, from a flask he had with him, Samuel poured oil on Saul’s head;  
he also kissed him, saying:  
“The LORD anoints you commander over his heritage.  
You are to govern the LORD’s people Israel,  
and to save them from the grasp of their enemies roundabout.  
  
“This will be the sign for you  
that the LORD has anointed you commander over his heritage.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/21:2)

R. (2a) **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.**Lord, in your strength the king is glad.**  
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. **Lord, in your strength the king is glad.**  
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. **Lord, in your strength the king is glad.**

**Day 50**

# January 19, 2014

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 64

#### Reading 1 [IS 49:3, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/49:3)

The LORD said to me: You are my servant,  
Israel, through whom I show my glory.  
Now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,  
that Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;  
and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!  
It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 1:1-3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:1)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Sosthenes our brother,  
to the church of God that is in Corinth,  
to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy,  
with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,   
their Lord and ours.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/40:2)

R/ (8a and 9a) **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.  
And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.   
R/ **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
Sacrifice or offering you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, “Behold I come.”  
R/ **Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
“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/ **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.  
R/ **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Day 51**

# January 20, 2014

### Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 311

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 15:16-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/15:16)

Samuel said to Saul:  
“Stop! Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”  
Saul replied, “Speak!”   
Samuel then said: “Though little in your own esteem,  
are you not leader of the tribes of Israel?  
The LORD anointed you king of Israel and sent you on a mission, saying,  
‘Go and put the sinful Amalekites under a ban of destruction.  
Fight against them until you have exterminated them.’  
Why then have you disobeyed the LORD?  
You have pounced on the spoil, thus displeasing the LORD.”  
Saul answered Samuel: “I did indeed obey the LORD  
and fulfill the mission on which the LORD sent me.  
I have brought back Agag, and I have destroyed Amalek under the ban.  
But from the spoil the men took sheep and oxen,  
the best of what had been banned,  
to sacrifice to the LORD their God in Gilgal.”  
But Samuel said:  
“Does the LORD so delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices  
as in obedience to the command of the LORD?  
Obedience is better than sacrifice,  
and submission than the fat of rams.  
For a sin like divination is rebellion,  
and presumption is the crime of idolatry.  
Because you have rejected the command of the LORD,  
he, too, has rejected you as ruler.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/50:8)

R. (23b) **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. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth,  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?”  
R. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“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. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

**Day 52**

# January 21, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Lectionary: 312

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 16:1-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/16:1)

The LORD said to Samuel:  
“How long will you grieve for Saul,  
whom I have rejected as king of Israel?  
Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.  
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,  
for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”  
But Samuel replied:  
“How can I go?  
Saul will hear of it and kill me.”  
To this the LORD answered:  
“Take a heifer along and say,  
‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’  
Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I myself will tell you what to do;  
you are to anoint for me the one I point out to you.”  
  
Samuel did as the LORD had commanded him.  
When he entered Bethlehem,  
the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and inquired,  
“Is your visit peaceful, O seer?”  
He replied:  
“Yes! I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.  
So cleanse yourselves and join me today for the banquet.”  
He also had Jesse and his sons cleanse themselves  
and invited them to the sacrifice.  
As they came, he looked at Eliab and thought,  
“Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.”  
But the LORD said to Samuel:   
“Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,  
because I have rejected him.  
Not as man sees does God see,  
because he sees the appearance  
but the LORD looks into the heart.”  
Then Jesse called Abinadab and presented him before Samuel,  
who said, “The LORD has not chosen him.”  
Next Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said,  
“The LORD has not chosen this one either.”  
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,  
but Samuel said to Jesse,  
“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”  
Then Samuel asked Jesse,  
“Are these all the sons you have?”  
Jesse replied,  
“There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.”  
Samuel said to Jesse,  
“Send for him;  
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.”   
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.  
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold  
and making a splendid appearance.  
The LORD said,

“There–anoint him, for this is he!”   
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,  
anointed him in the midst of his brothers;  
and from that day on, the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.   
When Samuel took his leave, he went to Ramah.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 89:20, 21-22, 27-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:20)

R. (21a) **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.**  
“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. **I have found David, my servant.**  
“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. **I have found David, my servant.**

**Day 53**

# January 22, 2014

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Lectionary: 313

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/17:32)

David spoke to Saul:  
“Let your majesty not lose courage.  
I am at your service to go and fight this Philistine.”  
But Saul answered David,  
“You cannot go up against this Philistine and fight with him,  
for you are only a youth, while he has been a warrior from his youth.”  
  
David continued:  
“The LORD, who delivered me from the claws of the lion and the bear,  
will also keep me safe from the clutches of this Philistine.”  
Saul answered David, “Go! the LORD will be with you.”  
  
Then, staff in hand, David selected five smooth stones from the wadi  
and put them in the pocket of his shepherd’s bag.  
With his sling also ready to hand, he approached the Philistine.  
  
With his shield bearer marching before him,  
the Philistine also advanced closer and closer to David.  
When he had sized David up,  
and seen that he was youthful, and ruddy, and handsome in appearance,  
the Philistine held David in contempt.  
The Philistine said to David,  
“Am I a dog that you come against me with a staff?”  
Then the Philistine cursed David by his gods  
and said to him, “Come here to me,  
and I will leave your flesh for the birds of the air  
and the beasts of the field.”  
David answered him:  
“You come against me with sword and spear and scimitar,  
but I come against you in the name of the LORD of hosts,  
the God of the armies of Israel that you have insulted.  
Today the LORD shall deliver you into my hand;  
I will strike you down and cut off your head.  
This very day I will leave your corpse  
and the corpses of the Philistine army for the birds of the air  
and the beasts of the field;  
thus the whole land shall learn that Israel has a God.  
All this multitude, too,  
shall learn that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves.  
For the battle is the LORD’s and he shall deliver you into our hands.”  
  
The Philistine then moved to meet David at close quarters,  
while David ran quickly toward the battle line   
in the direction of the Philistine.  
David put his hand into the bag and took out a stone,  
hurled it with the sling,  
and struck the Philistine on the forehead.  
The stone embedded itself in his brow,  
and he fell prostrate on the ground.  
Thus David overcame the Philistine with sling and stone;  
he struck the Philistine mortally, and did it without a sword.  
Then David ran and stood over him;  
with the Philistine’s own sword which he drew from its sheath  
he dispatched him and cut off his head.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/144:1)

R. (1) **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
My refuge and my fortress,  
my stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield, in whom I trust,  
who subdues my people under me.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
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. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

**Day 54**

# January 23, 2014

### Thursday of the Second week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 314

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 18:6-9;19:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/18:6)

When David and Saul approached  
(on David’s return after slaying the Philistine),   
women came out from each of the cities of Israel to meet King Saul,  
singing and dancing, with tambourines, joyful songs, and sistrums.  
The women played and sang:  
  
“Saul has slain his thousands,   
and David his ten thousands.”  
  
Saul was very angry and resentful of the song, for he thought:  
“They give David ten thousands, but only thousands to me.  
All that remains for him is the kingship.”  
And from that day on, Saul was jealous of David.  
  
Saul discussed his intention of killing David   
with his son Jonathan and with all his servants.  
But Saul’s son Jonathan, who was very fond of David, told him:  
“My father Saul is trying to kill you.  
Therefore, please be on your guard tomorrow morning;   
get out of sight and remain in hiding.  
I, however, will go out and stand beside my father   
in the countryside where you are, and will speak to him about you.  
If I learn anything, I will let you know.”  
  
Jonathan then spoke well of David to his father Saul, saying to him:  
“Let not your majesty sin against his servant David,   
for he has committed no offense against you,   
but has helped you very much by his deeds.  
When he took his life in his hands and slew the Philistine,   
and the LORD brought about a great victory  
for all Israel through him,   
you were glad to see it.  
Why, then, should you become guilty of shedding innocent blood   
by killing David without cause?”  
Saul heeded Jonathan’s plea and swore,   
“As the LORD lives, he shall not be killed.”  
So Jonathan summoned David and repeated the whole conversation to him.  
Jonathan then brought David to Saul, and David served him as before.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 56:2-3, 9-10A, 10B-11, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/56:2)

R. (5b) **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. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**  
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. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**  
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. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**  
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. **In God I trust; I shall not fear.**

**Day 55**

# January 24, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 315

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 24:3-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/24:3)

Saul took three thousand picked men from all Israel   
and went in search of David and his men   
in the direction of the wild goat crags.  
When he came to the sheepfolds along the way, he found a cave,   
which he entered to relieve himself.  
David and his men were occupying the inmost recesses of the cave.  
  
David’s servants said to him,   
“This is the day of which the LORD said to you,   
‘I will deliver your enemy into your grasp;   
do with him as you see fit.’”  
So David moved up and stealthily cut off an end of Saul’s mantle.  
Afterward, however, David regretted that he had cut off   
an end of Saul’s mantle.  
He said to his men,  
“The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master,   
the LORD’s anointed, as to lay a hand on him,   
for he is the LORD’s anointed.”  
With these words David restrained his men   
and would not permit them to attack Saul.  
Saul then left the cave and went on his way.  
David also stepped out of the cave, calling to Saul,   
“My lord the king!”  
When Saul looked back, David bowed to the ground in homage and asked Saul:  
“Why do you listen to those who say,   
‘David is trying to harm you’?  
You see for yourself today that the LORD just now delivered you   
into my grasp in the cave.  
I had some thought of killing you, but I took pity on you instead.  
I decided, ‘I will not raise a hand against my lord,   
for he is the LORD’s anointed and a father to me.’  
Look here at this end of your mantle which I hold.  
Since I cut off an end of your mantle and did not kill you,   
see and be convinced that I plan no harm and no rebellion.  
I have done you no wrong,   
though you are hunting me down to take my life.  
The LORD will judge between me and you,   
and the LORD will exact justice from you in my case.  
I shall not touch you.  
The old proverb says, ‘From the wicked comes forth wickedness.’  
So I will take no action against you.  
Against whom are you on campaign, O king of Israel?  
Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog, or a single flea!  
The LORD will be the judge; he will decide between me and you.  
May he see this, and take my part,  
and grant me justice beyond your reach!”  
When David finished saying these things to Saul, Saul answered,   
“Is that your voice, my son David?”  
And Saul wept aloud.  
Saul then said to David: “You are in the right rather than I;   
you have treated me generously, while I have done you harm.  
Great is the generosity you showed me today,   
when the LORD delivered me into your grasp  
and you did not kill me.  
For if a man meets his enemy, does he send him away unharmed?  
May the LORD reward you generously for what you have done this day.  
And now, I know that you shall surely be king   
and that sovereignty over Israel shall come into your possession.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 57:2, 3-4, 6 AND 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/57:2)

R. (2a) **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. **Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**  
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. **Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**  
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. **Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.**

**Day 56**

# January 25, 2014

### Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle  Lectionary: 519

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 22:3-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/22:3)

Paul addressed the people in these words:  
“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia,  
but brought up in this city.  
At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law  
and was zealous for God, just as all of you are today.  
I persecuted this Way to death,  
binding both men and women and delivering them to prison.  
Even the high priest and the whole council of elders  
can testify on my behalf.  
For from them I even received letters to the brothers  
and set out for Damascus to bring back to Jerusalem  
in chains for punishment those there as well.  
  
“On that journey as I drew near to Damascus,  
about noon a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me.  
I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me,  
‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’  
I replied, ‘Who are you, sir?’  
And he said to me,  
‘I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting.’  
My companions saw the light  
but did not hear the voice of the one who spoke to me.  
I asked, ‘What shall I do, sir?’  
The Lord answered me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus,  
and there you will be told about everything  
appointed for you to do.’   
Since I could see nothing because of the brightness of that light,  
I was led by hand by my companions and entered Damascus.  
  
“A certain Ananias, a devout observer of the law,  
and highly spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,  
came to me and stood there and said,  
‘Saul, my brother, regain your sight.’  
And at that very moment I regained my sight and saw him.  
Then he said,  
‘The God of our ancestors designated you to know his will,  
to see the Righteous One, and to hear the sound of his voice;  
for you will be his witness before all  
to what you have seen and heard.  
Now, why delay?  
Get up and have yourself baptized and your sins washed away,  
calling upon his name.’”

#### Or [ACTS 9:1-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/9:1)

Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord,  
went to the high priest and asked him  
for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that,  
if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way,  
he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.  
On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus,  
a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him.  
He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,  
“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”  
He said, “Who are you, sir?”  
The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.  
Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.”   
The men who were traveling with him stood speechless,  
for they heard the voice but could see no one.  
Saul got up from the ground,  
but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing;  
so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus.  
For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.  
  
There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias,  
and the Lord said to him in a vision, AAnanias.”  
He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”  
The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight  
and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul.   
He is there praying,  
and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias  
come in and lay his hands on him,  
that he may regain his sight.”  
But Ananias replied,  
“Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man,  
what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem.  
And here he has authority from the chief priests  
to imprison all who call upon your name.”  
But the Lord said to him,  
“Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine  
to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and children of Israel,  
and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name.”  
So Ananias went and entered the house;  
laying his hands on him, he said,  
“Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me,  
Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came,  
that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”  
Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes  
and he regained his sight.  
He got up and was baptized,  
and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.  
  
He stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus,  
and he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues,  
that he is the Son of God.  
All who heard him were astounded and said,   
“Is not this the man who in Jerusalem  
ravaged those who call upon this name,  
and came here expressly to take them back in chains  
to the chief priests?”  
But Saul grew all the stronger  
and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus,  
proving that this is the Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 117:1BC, 2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/117:1)

R. (Mark 16:15) **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
glorify him, all you peoples!  
R. **Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
For steadfast is his kindness toward us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.  
R. **Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Day 57**

# January 26, 2014

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 67

#### Reading 1 [IS 8:23-9:3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/8:23)

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun  
and the land of Naphtali;  
but in the end he has glorified the seaward road,  
the land west of the Jordan,  
the District of the Gentiles.  
  
Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness:  
for there is no gloom where but now there was distress.  
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.

#### Reading 2  [1 COR 1:10-13, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:10)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree in what you say,  
and that there be no divisions among you,  
but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.  
For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters,  
by Chloe’s people, that there are rivalries among you.  
I mean that each of you is saying,  
“I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,”   
or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.”  
Is Christ divided?  
Was Paul crucified for you?  
Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?  
For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel,  
and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,  
so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 27:1, 4, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:1)

R/ (1a) **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/ **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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/ **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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/ **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Day 58**

# January 27, 2014

### Monday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 317

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 5:1-7, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/5:1)

All the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said:  
“Here we are, your bone and your flesh.  
In days past, when Saul was our king,   
it was you who led the children of Israel out and brought them back.  
And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd my people Israel   
and shall be commander of Israel.’”  
When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron,   
King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD,   
and they anointed him king of Israel.  
David was thirty years old when he became king,   
and he reigned for forty years:   
seven years and six months in Hebron over Judah,   
and thirty-three years in Jerusalem  
over all Israel and Judah.  
  
Then the king and his men set out for Jerusalem   
against the Jebusites who inhabited the region.  
David was told, “You cannot enter here:   
the blind and the lame will drive you away!”   
which was their way of saying, “David cannot enter here.”  
But David did take the stronghold of Zion, which is the City of David.   
  
David grew steadily more powerful,  
for the LORD of hosts was with him.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 89:20, 21-22, 25-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:20)

R. (25a) **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. **My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him.**  
“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.**  
“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. **My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him.**

**Day 59**

# January 28, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 318

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/6:2)

David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom   
into the City of David amid festivities.  
As soon as the bearers of the ark of the LORD had advanced six steps,   
he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.  
Then David, girt with a linen apron,   
came dancing before the LORD with abandon,   
as he and all the house of Israel were bringing up the ark of the LORD  
with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn.  
The ark of the LORD was brought in and set in its place   
within the tent David had pitched for it.  
Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.  
When he finished making these offerings,   
he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.  
He then distributed among all the people,   
to each man and each woman in the entire multitude of Israel,   
a loaf of bread, a cut of roast meat, and a raisin cake.  
With this, all the people left for their homes.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24:7)

R. (8) **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? It is the Lord!**  
Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.  
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? It is the Lord!**  
Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.  
R. **Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

**Day 60**

# January 29, 2014

### Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 319

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 7:4-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/7:4)

That night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:  
“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:  
Should you build me a house to dwell in?  
I have not dwelt in a house   
from the day on which I led the children of Israel   
out of Egypt to the present,   
but I have been going about in a tent under cloth.  
In all my wanderings everywhere among the children of Israel,   
did I ever utter a word to any one of the judges   
whom I charged to tend my people Israel, to ask:   
Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’  
  
“Now then, speak thus to my servant David,   
‘The LORD of hosts has this to say:   
It was I who took you from the pasture  
and from the care of the flock  
to be commander of my people Israel.  
I have been with you wherever you went,   
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.  
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.  
I will fix a place for my people Israel;   
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place  
without further disturbance.  
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,   
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.  
I will give you rest from all your enemies.  
The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you.  
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,   
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,   
and I will make his Kingdom firm.  
It is he who shall build a house for my name.  
And I will make his royal throne firm forever.  
I will be a father to him,  
and he shall be a son to me.  
And if he does wrong,   
I will correct him with the rod of men  
and with human chastisements;   
but I will not withdraw my favor from him   
as I withdrew it from your predecessor Saul,   
whom I removed from my presence.  
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;   
your throne shall stand firm forever.’”  
  
Nathan reported all these words and this entire vision to David.

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 1:10-13, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:10)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree in what you say,  
and that there be no divisions among you,  
but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.  
For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters,  
by Chloe’s people, that there are rivalries among you.  
I mean that each of you is saying,  
“I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,”   
or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.”  
Is Christ divided?  
Was Paul crucified for you?  
Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?  
For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel,  
and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,  
so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:4)

R. (29a) **For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**  
“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will make your dynasty stand forever  
and establish your throne through all ages.”  
R. **For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**  
“He shall cry to me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock that brings me victory!’  
I myself make him firstborn,  
Most High over the kings of the earth.”  
R. **For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**  
“Forever I will maintain my love for him;  
my covenant with him stands firm.  
I will establish his dynasty forever,  
his throne as the days of the heavens.”  
R. **For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**

**Day 61**

# January 30, 2014

### Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 320

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 7:18-19, 24-29](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/7:18)

After Nathan had spoken to King David,   
the king went in and sat before the LORD and said,   
“Who am I, Lord GOD, and who are the members of my house,   
that you have brought me to this point?  
Yet even this you see as too little, Lord GOD;   
you have also spoken of the house of your servant   
for a long time to come:   
this too you have shown to man, Lord GOD!  
  
“You have established for yourself your people Israel as yours forever,   
and you, LORD, have become their God.  
And now, LORD God, confirm for all time the prophecy you have made   
concerning your servant and his house,   
and do as you have promised.  
Your name will be forever great, when men say,   
‘The LORD of hosts is God of Israel,’  
and the house of your servant David stands firm before you.  
It is you, LORD of hosts, God of Israel,   
who said in a revelation to your servant,   
‘I will build a house for you.’  
Therefore your servant now finds the courage to make this prayer to you.  
And now, Lord GOD, you are God and your words are truth;   
you have made this generous promise to your servant.  
Do, then, bless the house of your servant   
that it may be before you forever;   
for you, Lord GOD, have promised,   
and by your blessing the house of your servant   
shall be blessed forever.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/132:1)

R. (Lk 1:32b) **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. **The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.**  
“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 God will give him the throne of David, his father.**  
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. **The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.**  
“If your sons keep my covenant,  
and the decrees which I shall teach them,  
Their sons, too, forever  
shall sit upon your throne.”  
R. **The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.**  
For the LORD has chosen Zion,  
he prefers her for his dwelling:  
“Zion is my resting place forever;  
in her I will dwell, for I prefer her.”  
R. **The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.**

**Day 62**

# January 31, 2014

### Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest Lectionary: 321

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 11:1-4A, 5-10A, 13-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/2samuel/11:1)

At the turn of the year, when kings go out on campaign,  
David sent out Joab along with his officers  
and the army of Israel,   
and they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah.  
David, however, remained in Jerusalem.  
One evening David rose from his siesta   
and strolled about on the roof of the palace.  
From the roof he saw a woman bathing, who was very beautiful.  
David had inquiries made about the woman and was told,   
“She is Bathsheba, daughter of Eliam,   
and wife of Joab’s armor bearer Uriah the Hittite.”  
Then David sent messengers and took her.  
When she came to him, he had relations with her.  
She then returned to her house.  
But the woman had conceived,   
and sent the information to David, “I am with child.”  
  
David therefore sent a message to Joab,  
“Send me Uriah the Hittite.”  
So Joab sent Uriah to David.  
When he came, David questioned him about Joab, the soldiers,   
and how the war was going, and Uriah answered that all was well.  
David then said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and bathe your feet.”   
Uriah left the palace,   
and a portion was sent out after him from the king’s table.  
But Uriah slept at the entrance of the royal palace   
with the other officers of his lord, and did not go down   
to his own house.  
David was told that Uriah had not gone home.  
On the day following, David summoned him,   
and he ate and drank with David, who made him drunk.  
But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his bed   
among his lord’s servants, and did not go down to his home.  
The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab  
which he sent by Uriah.  
In it he directed:  
“Place Uriah up front, where the fighting is fierce.  
Then pull back and leave him to be struck down dead.”  
So while Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah  
to a place where he knew the defenders were strong.  
When the men of the city made a sortie against Joab,   
some officers of David’s army fell,  
and among them Uriah the Hittite died.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 51:3-4, 5-6A, 6BCD-7, 10-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R. (see 3a) **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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**Day 63**

# February 1, 2014

### Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 322

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/12:1)

The LORD sent Nathan to David, and when he came to him,  
Nathan said: “Judge this case for me!  
In a certain town there were two men, one rich, the other poor.  
The rich man had flocks and herds in great numbers.  
But the poor man had nothing at all   
except one little ewe lamb that he had bought.  
He nourished her, and she grew up with him and his children.  
She shared the little food he had   
and drank from his cup and slept in his bosom.  
She was like a daughter to him.  
Now, the rich man received a visitor,   
but he would not take from his own flocks and herds   
to prepare a meal for the wayfarer who had come to him.  
Instead he took the poor man’s ewe lamb   
and made a meal of it for his visitor.”  
David grew very angry with that man and said to him:   
“As the LORD lives, the man who has done this merits death!  
He shall restore the ewe lamb fourfold   
because he has done this and has had no pity.”  
  
Then Nathan said to David: “You are the man!  
Thus says the LORD God of Israel:  
‘The sword shall never depart from your house,   
because you have despised me   
and have taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife.’  
Thus says the LORD:  
‘I will bring evil upon you out of your own house.  
I will take your wives while you live to see it,   
and will give them to your neighbor.  
He shall lie with your wives in broad daylight.  
You have done this deed in secret,   
but I will bring it about in the presence of all Israel,   
and with the sun looking down.’”  
  
Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”  
Nathan answered David: “The LORD on his part has forgiven your sin:  
you shall not die.  
But since you have utterly spurned the LORD by this deed,   
the child born to you must surely die.”  
Then Nathan returned to his house.  
  
The LORD struck the child that the wife of Uriah had borne to David,   
and it became desperately ill.  
David besought God for the child.  
He kept a fast, retiring for the night   
to lie on the ground clothed in sackcloth.  
The elders of his house stood beside him   
urging him to rise from the ground; but he would not,   
nor would he take food with them.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:12)

R. (12a) **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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**  
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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**  
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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

**Day 64**

# February 2, 2014

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Lectionary: 524

#### Reading 1 [MAL 3:1-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/malachi/3:1)

Thus says the Lord God:  
Lo, I am sending my messenger  
to prepare the way before me;  
And suddenly there will come to the temple  
the LORD whom you seek,  
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.  
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.  
But who will endure the day of his coming?  
And who can stand when he appears?  
For he is like the refiner’s fire,  
or like the fuller’s lye.  
He will sit refining and purifying silver,  
and he will purify the sons of Levi,  
Refining them like gold or like silver  
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.  
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem  
will please the LORD,  
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

#### Reading 2  [HEB 2:14-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/2:14)

Since the children share in blood and flesh,  
Jesus likewise shared in them,  
that through death he might destroy the one  
who has the power of death, that is, the Devil,  
and free those who through fear of death  
had been subject to slavery all their life.  
Surely he did not help angels  
but rather the descendants of Abraham;  
therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters  
in every way,  
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God  
to expiate the sins of the people.  
Because he himself was tested through what he suffered,  
he is able to help those who are being tested.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24:7)

R. (8) **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? It is the Lord!**  
Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.  
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? It is the Lord!**  
Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.  
R. **Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

**Day 65**

# February 3, 2014

### Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 323

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/15:13)

An informant came to David with the report,  
“The children of Israel have transferred their loyalty to Absalom.”  
At this, David said to all his servants  
who were with him in Jerusalem:  
“Up! Let us take flight, or none of us will escape from Absalom.  
Leave quickly, lest he hurry and overtake us,  
then visit disaster upon us and put the city to the sword.”  
  
As David went up the Mount of Olives, he wept without ceasing.  
His head was covered, and he was walking barefoot.  
All those who were with him also had their heads covered  
and were weeping as they went.  
  
As David was approaching Bahurim,  
a man named Shimei, the son of Gera  
of the same clan as Saul’s family,  
was coming out of the place, cursing as he came.  
He threw stones at David and at all the king’s officers,  
even though all the soldiers, including the royal guard,  
were on David’s right and on his left.  
Shimei was saying as he cursed:  
“Away, away, you murderous and wicked man!  
The LORD has requited you for all the bloodshed in the family of Saul,  
in whose stead you became king,  
and the LORD has given over the kingdom to your son Absalom.  
And now you suffer ruin because you are a murderer.”  
Abishai, son of Zeruiah, said to the king:  
“Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king?  
Let me go over, please, and lop off his head.”  
But the king replied: “What business is it of mine or of yours,  
sons of Zeruiah, that he curses?  
Suppose the LORD has told him to curse David;  
who then will dare to say, ‘Why are you doing this?’”  
Then the king said to Abishai and to all his servants:  
“If my own son, who came forth from my loins, is seeking my life,  
how much more might this Benjaminite do so?  
Let him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to.  
Perhaps the LORD will look upon my affliction  
and make it up to me with benefits  
for the curses he is uttering this day.”  
David and his men continued on the road,  
while Shimei kept abreast of them on the hillside,  
all the while cursing and throwing stones and dirt as he went.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/3:2)

R. (8a) **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. **Lord, rise up and save me.**  
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. **Lord, rise up and save me.**  
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. **Lord, rise up and save me.**

**Day 66**

# February 4, 2014

### Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 324

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30-19:3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/18:9)

Absalom unexpectedly came up against David’s servants.  
He was mounted on a mule,  
and, as the mule passed under the branches of a large terebinth,  
his hair caught fast in the tree.  
He hung between heaven and earth  
while the mule he had been riding ran off.  
Someone saw this and reported to Joab  
that he had seen Absalom hanging from a terebinth.  
And taking three pikes in hand,  
he thrust for the heart of Absalom,  
still hanging from the tree alive.  
  
Now David was sitting between the two gates,  
and a lookout went up to the roof of the gate above the city wall,  
where he looked about and saw a man running all alone.  
The lookout shouted to inform the king, who said,  
“If he is alone, he has good news to report.”  
The king said, “Step aside and remain in attendance here.”  
So he stepped aside and remained there.  
When the Cushite messenger came in, he said,  
“Let my lord the king receive the good news  
that this day the LORD has taken your part,  
freeing you from the grasp of all who rebelled against you.”  
But the king asked the Cushite, “Is young Absalom safe?”  
The Cushite replied, “May the enemies of my lord the king  
and all who rebel against you with evil intent  
be as that young man!”  
  
The king was shaken,  
and went up to the room over the city gate to weep.  
He said as he wept,  
“My son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom!  
If only I had died instead of you,  
Absalom, my son, my son!”  
  
Joab was told that the king was weeping and mourning for Absalom;  
and that day’s victory was turned into mourning for the whole army  
when they heard that the king was grieving for his son.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/86:1)

R. (1a) **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. **Listen, Lord, and answer me.**  
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. **Listen, Lord, and answer me.**  
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. **Listen, Lord, and answer me.**

**Day 67**

# February 5, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Lectionary: 325

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 24:2, 9-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/24:2)

King David said to Joab and the leaders of the army who were with him,  
“Tour all the tribes in Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba  
and register the people, that I may know their number.”  
Joab then reported to the king the number of people registered:  
in Israel, eight hundred thousand men fit for military service;   
in Judah, five hundred thousand.  
  
Afterward, however, David regretted having numbered the people,  
and said to the LORD:  
“I have sinned grievously in what I have done.  
But now, LORD, forgive the guilt of your servant,  
for I have been very foolish.”  
When David rose in the morning,  
the LORD had spoken to the prophet Gad, David’s seer, saying:  
“Go and say to David, ‘This is what the LORD says:  
I offer you three alternatives;  
choose one of them, and I will inflict it on you.’”  
Gad then went to David to inform him.  
He asked: “Do you want a three years’ famine to come upon your land,  
or to flee from your enemy three months while he pursues you,  
or to have a three days’ pestilence in your land?  
Now consider and decide what I must reply to him who sent me.”  
David answered Gad: “I am in very serious difficulty.  
Let us fall by the hand of God, for he is most merciful;  
but let me not fall by the hand of man.”  
Thus David chose the pestilence.  
Now it was the time of the wheat harvest  
when the plague broke out among the people.  
The LORD then sent a pestilence over Israel  
from morning until the time appointed,  
and seventy thousand of the people from Dan to Beer-sheba died.   
But when the angel stretched forth his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it,  
the LORD regretted the calamity  
and said to the angel causing the destruction among the people,  
“Enough now! Stay your hand.”  
The angel of the LORD was then standing  
at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.  
When David saw the angel who was striking the people,  
he said to the LORD: “It is I who have sinned;  
it is I, the shepherd, who have done wrong.  
But these are sheep; what have they done?  
Punish me and my kindred.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/32:1)

R. (see 5c) **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**  
Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,  
in whose spirit there is no guile.  
R.**Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**  
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
my guilt I covered not.  
I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,”  
and you took away the guilt of my sin.  
R. **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**  
For this shall every faithful man pray to you  
in time of stress.  
Though deep waters overflow,  
they shall not reach him.  
R. **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**  
You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me;  
with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.  
R. **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**

**Day 68**

# February 6, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Lectionary: 326

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/2:1)

When the time of David’s death drew near,  
he gave these instructions to his son Solomon:  
“I am going the way of all flesh.  
Take courage and be a man.  
Keep the mandate of the LORD, your God, following his ways  
and observing his statutes, commands, ordinances, and decrees  
as they are written in the law of Moses,  
that you may succeed in whatever you do,  
wherever you turn, and the LORD may fulfill  
the promise he made on my behalf when he said,  
‘If your sons so conduct themselves  
that they remain faithful to me with their whole heart  
and with their whole soul,  
you shall always have someone of your line  
on the throne of Israel.’”  
  
David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David.  
The length of David’s reign over Israel was forty years:  
he reigned seven years in Hebron  
and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.  
  
Solomon was seated on the throne of his father David,  
with his sovereignty firmly established.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [1 CHR 29:10, 11AB, 11D-12A, 12BCD](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1chronicles/29:10)

R. (12b) **Lord, you are exalted over all.**  
“Blessed may you be, O LORD,  
God of Israel our father,  
from eternity to eternity.”  
R.**Lord, you are exalted over all.**  
“Yours, O LORD, are grandeur and power,  
majesty, splendor, and glory.”  
R. **Lord, you are exalted over all.**  
“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. **Lord, you are exalted over all.**  
“In your hand are power and might;  
it is yours to give grandeur and strength to all.”  
R. **Lord, you are exalted over all.**

**Day 69**

# February 7, 2014

### Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 327

#### Reading 1 [SIR 47:2-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/sirach/47:2)

Like the choice fat of the sacred offerings,  
so was David in Israel.  
He made sport of lions as though they were kids,  
and of bears, like lambs of the flock.  
As a youth he slew the giant  
and wiped out the people’s disgrace,  
When his hand let fly the slingstone  
that crushed the pride of Goliath.  
Since he called upon the Most High God,   
who gave strength to his right arm  
To defeat the skilled warrior  
and raise up the might of his people,  
Therefore the women sang his praises,  
and ascribed to him tens of thousands  
and praised him when they blessed the Lord.  
When he assumed the royal crown, he battled  
and subdued the enemy on every side.  
He destroyed the hostile Philistines  
and shattered their power till our own day.  
With his every deed he offered thanks   
to God Most High, in words of praise.  
With his whole being he loved his Maker  
and daily had his praises sung;  
He set singers before the altar and by their voices  
he made sweet melodies,  
He added beauty to the feasts  
and solemnized the seasons of each year  
So that when the Holy Name was praised,  
before daybreak the sanctuary would resound.  
The LORD forgave him his sins  
and exalted his strength forever;  
He conferred on him the rights of royalty  
and established his throne in Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 18:31, 47 AND 50, 51](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/18:31)

R. (see 47b)**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. **Blessed be God my salvation!**  
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.**Blessed be God my salvation!**  
You who gave great victories to your king  
and showed kindness to your anointed,  
to David and his posterity forever.  
R. **Blessed be God my salvation!**

**Day 70**

# February 8, 2014

### Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 328

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 3:4-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/3:4)

Solomon went to Gibeon to sacrifice there,  
because that was the most renowned high place.  
Upon its altar Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings.  
In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.  
God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.”  
Solomon answered:  
“You have shown great favor to your servant, my father David,  
because he behaved faithfully toward you,  
with justice and an upright heart;  
and you have continued this great favor toward him, even today,  
seating a son of his on his throne.  
O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant,  
king to succeed my father David;  
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.  
I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,  
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.  
Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart  
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.  
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”  
  
The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.  
So God said to him: “Because you have asked for this–  
not for a long life for yourself,  
nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies,  
but for understanding so that you may know what is right–  
I do as you requested.   
I give you a heart so wise and understanding  
that there has never been anyone like you up to now,  
and after you there will come no one to equal you.  
In addition, I give you what you have not asked for,  
such riches and glory that among kings there is not your like.”

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:9)

R. (12b) **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
How shall a young man be faultless in his way?  
By keeping to your words.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
With all my heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from your commands.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
Within my heart I treasure your promise,  
that I may not sin against you.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
Blessed are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
With my lips I declare  
all the ordinances of your mouth.   
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
In the way of your decrees I rejoice,  
as much as in all riches.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

**Day 71**

# February 9, 2014

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 73

#### Reading 1 [IS 58:7-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/58:7)

Thus says the LORD:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;  
clothe the naked when you see them,  
and do not turn your back on your own.  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall quickly be healed;  
your vindication shall go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,  
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!  
If you remove from your midst  
oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;  
if you bestow your bread on the hungry  
and satisfy the afflicted;  
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,  
and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

#### Reading 2  [1 COR 2:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/2:1)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,  
proclaiming the mystery of God,  
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.  
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you  
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.  
I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,  
and my message and my proclamation  
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,  
but with a demonstration of Spirit and power,  
so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom  
but on the power of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/112:4)

R/ (4a) **The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.  
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.  
R/ **The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
An evil report he shall not fear;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.  
R/ **The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.  
Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
His justice shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.  
R/ **The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 72**

# February 10, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin Lectionary: 329

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/8:1)

The elders of Israel and all the leaders of the tribes,  
the princes in the ancestral houses of the children of Israel,  
came to King Solomon in Jerusalem,  
to bring up the ark of the LORD’s covenant  
from the City of David, which is Zion.  
All the people of Israel assembled before King Solomon  
during the festival in the month of Ethanim (the seventh month).  
When all the elders of Israel had arrived,  
the priests took up the ark;  
they carried the ark of the LORD  
and the meeting tent with all the sacred vessels  
that were in the tent.  
(The priests and Levites carried them.)  
  
King Solomon and the entire community of Israel  
present for the occasion  
sacrificed before the ark sheep and oxen  
too many to number or count.  
The priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD  
to its place beneath the wings of the cherubim in the sanctuary,  
the holy of holies of the temple.  
The cherubim had their wings spread out over the place of the ark,  
sheltering the ark and its poles from above.  
There was nothing in the ark but the two stone tablets  
which Moses had put there at Horeb,  
when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel  
at their departure from the land of Egypt.  
  
When the priests left the holy place,  
the cloud filled the temple of the LORD  
so that the priests could no longer minister because of the cloud,  
since the LORD’s glory had filled the temple of the LORD.  
Then Solomon said, “The LORD intends to dwell in the dark cloud;  
I have truly built you a princely house,  
a dwelling where you may abide forever.”

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 3:16-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/3:16)

Brothers and sisters:  
Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?  
If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person;  
for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.  
  
Let no one deceive himself.  
If any one among you considers himself wise in this age,  
let him become a fool, so as to become wise.  
For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God,  
for it is written:  
God catches the wise in their own ruses,   
and again:  
The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,that they are vain.  
  
So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you,   
Paul or Apollos or Cephas,  
or the world or life or death,  
or the present or the future:  
all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 132:6-7, 8-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/132:6)

R. (8a) **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. **Lord, go up to the place of your rest!**  
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. **Lord, go up to the place of your rest!**

**Day 73**

# February 11, 2014

### Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time  Lectionary: 330

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/8:22)

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD  
in the presence of the whole community of Israel,  
and stretching forth his hands toward heaven,  
he said, “LORD, God of Israel,  
there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below;  
you keep your covenant of mercy with your servants  
who are faithful to you with their whole heart.  
  
“Can it indeed be that God dwells on earth?  
If the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain you,  
how much less this temple which I have built!   
Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O LORD, my God,  
and listen to the cry of supplication which I, your servant,  
utter before you this day.  
May your eyes watch night and day over this temple,  
the place where you have decreed you shall be honored;  
may you heed the prayer which I, your servant, offer in this place.  
Listen to the petitions of your servant and of your people Israel  
which they offer in this place.  
Listen from your heavenly dwelling and grant pardon.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 84:3, 4, 5 AND 10, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/84:3)

R. (2) **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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**

**Day 74**

# February 12, 2014

### Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 331

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 10:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/10:1)

The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon’s fame,  
came to test him with subtle questions.  
She arrived in Jerusalem with a very numerous retinue,  
and with camels bearing spices,  
a large amount of gold, and precious stones.  
She came to Solomon and questioned him on every subject  
in which she was interested.  
King Solomon explained everything she asked about,  
and there remained nothing hidden from him  
that he could not explain to her.  
  
When the queen of Sheba witnessed Solomon’s great wisdom,  
the palace he had built, the food at his table,  
the seating of his ministers, the attendance and garb of his waiters,  
his banquet service,  
and the burnt offerings he offered in the temple of the LORD,  
she was breathless.  
“The report I heard in my country  
about your deeds and your wisdom is true,” she told the king.  
“Though I did not believe the report until I came and saw with my own eyes,  
I have discovered that they were not telling me the half.  
Your wisdom and prosperity surpass the report I heard.  
Blessed are your men, blessed these servants of yours,  
who stand before you always and listen to your wisdom.  
Blessed be the LORD, your God,  
whom it has pleased to place you on the throne of Israel.  
In his enduring love for Israel,  
the LORD has made you king to carry out judgment and justice.”  
Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty gold talents,  
a very large quantity of spices, and precious stones.  
Never again did anyone bring such an abundance of spices  
as the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/37:5)

R. (30a) **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 murmurs wisdom.**  
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 mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.**  
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.**The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.**

**Day 75**

# February 13, 2014

### Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 332

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 11:4-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/11:4)

When Solomon was old his wives had turned his heart to strange gods,  
and his heart was not entirely with the LORD, his God,  
as the heart of his father David had been.  
By adoring Astarte, the goddess of the Sidonians,  
and Milcom, the idol of the Ammonites,  
Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD;  
he did not follow him unreservedly as his father David had done.  
Solomon then built a high place to Chemosh, the idol of Moab,  
and to Molech, the idol of the Ammonites,  
on the hill opposite Jerusalem.  
He did the same for all his foreign wives  
who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.  
The LORD, therefore, became angry with Solomon,  
because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel,  
who had appeared to him twice  
(for though the LORD had forbidden him   
this very act of following strange gods,  
Solomon had not obeyed him).  
  
So the LORD said to Solomon: “Since this is what you want,  
and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes  
which I enjoined on you,  
I will deprive you of the kingdom and give it to your servant.  
I will not do this during your lifetime, however,  
for the sake of your father David;  
it is your son whom I will deprive.  
Nor will I take away the whole kingdom.  
I will leave your son one tribe for the sake of my servant David  
and of Jerusalem, which I have chosen.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 AND 40](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/106:3)

R. (4a) **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. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**  
But they mingled with the nations  
and learned their works.  
They served their idols,  
which became a snare for them.   
R. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**  
They sacrificed their sons  
and their daughters to demons.  
And the LORD grew angry with his people,  
and abhorred his inheritance.   
R. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

**Day 76**

# February 14, 2014

### Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop Lectionary: 333

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/11:29)

Jeroboam left Jerusalem,  
and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the road.  
The two were alone in the area,  
and the prophet was wearing a new cloak.  
Ahijah took off his new cloak,  
tore it into twelve pieces, and said to Jeroboam:  
  
“Take ten pieces for yourself;  
the LORD, the God of Israel, says:  
‘I will tear away the kingdom from Solomon’s grasp  
and will give you ten of the tribes.  
One tribe shall remain to him for the sake of David my servant,  
and of Jerusalem,  
the city I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.’”  
  
Israel went into rebellion against David’s house to this day.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 81:10-11AB, 12-13, 14-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/81:10)

R. (11a and 9a) **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.**I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.**  
“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.**I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.**  
“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. **I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.**

**Day 77**

# February 15, 2014

### Saturday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 334

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/12:26)

Jeroboam thought to himself:  
“The kingdom will return to David’s house.  
If now this people go up to offer sacrifices  
in the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem,  
the hearts of this people will return to their master,  
Rehoboam, king of Judah,  
and they will kill me.”  
After taking counsel, the king made two calves of gold  
and said to the people:  
“You have been going up to Jerusalem long enough.  
Here is your God, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.”  
And he put one in Bethel, the other in Dan.  
This led to sin, because the people frequented those calves  
in Bethel and in Dan.  
He also built temples on the high places  
and made priests from among the people who were not Levites.  
Jeroboam established a feast in the eighth month  
on the fifteenth day of the month  
to duplicate in Bethel the pilgrimage feast of Judah,  
with sacrifices to the calves he had made;  
and he stationed in Bethel priests of the high places he had built.  
  
Jeroboam did not give up his evil ways after this,  
but again made priests for the high places  
from among the common people.  
Whoever desired it was consecrated  
and became a priest of the high places.  
This was a sin on the part of the house of Jeroboam  
for which it was to be cut off and destroyed from the earth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 106:6-7AB, 19-20, 21-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/106:6)

R. (4a) **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. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**  
They made a calf in Horeb  
and adored a molten image;  
They exchanged their glory  
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.   
R. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**  
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. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

**Day 78**

# February 16, 2014

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 76

#### Reading 1 [SIR 15:15-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/sirach/15:15)

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;  
if you trust in God, you too shall live;  
he has set before you fire and water  
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.  
Before man are life and death, good and evil,  
whichever he chooses shall be given him.  
Immense is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is mighty in power, and all-seeing.  
The eyes of God are on those who fear him;  
he understands man’s every deed.  
No one does he command to act unjustly,  
to none does he give license to sin.

#### Reading 2  [1 COR 2:6-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/2:6)

Brothers and sisters:  
We speak a wisdom to those who are mature,  
not a wisdom of this age,  
nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away.  
Rather, we speak God’s wisdom, mysterious, hidden,  
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory,  
and which none of the rulers of this age knew;  
for, if they had known it,  
they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.  
But as it is written:  
What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,and what has not entered the human heart,what God has prepared for those who love him,  
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.  
  
For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:1)

R/ (1b) **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.  
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.  
R/**Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
You have commanded that your precepts  
be diligently kept.  
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways  
of keeping your statutes!  
R/ **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Be good to your servant, that I may live  
and keep your words.  
Open my eyes, that I may consider  
the wonders of your law.  
R/ **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,  
that I may exactly observe them.  
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.  
R/ **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

**Day 79**

# February 17, 2014

### Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 335

#### Reading 1 [JAS 1:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/1:1)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
to the twelve tribes in the dispersion, greetings.  
  
Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters,  
when you encounter various trials,  
for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.  
And let perseverance be perfect,  
so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.  
But if any of you lacks wisdom,  
he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly,  
and he will be given it.  
But he should ask in faith, not doubting,  
for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea  
that is driven and tossed about by the wind.  
For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord,  
since he is a man of two minds, unstable in all his ways.  
  
The brother in lowly circumstances   
should take pride in high standing,  
and the rich one in his lowliness,   
for he will pass away “like the flower of the field.”  
For the sun comes up with its scorching heat and dries up the grass,  
its flower droops, and the beauty of its appearance vanishes.  
So will the rich person fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:67)

R. (77a) **Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**  
Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
but now I hold to your promise.   
R.**Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**  
You are good and bountiful;  
teach me your statutes.   
R. **Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**  
It is good for me that I have been afflicted,  
that I may learn your statutes.   
R. **Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.   
R. **Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**  
I know, O LORD, that your ordinances are just,  
and in your faithfulness you have afflicted me.   
R. **Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**  
Let your kindness comfort me  
according to your promise to your servants.   
R. **Be kind to me, Lord, and I shall live.**

**Day 80**

# February 18, 2014

### Tuesday of the sixth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 336

#### Reading 1 [JAS 1:12-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/1:12)

Blessed is he who perseveres in temptation,  
for when he has been proven he will receive the crown of life   
that he promised to those who love him.  
No one experiencing temptation should say,  
“I am being tempted by God”;  
for God is not subject to temptation to evil,  
and he himself tempts no one.  
Rather, each person is tempted when lured and enticed by his desire.  
Then desire conceives and brings forth sin,  
and when sin reaches maturity it gives birth to death.  
  
Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters:  
all good giving and every perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of lights,  
with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.  
He willed to give us birth by the word of truth  
that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 94:12-13A, 14-15, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/94:12)

R. (12a) **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. **Blessed the man you instruct, O Lord.**  
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. **Blessed the man you instruct, O Lord.**  
When I say, “My foot is slipping,”  
your mercy, O LORD, sustains me;  
When cares abound within me,  
your comfort gladdens my soul.   
R. **Blessed the man you instruct, O Lord.**

**Day 81**

# February 19, 2014

### Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 337

#### Reading 1 [JAS 1:19-27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/1:19)

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters:  
everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger  
for anger does not accomplish  
the righteousness of God.  
Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess  
and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you  
and is able to save your souls.  
  
Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.  
For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer,   
he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror.  
He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets  
what he looked like.  
But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres,  
and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts;  
such a one shall be blessed in what he does.  
  
If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue  
but deceives his heart, his religion is vain.  
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:  
to care for orphans and widows in their affliction  
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 15:2-3A, 3AB-4AB, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/15:2)

R. (1b) **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 shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?**  
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 shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?**  
Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.   
R. **Who shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord?**

**Day 82**

# February 20, 2014

### Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 338

#### Reading 1 [JAS 2:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/2:1)

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality  
as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.  
For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes   
comes into your assembly,  
and a poor person with shabby clothes also comes in,   
and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes  
and say, “Sit here, please,”  
while you say to the poor one, “Stand there,” or “Sit at my feet,”   
have you not made distinctions among yourselves  
and become judges with evil designs?  
  
Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.  
Did not God choose those who are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom  
that he promised to those who love him?  
But you dishonored the poor.  
Are not the rich oppressing you?  
And do they themselves not haul you off to court?  
Is it not they who blaspheme the noble name that was invoked over you?  
However, if you fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture,  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well.  
But if you show partiality, you commit sin,  
and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/34:2)

R. (7a) **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. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
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. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
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 hears the cry of the poor.**

**Day 83**

# February 21, 2014

### Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 339

#### Reading 1 [JAS 2:14-24, 26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/2:14)

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,  
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?   
Can that faith save him?  
If a brother or sister has nothing to wear  
and has no food for the day,  
and one of you says to them,  
“Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,”  
but you do not give them the necessities of the body,  
what good is it?  
So also faith of itself,  
if it does not have works, is dead.  
  
Indeed someone might say,   
“You have faith and I have works.”  
Demonstrate your faith to me without works,  
and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.  
You believe that God is one.   
You do well.  
Even the demons believe that and tremble.  
Do you want proof, you ignoramus,  
that faith without works is useless?  
Was not Abraham our father justified by works  
when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar?  
You see that faith was active along with his works,  
and faith was completed by the works.  
Thus the Scripture was fulfilled that says,  
Abraham believed God,and it was credited to him as righteousness,and he was called the friend of God.  
See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.  
For just as a body without a spirit is dead,  
so also faith without works is dead.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/112:1)

R. (see 1b)**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. **Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord’s commands.**  
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. **Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord’s commands.**  
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. **Blessed the man who greatly delights in the Lord’s commands.**

**Day 84**

# February 22, 2014

### Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle Lectionary: 535

#### Reading 1 [1 PT 5:1-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/5:1)

Beloved:  
I exhort the presbyters among you,  
as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ  
and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed.  
Tend the flock of God in your midst,  
overseeing not by constraint but willingly,  
as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly.  
Do not lord it over those assigned to you,  
but be examples to the flock.  
And when the chief Shepherd is revealed,  
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R. (1) **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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Day 85**

# February 23, 2014

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 79

#### Reading 1 [LV 19:1-2, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/leviticus/19:1)

The LORD said to Moses,  
“Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them:  
Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.  
  
“You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.  
Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen,  
do not incur sin because of him.  
Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people.  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
I am the LORD.”

#### Reading 2  [1 COR 3:16-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/3:16)

Brothers and sisters:  
Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?  
If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person;  
for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.  
  
Let no one deceive himself.  
If any one among you considers himself wise in this age,  
let him become a fool, so as to become wise.  
For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God,  
for it is written:  
God catches the wise in their own ruses,   
and again:  
The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,that they are vain.  
  
So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you,   
Paul or Apollos or Cephas,  
or the world or life or death,  
or the present or the future:  
all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/103:1)

R/ (8a) **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/ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.  
R/ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
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/ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
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/ **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Day 86**

# February 24, 2014

### Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 341

#### Reading 1 [JAS 3:13-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/3:13)

Beloved:  
Who among you is wise and understanding?  
Let him show his works by a good life   
in the humility that comes from wisdom.  
But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts,  
do not boast and be false to the truth.  
Wisdom of this kind does not come down from above  
but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.  
For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,  
there is disorder and every foul practice.  
But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,  
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,  
full of mercy and good fruits,  
without inconstancy or insincerity.  
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/19:8)

R. (9a) **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 give joy to the heart.**  
The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
The command of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eye.   
R. **The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**  
The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the LORD are true,  
all of them just.   
R.**The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**  
Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart  
find favor before you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.  
R. **The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

**Day 87**

# February 25, 2014

### Tuesday of the Seventh week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 342

#### Reading 1[JAS 4:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/4:1)

Beloved:  
Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?  
Is it not from your passions that make war within your members?  
You covet but do not possess.  
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;  
you fight and wage war.  
You do not possess because you do not ask.  
You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly,  
to spend it on your passions.  
Adulterers!  
Do you not know that to be a lover of the world means enmity with God?  
Therefore, whoever wants to be a lover of the world   
makes himself an enemy of God.  
Or do you suppose that the Scripture speaks without meaning when it says,  
The spirit that he has made to dwell in us tends toward jealousy?   
But he bestows a greater grace; therefore, it says:  
God resists the proud,but gives grace to the humble.  
So submit yourselves to God.  
Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.  
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.  
Cleanse your hands, you sinners,  
and purify your hearts, you of two minds.  
Begin to lament, to mourn, to weep.  
Let your laughter be turned into mourning  
and your joy into dejection.  
Humble yourselves before the Lord  
and he will exalt you.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 55:7-8, 9-10A, 10B-11A, 23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/55:7)

R. (23a) **Throw your cares on the Lord, and he will support you.**  
And I say, “Had I but wings like a dove,  
I would fly away and be at rest.  
Far away I would flee;  
I would lodge in the wilderness.”  
R. **Throw your cares on the Lord, and he will support you.**  
“I would wait for him who saves me  
from the violent storm and the tempest.”  
Engulf them, O Lord; divide their counsels.   
R. **Throw your cares on the Lord, and he will support you.**  
In the city I see violence and strife,  
day and night they prowl about upon its walls.   
R. **Throw your cares on the Lord, and he will support you.**  
Cast your care upon the LORD,  
and he will support you;  
never will he permit the just man to be disturbed.   
R. **Throw your cares on the Lord, and he will support you.**

**Day 88**

# February 26, 2014

### Wednesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 343

#### Reading 1 [JAS 4:13-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/4:13)

Beloved:  
Come now, you who say,  
“Today or tomorrow we shall go into such and such a town,  
spend a year there doing business, and make a profit”–  
you have no idea what your life will be like tomorrow.  
You are a puff of smoke that appears briefly and then disappears.  
Instead you should say,  
“If the Lord wills it, we shall live to do this or that.”  
But now you are boasting in your arrogance.  
All such boasting is evil.  
So for one who knows the right thing to do  
and does not do it, it is a sin.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/49:2)

R. (Matthew 5:3) **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.**Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**  
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. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**  
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. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**  
For he can see that wise men die,  
and likewise the senseless and the stupid pass away,  
leaving to others their wealth.  
R. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

**Day 89**

# February 27, 2014

### Thursday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 344

#### Reading 1 [JAS 5:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/5:1)

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries.  
Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten,  
your gold and silver have corroded,  
and that corrosion will be a testimony against you;  
it will devour your flesh like a fire.  
You have stored up treasure for the last days.  
Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers  
who harvested your fields are crying aloud;  
and the cries of the harvesters  
have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.  
You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure;  
you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter.  
You have condemned;  
you have murdered the righteous one;  
he offers you no resistance.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 49:14-15AB, 15CD-16, 17-18, 19-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/49:14)

R. (Matthew 5:3) **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. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**  
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. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**  
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. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**  
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. **Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

**Day 90**

# February 28, 2014

# Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 345

#### Reading 1 [JAS 5:9-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/5:9)

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another,  
that you may not be judged.  
Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.  
Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters,  
the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.  
Indeed we call blessed those who have persevered.  
You have heard of the perseverance of Job,  
and you have seen the purpose of the Lord,  
because the Lord is compassionate and merciful.  
  
But above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear,  
either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath,  
but let your “Yes” mean “Yes” and your “No” mean “No,”  
that you may not incur condemnation.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/103:1)

R. (8a) **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. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
He pardons all your iniquities,  
he heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
he crowns you with kindness and compassion.  
R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
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. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
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. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Day 91**

# March 1, 2014

### Saturday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 346

#### Reading 1 [JAS 5:13-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/james/5:13)

Beloved:  
Is anyone among you suffering?  
He should pray.  
Is anyone in good spirits?  
He should sing a song of praise.   
Is anyone among you sick?  
He should summon the presbyters of the Church,  
and they should pray over him  
and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord.  
The prayer of faith will save the sick person,  
and the Lord will raise him up.  
If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.  
  
Therefore, confess your sins to one another  
and pray for one another, that you may be healed.  
The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.  
Elijah was a man like us;  
yet he prayed earnestly that it might not rain,  
and for three years and six months it did not rain upon the land.  
Then Elijah prayed again, and the sky gave rain  
and the earth produced its fruit.  
  
My brothers and sisters,  
if anyone among you should stray from the truth  
and someone bring him back,  
he should know that whoever brings back a sinner  
from the error of his way will save his soul from death   
and will cover a multitude of sins.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 141:1-2, 3 AND 8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/141:1)

R. (2a) **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. **Let my prayer come like incense before you.**  
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 refuge; strip me not of life.  
R. **Let my prayer come like incense before you.**

**Day 92**

# March 2, 2014

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 82

#### Reading 1 [IS 49:14-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/49:14)

Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;  
my LORD has forgotten me.”  
Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.

#### Readng 2  [1 COR 4:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/4:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ  
and stewards of the mysteries of God.  
Now it is of course required of stewards  
that they be found trustworthy.  
It does not concern me in the least  
that I be judged by you or any human tribunal;  
I do not even pass judgment on myself;  
I am not conscious of anything against me,  
but I do not thereby stand acquitted;  
the one who judges me is the Lord.  
Therefore do not make any judgment before the appointed time,  
until the Lord comes,  
for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness  
and will manifest the motives of our hearts,  
and then everyone will receive praise from God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/62:2)

R/ (6a) **Rest in God alone, my soul.**  
Only in God is my soul at rest;  
from him comes my salvation.  
He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.  
R/ **Rest in God alone, my soul.**  
Only in God be at rest, my soul,  
for from him comes my hope.  
He only is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.  
R/ **Rest in God alone, my soul.**  
With God is my safety and my glory,  
he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God.  
Trust in him at all times, O my people!  
Pour out your hearts before him.  
R/ **Rest in God alone, my soul.**

**Day 93**

# March 3, 2014

### Monday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 347

#### Reading 1 [1 PT 1:3-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/1:3)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,  
kept in heaven for you  
who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith,  
to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.  
In this you rejoice, although now for a little while  
you may have to suffer through various trials,  
so that the genuineness of your faith,  
more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire,  
may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
Although you have not seen him you love him;  
even though you do not see him now yet you believe in him,  
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,  
as you attain the goal of faith, the salvation of your souls.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 AND 10C](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/111:1)

R. (5) **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **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. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He has sent deliverance to his people;  
he has ratified his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his name.  
His praise endures forever.  
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 94**

# March 4, 2014

### Tuesday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 348

#### Reading 1 [1 PT 1:10-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/1:10)

Beloved:  
Concerning the salvation of your souls  
the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours  
searched and investigated it  
investigating the time and circumstances  
that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated  
when it testified in advance  
to the sufferings destined for Christ  
and the glories to follow them.  
It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you  
with regard to the things that have now been announced to you  
by those who preached the Good News to you  
through the Holy Spirit sent from heaven,  
things into which angels longed to look.  
  
Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, live soberly,  
and set your hopes completely on the grace to be brought to you  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
Like obedient children,  
do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance  
but, as he who called you is holy,  
be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct,  
for it is written, Be holy because I am holy.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (2a) **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 known his salvation.**  
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. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**  
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. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**

**Day 95**

# March 5, 2014

### Ash Wednesday Lectionary: 219

If the blessing and distribution of ashes take place outside Mass, it is appropriate that the Liturgy of the Word precede it, using texts assigned to the Mass of Ash Wednesday.

#### Reading 1 [JL 2:12-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/joel/2:12)

Even now, says the LORD,  
return to me with your whole heart,  
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;  
Rend your hearts, not your garments,  
and return to the LORD, your God.  
For gracious and merciful is he,  
slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
and relenting in punishment.  
Perhaps he will again relent  
and leave behind him a blessing,  
Offerings and libations  
for the LORD, your God.  
  
Blow the trumpet in Zion!  
proclaim a fast,  
call an assembly;  
Gather the people,  
notify the congregation;  
Assemble the elders,  
gather the children  
and the infants at the breast;  
Let the bridegroom quit his room  
and the bride her chamber.  
Between the porch and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep,  
And say, “Spare, O LORD, your people,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
with the nations ruling over them!  
Why should they say among the peoples,  
‘Where is their God?’”  
  
Then the LORD was stirred to concern for his land  
and took pity on his people.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 AND 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R. (see 3a) **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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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.**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**Day 96**

# March 6, 2014

### Thursday after Ash Wednesday Lectionary: 220

#### Reading 1 [DT 30:15-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/30:15)

Moses said to the people:  
“Today I have set before you  
life and prosperity, death and doom.  
If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God,  
which I enjoin on you today,  
loving him, and walking in his ways,  
and keeping his commandments, statutes and decrees,  
you will live and grow numerous,  
and the LORD, your God,  
will bless you in the land you are entering to occupy.  
If, however, you turn away your hearts and will not listen,  
but are led astray and adore and serve other gods,  
I tell you now that you will certainly perish;  
you will not have a long life  
on the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and occupy.  
I call heaven and earth today to witness against you:  
I have set before you life and death,  
the blessing and the curse.  
Choose life, then,  
that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God,  
heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.  
For that will mean life for you,  
a long life for you to live on the land that the LORD swore  
he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/1:1)

R. (40:5a) **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

**Day 97**

# March 7, 2014

### Friday after Ash Wednesday Lectionary: 221

#### Reading 1 [IS 58:1-9A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/58:1)

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
Cry out full-throated and unsparingly,  
lift up your voice like a trumpet blast;   
Tell my people their wickedness,  
and the house of Jacob their sins.   
They seek me day after day,  
and desire to know my ways,  
Like a nation that has done what is just  
and not abandoned the law of their God;  
They ask me to declare what is due them,  
pleased to gain access to God.  
“Why do we fast, and you do not see it?  
afflict ourselves, and you take no note of it?”  
  
Lo, on your fast day you carry out your own pursuits,  
and drive all your laborers.  
Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting,  
striking with wicked claw.  
Would that today you might fast  
so as to make your voice heard on high!  
Is this the manner of fasting I wish,  
of keeping a day of penance:  
That a man bow his head like a reed  
and lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Do you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
This, rather, is the fasting that I wish:  
releasing those bound unjustly,  
untying the thongs of the yoke;  
Setting free the oppressed,  
breaking every yoke;  
Sharing your bread with the hungry,  
sheltering the oppressed and the homeless;  
Clothing the naked when you see them,  
and not turning your back on your own.  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your wound shall quickly be healed;  
Your vindication shall go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,  
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R. (19b) **A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**  
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. **A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**  
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. **A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**  
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
R. **A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**

**Day 98**

# March 8, 2014

### Saturday after Ash Wednesday Lectionary: 222

#### Reading 1 [IS 58:9B-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/58:9)

Thus says the LORD:  
If you remove from your midst oppression,  
false accusation and malicious speech;  
If you bestow your bread on the hungry  
and satisfy the afflicted;  
Then light shall rise for you in the darkness,  
and the gloom shall become for you like midday;  
Then the LORD will guide you always  
and give you plenty even on the parched land.  
He will renew your strength,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring whose water never fails.  
The ancient ruins shall be rebuilt for your sake,  
and the foundations from ages past you shall raise up;  
“Repairer of the breach,” they shall call you,  
“Restorer of ruined homesteads.”  
  
If you hold back your foot on the sabbath  
from following your own pursuits on my holy day;  
If you call the sabbath a delight,  
and the LORD’s holy day honorable;  
If you honor it by not following your ways,  
seeking your own interests, or speaking with malice—  
Then you shall delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;  
I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/86:1)

R. (11ab) **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.**  
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.**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.**  
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. **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.**  
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.**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.**

**Day 99**

# March 9, 2014

### First Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 22

#### Reading 1 [GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/2:7)

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground   
and blew into his nostrils the breath of life,   
and so man became a living being.  
  
Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east,   
and placed there the man whom he had formed.  
Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow   
that were delightful to look at and good for food,   
with the tree of life in the middle of the garden   
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.  
  
Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals   
that the LORD God had made.  
The serpent asked the woman,  
“Did God really tell you not to eat  
from any of the trees in the garden?”  
The woman answered the serpent:   
“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;   
it is only about the fruit of the tree   
in the middle of the garden that God said,   
‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’”  
But the serpent said to the woman:  
“You certainly will not die!  
No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it  
your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods   
who know what is good and what is evil.”  
The woman saw that the tree was good for food,   
pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom.  
So she took some of its fruit and ate it;   
and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her,   
and he ate it.  
Then the eyes of both of them were opened,   
and they realized that they were naked;   
so they sewed fig leaves together  
and made loincloths for themselves.

#### Reading 2  [ROM 5:12-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/5:12)

Brothers and sisters:  
Through one man sin entered the world,  
and through sin, death,  
and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—  
for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world,   
though sin is not accounted when there is no law.  
But death reigned from Adam to Moses,   
even over those who did not sin   
after the pattern of the trespass of Adam,   
who is the type of the one who was to come.  
But the gift is not like the transgression.  
For if by the transgression of the one, the many died,   
how much more did the grace of God   
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ   
overflow for the many.  
And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned.  
For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation;   
but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.  
For if, by the transgression of the one,  
death came to reign through that one,   
how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace  
and of the gift of justification   
come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.  
In conclusion, just as through one transgression   
condemnation came upon all,   
so, through one righteous act,  
acquittal and life came to all.  
For just as through the disobedience of the one man  
the many were made sinners,   
so, through the obedience of the one,   
the many will be made righteous.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R/ (cf. 3a) **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/ **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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/ **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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/**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
R/ **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**Day 100**

# March 10, 2014

### Monday of the First Week of Lent Lectionary: 224

#### Reading 1 [LV 19:1-2, 11-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/leviticus/19:1)

The LORD said to Moses,  
“Speak to the whole assembly of the children of Israel and tell them:  
Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.  
  
“You shall not steal.  
You shall not lie or speak falsely to one another.  
You shall not swear falsely by my name,  
thus profaning the name of your God.  
I am the LORD.  
  
“You shall not defraud or rob your neighbor.  
You shall not withhold overnight the wages of your day laborer.  
You shall not curse the deaf,  
or put a stumbling block in front of the blind,  
but you shall fear your God.  
I am the LORD.  
  
“You shall not act dishonestly in rendering judgment.  
Show neither partiality to the weak nor deference to the mighty,  
but judge your fellow men justly.  
You shall not go about spreading slander among your kin;  
nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor’s life is at stake.   
I am the LORD.  
  
“You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart.   
Though you may have to reprove him,  
do not incur sin because of him.   
Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your fellow countrymen.  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
I am the LORD.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/19:8)

R. (John 6:63b) **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. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**  
The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart.  
The command of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eye.  
R. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**  
The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;  
The ordinances of the LORD are true,  
all of them just.  
R.**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**  
Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart  
find favor before you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.  
R. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

**Day 101**

# March 11, 2014

### Tuesday of the First Week of Lent Lectionary: 225

#### Reading 1 [IS 55:10-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/55:10)

Thus says the LORD:  
Just as from the heavens  
the rain and snow come down  
And do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
Giving seed to the one who sows  
and bread to the one who eats,  
So shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth;  
It shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,  
achieving the end for which I sent it.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/34:4)

R. (18b) **From all their distress God rescues the just.**  
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. **From all their distress God rescues the just.**  
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. **From all their distress God rescues the just.**  
The LORD has eyes for the just,  
and ears for their cry.  
The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.  
R. **From all their distress God rescues the just.**  
When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.  
R. **From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**Day 102**

# March 12, 2014

# Wednesday of the First Week in Lent Lectionary: 226

#### Reading 1 [JON 3:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jonah/3:1)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:  
“Set out for the great city of Nineveh,  
and announce to it the message that I will tell you.”  
So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh,  
according to the LORD’s bidding.  
Now Nineveh was an enormously large city;  
it took three days to go through it.  
Jonah began his journey through the city,  
and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing,  
“Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed,”  
when the people of Nineveh believed God;  
they proclaimed a fast  
and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.  
  
When the news reached the king of Nineveh,  
he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe,  
covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes.  
Then he had this proclaimed throughout Nineveh,  
by decree of the king and his nobles:  
“Neither man nor beast, neither cattle nor sheep,  
shall taste anything;  
they shall not eat, nor shall they drink water.   
Man and beast shall be covered with sackcloth and call loudly to God;  
every man shall turn from his evil way  
and from the violence he has in hand.  
Who knows, God may relent and forgive, and withhold his blazing wrath,  
so that we shall not perish.”  
When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way,  
he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them;  
he did not carry it out.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R. (19b) **A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**  
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. **A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**  
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.**A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**  
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
R. **A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.**

**Day 103**

# March 13, 2014

### Thursday of the First Week in Lent Lectionary: 227

#### Reading 1 [EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/esther/4:17)

Queen Esther, seized with mortal anguish,  
had recourse to the LORD.  
She lay prostrate upon the ground, together with her handmaids,   
from morning until evening, and said:  
“God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, blessed are you.   
Help me, who am alone and have no help but you,  
for I am taking my life in my hand.  
As a child I used to hear from the books of my forefathers  
that you, O LORD, always free those who are pleasing to you.  
Now help me, who am alone and have no one but you,  
O LORD, my God.  
  
“And now, come to help me, an orphan.  
Put in my mouth persuasive words in the presence of the lion  
and turn his heart to hatred for our enemy,  
so that he and those who are in league with him may perish.  
Save us from the hand of our enemies;  
turn our mourning into gladness  
and our sorrows into wholeness.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/138:1)

R. (3a) **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**  
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. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**  
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. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**  
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.**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

**Day 104**

# March 14, 2014

### Friday of the First Week of Lent Lectionary: 228

#### Reading 1 [EZ 18:21-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/18:21)

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed,   
if he keeps all my statutes and does what is right and just,  
he shall surely live, he shall not die.   
None of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him;  
he shall live because of the virtue he has practiced.   
Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked?  
says the Lord GOD.   
Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way  
that he may live?  
  
And if the virtuous man turns from the path of virtue to do evil,  
the same kind of abominable things that the wicked man does,  
can he do this and still live?  
None of his virtuous deeds shall be remembered,  
because he has broken faith and committed sin;  
because of this, he shall die.   
You say, “The LORD’s way is not fair!”   
Hear now, house of Israel:  
Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?  
When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies,  
it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.  
But if the wicked, turning from the wickedness he has committed,  
does what is right and just,  
he shall preserve his life;  
since he has turned away from all the sins that he committed,   
he shall surely live, he shall not die.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/130:1)

R. (3) **If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?**  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.  
R.**If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?**  
If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,  
LORD, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.   
R. **If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?**  
I trust in the LORD;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
My soul waits for the LORD  
more than sentinels wait for the dawn.  
Let Israel wait for the LORD.  
R. **If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?**  
For with the LORD is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.  
R. **If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, who can stand?**

**Day 105**

# March 15, 2014

### Saturday of the First Week of Lent Lectionary: 229

#### Reading 1 [DT 26:16-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/26:16)

Moses spoke to the people, saying:  
“This day the LORD, your God,  
commands you to observe these statutes and decrees.  
Be careful, then,  
to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul.  
Today you are making this agreement with the LORD:  
he is to be your God and you are to walk in his ways  
and observe his statutes, commandments and decrees,  
and to hearken to his voice.  
And today the LORD is making this agreement with you:  
you are to be a people peculiarly his own, as he promised you;  
and provided you keep all his commandments,  
he will then raise you high in praise and renown and glory  
above all other nations he has made,  
and you will be a people sacred to the LORD, your God,  
as he promised.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:1)

R. (1b) **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.  
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
You have commanded that your precepts  
be diligently kept.  
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways  
of keeping your statutes!  
R.**Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
I will give you thanks with an upright heart,  
when I have learned your just ordinances.  
I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

**Day 106**

# March 16, 2014

### Second Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 25

#### Reading 1 [GN 12:1-4A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/12:1)

The LORD said to Abram:   
“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk  
and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.  
  
“I will make of you a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
so that you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you  
and curse those who curse you.  
All the communities of the earth  
shall find blessing in you.”  
  
Abram went as the LORD directed him.

#### Reading 2  [2 TIM 1:8B-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2timothy/1:8)

Beloved:  
Bear your share of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.  
  
He saved us and called us to a holy life,  
not according to our works  
but according to his own design  
and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began,  
but now made manifest   
through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus,  
who destroyed death and brought life and immortality  
to light through the gospel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:4)

R/ (22) **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R/**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.  
R/ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.  
R/ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

**Day 107**

# March 17, 2014

### Monday of the Second Week in Lent Lectionary: 230

#### Reading 1 [DN 9:4B-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/9:4)

“Lord, great and awesome God,  
you who keep your merciful covenant toward those who love you  
and observe your commandments!  
We have sinned, been wicked and done evil;  
we have rebelled and departed from your commandments and your laws.  
We have not obeyed your servants the prophets,  
who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes,  
our fathers, and all the people of the land.  
Justice, O Lord, is on your side;  
we are shamefaced even to this day:  
we, the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem,  
and all Israel, near and far,  
in all the countries to which you have scattered them  
because of their treachery toward you.  
O LORD, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers,  
for having sinned against you.  
But yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness!  
Yet we rebelled against you  
and paid no heed to your command, O LORD, our God,  
to live by the law you gave us through your servants the prophets.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/79:8)

R. (see 103:10a) **Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.**  
Remember not against us the iniquities of the past;  
may your compassion quickly come to us,  
for we are brought very low.  
R. **Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.**  
Help us, O God our savior,  
because of the glory of your name;  
Deliver us and pardon our sins  
for your name’s sake.  
R. **Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.**  
Let the prisoners’ sighing come before you;  
with your great power free those doomed to death.  
Then we, your people and the sheep of your pasture,  
will give thanks to you forever;  
through all generations we will declare your praise.  
R. **Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.**

**Day 108**

# March 18, 2014

### Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent Lectionary: 231

#### Reading 1 [IS 1:10, 16-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/1:10)

Hear the word of the LORD,  
princes of Sodom!  
Listen to the instruction of our God,  
people of Gomorrah!  
  
Wash yourselves clean!  
Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes;  
cease doing evil; learn to do good.  
Make justice your aim: redress the wronged,  
hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow.  
  
Come now, let us set things right,  
says the LORD:  
Though your sins be like scarlet,  
they may become white as snow;  
Though they be crimson red,  
they may become white as wool.  
If you are willing, and obey,  
you shall eat the good things of the land;  
But if you refuse and resist,  
the sword shall consume you:  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/50:8)

R. (23b) **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.**To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth,  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?”  
R. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“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. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

**Day 109**

# March 19, 2014

### Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lectionary: 543

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/7:4)

The LORD spoke to Nathan and said:  
“Go, tell my servant David,  
‘When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,  
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,  
and I will make his kingdom firm.  
It is he who shall build a house for my name.  
And I will make his royal throne firm forever.  
I will be a father to him,  
and he shall be a son to me.  
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;  
your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

#### Reading 2 [ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/4:13)

Brothers and sisters:  
It was not through the law  
that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants  
that he would inherit the world,  
but through the righteousness that comes from faith.  
For this reason, it depends on faith,  
so that it may be a gift,  
and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants,  
not to those who only adhere to the law  
but to those who follow the faith of Abraham,  
who is the father of all of us, as it is written,  
I have made you father of many nations.  
He is our father in the sight of God,  
in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead  
and calls into being what does not exist.  
He believed, hoping against hope,  
that he would become the father of many nations,  
according to what was said, Thus shall your descendants be.  
That is why it was credited to him as righteousness.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:2)

R.    (37)  **The son of David will live for ever.**  
The promises 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.   **The son of David will live for ever.**  
“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.    **The son of David will live for ever.**  
“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.   **The son of David will live for ever.**

**Day 110**

# March 20, 2014

### Thursday of the Second Week of Lent Lectionary: 233

#### Reading 1 [JER 17:5-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/17:5)

Thus says the LORD:  
Cursed is the man 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 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,  
its leaves stay green;  
In the year of drought it shows no distress,  
but still bears fruit.  
More tortuous than all else is the human heart,  
beyond remedy; who can understand it?  
I, the LORD, alone probe the mind  
and test the heart,  
To reward everyone according to his ways,  
according to the merit of his deeds.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/1:1)

R. (40:5a) **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

**Day 111**

# March 21, 2014

### Friday of the Second Week of Lent Lectionary: 234

#### Reading 1 [GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/37:3)

Israel loved Joseph best of all his sons,  
for he was the child of his old age;  
and he had made him a long tunic.  
When his brothers saw that their father loved him best of all his sons,  
they hated him so much that they would not even greet him.  
  
One day, when his brothers had gone  
to pasture their father’s flocks at Shechem,  
Israel said to Joseph,   
“Your brothers, you know, are tending our flocks at Shechem.  
Get ready; I will send you to them.”  
  
So Joseph went after his brothers and caught up with them in Dothan.  
They noticed him from a distance,  
and before he came up to them, they plotted to kill him.  
They said to one another: “Here comes that master dreamer!  
Come on, let us kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns here;  
we could say that a wild beast devoured him.  
We shall then see what comes of his dreams.”  
  
When Reuben heard this,  
he tried to save him from their hands, saying,  
“We must not take his life.  
Instead of shedding blood,” he continued,  
“just throw him into that cistern there in the desert;  
but do not kill him outright.”  
His purpose was to rescue him from their hands  
and return him to his father.   
So when Joseph came up to them,  
they stripped him of the long tunic he had on;  
then they took him and threw him into the cistern,  
which was empty and dry.  
  
They then sat down to their meal.  
Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead,  
their camels laden with gum, balm and resin  
to be taken down to Egypt.  
Judah said to his brothers:  
“What is to be gained by killing our brother and concealing his blood?   
Rather, let us sell him to these Ishmaelites,  
instead of doing away with him ourselves.  
After all, he is our brother, our own flesh.”  
His brothers agreed.  
They sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:16)

R. (5a) **Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**  
When the LORD called down a famine on the land  
and ruined the crop that sustained them,  
He sent a man before them,  
Joseph, sold as a slave.  
R. **Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**  
They had weighed him down with fetters,  
and he was bound with chains,  
Till his prediction came to pass  
and the word of the LORD proved him true.  
R. **Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**  
The king sent and released him,  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
He made him lord of his house  
and ruler of all his possessions.  
R. **Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

**Day 112**

# March 22, 2014

### Saturday of the Second Week of Lent Lectionary: 235

#### Reading 1 [MI 7:14-15, 18-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/micah/7:14)

Shepherd your people with your staff,  
the flock of your inheritance,  
That dwells apart in a woodland,  
in the midst of Carmel.  
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead,  
as in the days of old;  
As in the days when you came from the land of Egypt,  
show us wonderful signs.  
  
Who is there like you, the God who removes guilt  
and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance;  
Who does not persist in anger forever,  
but delights rather in clemency,  
And will again have compassion on us,  
treading underfoot our guilt?  
You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins;  
You will show faithfulness to Jacob,  
and grace to Abraham,  
As you have sworn to our fathers  
from days of old.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/103:1)

R. (8a) **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. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
He pardons all your iniquities,  
he heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
he crowns you with kindness and compassion.  
R.**The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
He will not always chide,  
nor does he keep his wrath forever.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.  
R.**The Lord is kind and merciful.**  
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. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Day 113**

# March 23, 2014

### Third Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 28

#### Reading 1 [EX 17:3-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/exodus/17:3)

In those days, in their thirst for water,  
the people grumbled against Moses,  
saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?  
Was it just to have us die here of thirst   
with our children and our livestock?”  
So Moses cried out to the LORD,   
“What shall I do with this people?  
a little more and they will stone me!”  
The LORD answered Moses,  
“Go over there in front of the people,   
along with some of the elders of Israel,   
holding in your hand, as you go,   
the staff with which you struck the river.  
I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb.  
Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it   
for the people to drink.”  
This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel.  
The place was called Massah and Meribah,   
because the Israelites quarreled there  
and tested the LORD, saying,  
“Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

#### Reading 2 [ROM 5:1-2, 5-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/5:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we have been justified by faith,   
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,   
through whom we have gained access by faith   
to this grace in which we stand,   
and we boast in hope of the glory of God.  
  
And hope does not disappoint,   
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts   
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
For Christ, while we were still helpless,   
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.  
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,   
though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die.  
But God proves his love for us  
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/95:1)

R/ (8) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
R/ **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.  
R/ **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”  
R/**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Day 114**

# March 24, 2014

### Monday of the Third Week of Lent Lectionary: 237

#### Reading 1 [2 KGS 5:1-15AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2kings/5:1)

Naaman, the army commander of the king of Aram,  
was highly esteemed and respected by his master,  
for through him the LORD had brought victory to Aram.  
But valiant as he was, the man was a leper.  
Now the Arameans had captured in a raid on the land of Israel  
a little girl, who became the servant of Naaman’s wife.  
“If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria,”  
she said to her mistress, “he would cure him of his leprosy.”  
Naaman went and told his lord  
just what the slave girl from the land of Israel had said.  
“Go,” said the king of Aram.  
“I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.”  
So Naaman set out, taking along ten silver talents,  
six thousand gold pieces, and ten festal garments.  
To the king of Israel he brought the letter, which read:  
“With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you,  
that you may cure him of his leprosy.”  
  
When he read the letter,  
the king of Israel tore his garments and exclaimed:  
“Am I a god with power over life and death,  
that this man should send someone to me to be cured of leprosy?  
Take note! You can see he is only looking for a quarrel with me!”  
When Elisha, the man of God,  
heard that the king of Israel had torn his garments,  
he sent word to the king:  
“Why have you torn your garments?  
Let him come to me and find out  
that there is a prophet in Israel.”  
  
Naaman came with his horses and chariots  
and stopped at the door of Elisha’s house.  
The prophet sent him the message:  
“Go and wash seven times in the Jordan,  
and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean.”  
But Naaman went away angry, saying,  
“I thought that he would surely come out and stand there  
to invoke the LORD his God,  
and would move his hand over the spot,  
and thus cure the leprosy.  
Are not the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar,  
better than all the waters of Israel?   
Could I not wash in them and be cleansed?”  
With this, he turned about in anger and left.  
  
But his servants came up and reasoned with him.  
“My father,” they said,  
“if the prophet had told you to do something extraordinary,  
would you not have done it?  
All the more now, since he said to you,  
‘Wash and be clean,’ should you do as he said.”  
So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times  
at the word of the man of God.  
His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.  
  
He returned with his whole retinue to the man of God.  
On his arrival he stood before him and said,  
“Now I know that there is no God in all the earth,  
except in Israel.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/42:2)

R. (see 42:3) **Athirst is my soul for the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?**  
As the hind longs for the running waters,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
R. **Athirst is my soul for the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?**  
Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?  
R. **Athirst is my soul for the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?**  
Send forth your light and your fidelity;  
they shall lead me on  
And bring me to your holy mountain,  
to your dwelling-place.  
R.**Athirst is my soul for the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?**  
Then will I go in to the altar of God,  
the God of my gladness and joy;  
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,  
O God, my God!  
R. **Athirst is my soul for the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?**

**Day 115**

# March 25, 2014

### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Lectionary: 545

#### Reading 1 [IS 7:10-14; 8:10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/7:10)

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
“I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!”  
Then Isaiah said:   
Listen, O house of David!  
Is it not enough for you to weary people,  
must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means “God is with us!”

#### Reading 2 [HEB 10:4-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/10:4)

Brothers and sisters:  
It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats   
take away sins.  
For this reason, 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/40:7)

R. (8a and 9a)**Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
Sacrifice or oblation you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, “Behold I come.”  
R. **Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
“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. **Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.  
R. **Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
Your justice I kept not hid within my heart;  
your faithfulness and your salvation I have spoken of;  
I have made no secret of your kindness and your truth  
in the vast assembly.  
R.**Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Day 116**

# March 26, 2014

### Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent Lectionary: 239

#### Reading 1 [DT 4:1, 5-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/4:1)

Moses spoke to the people and said:  
“Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees  
which I am teaching you to observe,  
that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land   
which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.   
Therefore, I teach you the statutes and decrees  
as the LORD, my God, has commanded me,  
that you may observe them in the land you are entering to occupy.  
Observe them carefully,  
for thus will you give evidence  
of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations,  
who will hear of all these statutes and say,  
‘This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.’  
For what great nation is there  
that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us  
whenever we call upon him?  
Or what great nation has statutes and decrees  
that are as just as this whole law  
which I am setting before you today?  
  
“However, take care and be earnestly on your guard  
not to forget the things which your own eyes have seen,  
nor let them slip from your memory as long as you live,  
but teach them to your children and to your children’s children.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/147:12)

R. (12a) **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
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. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
He sends forth his command to the earth;  
swiftly runs his word!  
He spreads snow like wool;  
frost he strews like ashes.  
R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.  
He has not done thus for any other nation;  
his ordinances he has not made known to them.  
R. **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

**Day 117**

# March 27, 2014

### Thursday of the Third Week of Lent Lectionary: 240

#### Reading 1 [JER 7:23-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/7:23)

Thus says the LORD:   
This is what I commanded my people:  
Listen to my voice;  
then I will be your God and you shall be my people.  
Walk in all the ways that I command you,  
so that you may prosper.  
  
But they obeyed not, nor did they pay heed.  
They walked in the hardness of their evil hearts  
and turned their backs, not their faces, to me.  
From the day that your fathers left the land of Egypt even to this day,  
I have sent you untiringly all my servants the prophets.  
Yet they have not obeyed me nor paid heed;  
they have stiffened their necks and done worse than their fathers.  
When you speak all these words to them,  
they will not listen to you either;  
when you call to them, they will not answer you.  
Say to them:  
This is the nation that does not listen  
to the voice of the LORD, its God,  
or take correction.  
Faithfulness has disappeared;  
the word itself is banished from their speech.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/95:1)

R. (8) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.  
R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”  
R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Day 118**

# March 28, 2014

### Friday of the Third Week of Lent Lectionary: 241

#### Reading 1 [HOS 14:2-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hosea/14:2)

Thus says the LORD:  
Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God;  
you have collapsed through your guilt.  
Take with you words,  
and return to the LORD;  
Say to him, “Forgive all iniquity,  
and receive what is good, that we may render  
as offerings the bullocks from our stalls.  
Assyria will not save us,  
nor shall we have horses to mount;  
We shall say no more, ‘Our god,’  
to the work of our hands;  
for in you the orphan finds compassion.”  
  
I will heal their defection, says the LORD,  
I will love them freely;  
for my wrath is turned away from them.  
I will be like the dew for Israel:  
he shall blossom like the lily;  
He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar,  
and put forth his shoots.  
His splendor shall be like the olive tree  
and his fragrance like the Lebanon cedar.  
Again they shall dwell in his shade  
and raise grain;  
They shall blossom like the vine,  
and his fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.  
  
Ephraim! What more has he to do with idols?  
I have humbled him, but I will prosper him.  
“I am like a verdant cypress tree”–   
Because of me you bear fruit!  
  
Let him who is wise understand these things;  
let him who is prudent know them.  
Straight are the paths of the LORD,  
in them the just walk,  
but sinners stumble in them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14 AND 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/81:6)

R. (see 11 and 9a)**I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.**  
An unfamiliar speech I hear:  
“I relieved his shoulder of the burden;  
his hands were freed from the basket.  
In distress you called, and I rescued you.”  
R. **I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.**  
“Unseen, I answered you in thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.  
Hear, my people, and I will admonish you;  
O Israel, will you not hear me?”  
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.**I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.**  
“If only my people would hear me,  
and Israel walk in my ways,  
I would feed them with the best of wheat,  
and with honey from the rock I would fill them.”  
R.**I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.**

**Day 119**

# March 29, 2014

### Saturday of the Third Week of Lent Lectionary: 242

#### Reading 1 [HOS 6:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hosea/6:1)

“Come, let us return to the LORD,  
it is he who has rent, but he will heal us;  
he has struck us, but he will bind our wounds.  
He will revive us after two days;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
to live in his presence.  
Let us know, let us strive to know the LORD;  
as certain as the dawn is his coming,  
and his judgment shines forth like the light of day!  
He will come to us like the rain,  
like spring rain that waters the earth.”  
  
What can I do with you, Ephraim?  
What can I do with you, Judah?  
Your piety is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that early passes away.  
For this reason I smote them through the prophets,  
I slew them by the words of my mouth;  
For it is love that I desire, not sacrifice,  
and knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R. (see Hosea 6:6) **It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice.**  
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. **It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice.**  
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
R. **It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice.**  
Be bountiful, O LORD, to Zion in your kindness  
by rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem;  
Then shall you be pleased with due sacrifices,  
burnt offerings and holocausts.  
R. **It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice.**

**Day 120**

# March 30, 2014

### Fourth Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 31

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/16:1)

The LORD said to Samuel:  
“Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.  
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,   
for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”  
  
As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,   
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,   
“Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.”  
But the LORD said to Samuel:   
“Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature,   
because I have rejected him.  
Not as man sees does God see,   
because man sees the appearance   
but the LORD looks into the heart.”  
In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel,   
but Samuel said to Jesse,   
“The LORD has not chosen any one of these.”  
Then Samuel asked Jesse,  
“Are these all the sons you have?”  
Jesse replied,  
“There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.”  
Samuel said to Jesse,  
“Send for him;   
we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.”  
Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.  
He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold   
and making a splendid appearance.  
The LORD said,  
“There—anoint him, for this is the one!”  
Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,   
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;   
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

#### Reading 2  [EPH 5:8-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/5:8)

Brothers and sisters:  
You were once darkness,   
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light,   
for light produces every kind of goodness   
and righteousness and truth.  
Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;   
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention   
the things done by them in secret;   
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,   
for everything that becomes visible is light.  
Therefore, it says:  
“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R/ (1) **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/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
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/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**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/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Day 121**

# March 31, 2014

### Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent Lectionary: 244

#### Reading 1 [IS 65:17-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/65:17)

Thus says the LORD:  
Lo, I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
The things of the past shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness  
in what I create;  
For I create Jerusalem to be a joy  
and its people to be a delight;  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and exult in my people.  
No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there,  
or the sound of crying;  
No longer shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not round out his full lifetime;  
He dies a mere youth who reaches but a hundred years,  
and he who fails of a hundred shall be thought accursed.  
They shall live in the houses they build,  
and eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 30:2 AND 4, 5-6, 11-12A AND 13B](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/30:2)

R. (2a) **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. **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**  
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 the dawn, rejoicing.  
R. **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**  
“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. **I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

**Day 122**

# April 1, 2014

### Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent Lectionary: 245

#### Reading 1 [EZ 47:1-9, 12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/47:1)

The angel brought me, Ezekiel,  
back to the entrance of the temple of the LORD,  
and I saw water flowing out  
from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east,  
for the façade of the temple was toward the east;  
the water flowed down from the right side of the temple,  
south of the altar.  
He led me outside by the north gate,  
and around to the outer gate facing the east,  
where I saw water trickling from the right side.  
Then when he had walked off to the east  
with a measuring cord in his hand,  
he measured off a thousand cubits  
and had me wade through the water,   
which was ankle-deep.  
He measured off another thousand  
and once more had me wade through the water,  
which was now knee-deep.  
Again he measured off a thousand and had me wade;  
the water was up to my waist.  
Once more he measured off a thousand,  
but there was now a river through which I could not wade;  
for the water had risen so high it had become a river  
that could not be crossed except by swimming.  
He asked me, “Have you seen this, son of man?”  
Then he brought me to the bank of the river, where he had me sit.  
Along the bank of the river I saw very many trees on both sides.  
He said to me,  
“This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah,  
and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh.   
Wherever the river flows,  
every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live,  
and there shall be abundant fish,  
for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh.  
Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow;  
their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail.  
Every month they shall bear fresh fruit,  
for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary.  
Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/46:2)

R. (8) **The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**  
God is our refuge and our strength,  
an ever-present help in distress.  
Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken  
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.  
R. **The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**  
There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God,  
the holy dwelling of the Most High.  
God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed;  
God will help it at the break of dawn.  
R. **The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.  
Come! behold the deeds of the LORD,  
the astounding things he has wrought on earth.  
R. **The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**

**Day 123**

# April 2, 2014

### Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent Lectionary: 246

#### Reading 1 [IS 49:8-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/49:8)

Thus says the LORD:  
In a time of favor I answer you,  
on the day of salvation I help you;  
and I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people,  
To restore the land  
and allot the desolate heritages,  
Saying to the prisoners: Come out!  
To those in darkness: Show yourselves!  
Along the ways they shall find pasture,  
on every bare height shall their pastures be.  
They shall not hunger or thirst,  
nor shall the scorching wind or the sun strike them;  
For he who pities them leads them  
and guides them beside springs of water.  
I will cut a road through all my mountains,  
and make my highways level.  
See, some shall come from afar,  
others from the north and the west,  
and some from the land of Syene.  
Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth,  
break forth into song, you mountains.  
For the LORD comforts his people  
and shows mercy to his afflicted.  
  
But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;  
my Lord has forgotten me.”  
Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:8-9, 13CD-14, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:8)

R. (8a) **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.  
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**Day 124**

# April 3, 2014

### Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent Lectionary: 247

#### Reading 1 [EX 32:7-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/exodus/32:7)

The LORD said to Moses,  
“Go down at once to your people  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt,  
for they have become depraved.  
They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them,  
making for themselves a molten calf and worshiping it,  
sacrificing to it and crying out,  
‘This is your God, O Israel,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt!’  
The LORD said to Moses,  
“I see how stiff-necked this people is.  
Let me alone, then,  
that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them.  
Then I will make of you a great nation.”  
  
But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying,  
“Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people,  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt  
with such great power and with so strong a hand?  
Why should the Egyptians say,  
‘With evil intent he brought them out,  
that he might kill them in the mountains  
and exterminate them from the face of the earth’?  
Let your blazing wrath die down;  
relent in punishing your people.   
Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel,  
and how you swore to them by your own self, saying,  
‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky;  
and all this land that I promised,  
I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.’“  
So the LORD relented in the punishment  
he had threatened to inflict on his people.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/106:19)

R. (4a) **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**  
Our fathers made a calf in Horeb  
and adored a molten image;  
They exchanged their glory  
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.  
R. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**  
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. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**  
Then he spoke of exterminating them,  
but Moses, his chosen one,  
Withstood him in the breach  
to turn back his destructive wrath.  
R. **Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.**

**Day 125**

# April 4, 2014

### Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent Lectionary: 248

#### Reading 1 [WIS 2:1A, 12-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/wisdom/2:1)

The wicked said among themselves,   
thinking not aright:  
“Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;  
he sets himself against our doings,  
Reproaches us for transgressions of the law  
and charges us with violations of our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God  
and styles himself a child of the LORD.  
To us he is the censure of our thoughts;   
merely to see him is a hardship for us,  
Because his life is not like that of others,  
and different are his ways.  
He judges us debased;  
he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure.  
He calls blest the destiny of the just  
and boasts that God is his Father.  
Let us see whether his words be true;  
let us find out what will happen to him.  
For if the just one be the son of God, he will defend him  
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.  
With revilement and torture let us put him to the test  
that we may have proof of his gentleness  
and try his patience.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death;  
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.”  
These were their thoughts, but they erred;  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they knew not the hidden counsels of God;  
neither did they count on a recompense of holiness  
nor discern the innocent souls’ reward.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 AND 23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/34:17)

R. (19a) **The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.**  
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.**  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.  
Many are the troubles of the just man,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers him.  
R. **The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.**  
He watches over all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.  
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;  
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.  
R.**The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.**

**Day 126**

# April 5, 2014

### Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent Lectionary: 249

#### Reading 1 [JER 11:18-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/11:18)

I knew their plot because the LORD informed me;  
at that time you, O LORD, showed me their doings.  
  
Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter,  
had not realized that they were hatching plots against me:  
“Let us destroy the tree in its vigor;  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will be spoken no more.”  
  
But, you, O LORD of hosts, O just Judge,  
searcher of mind and heart,  
Let me witness the vengeance you take on them,  
for to you I have entrusted my cause!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 7:2-3, 9BC-10, 11-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/7:2)

R. (2a) **O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.**  
O LORD, my God, in you I take refuge;  
save me from all my pursuers and rescue me,  
Lest I become like the lion’s prey,  
to be torn to pieces, with no one to rescue me.  
R. **O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.**  
Do me justice, O LORD, because I am just,  
and because of the innocence that is mine.  
Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,  
but sustain the just,  
O searcher of heart and soul, O just God.  
R. **O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.**  
A shield before me is God,  
who saves the upright of heart;  
A just judge is God,  
a God who punishes day by day.  
R.**O Lord, my God, in you I take refuge.**

**Day 127**

# April 6, 2014

### Fifth Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 34

#### Reading 1 [EZ 37:12-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/37:12)

Thus says the Lord GOD:   
O my people, I will open your graves   
and have you rise from them,   
and bring you back to the land of Israel.  
Then you shall know that I am the LORD,   
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,   
O my people!  
I will put my spirit in you that you may live,   
and I will settle you upon your land;   
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.  
I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

#### Reading 2  [ROM 8:8-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:8)

Brothers and sisters:  
Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.  
But you are not in the flesh;   
on the contrary, you are in the spirit,   
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.  
Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.  
But if Christ is in you,   
although the body is dead because of sin,   
the spirit is alive because of righteousness.  
If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,   
the one who raised Christ from the dead   
will give life to your mortal bodies also,   
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/130:1)

R/ (7) **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.   
R/ **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**  
If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,  
LORD, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.   
R/ **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**  
I trust in the LORD;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,  
let Israel wait for the LORD.  
R/ **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**  
For with the LORD is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.  
R/ **With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

**Day 128**

# April 7, 2014

### Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent Lectionary: 251

#### Reading 1 [DN 13:1-19, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/13:1)

In Babylon there lived a man named Joakim,  
who married a very beautiful and God-fearing woman, Susanna,  
the daughter of Hilkiah;  
her pious parents had trained their daughter  
according to the law of Moses.  
Joakim was very rich;  
he had a garden near his house,  
and the Jews had recourse to him often  
because he was the most respected of them all.  
  
That year, two elders of the people were appointed judges,  
of whom the Lord said, “Wickedness has come out of Babylon:  
from the elders who were to govern the people as judges.”  
These men, to whom all brought their cases,  
frequented the house of Joakim.  
When the people left at noon,  
Susanna used to enter her husband’s garden for a walk.  
When the old men saw her enter every day for her walk,  
they began to lust for her.  
They suppressed their consciences;  
they would not allow their eyes to look to heaven,  
and did not keep in mind just judgments.  
  
One day, while they were waiting for the right moment,  
she entered the garden as usual, with two maids only.  
She decided to bathe, for the weather was warm.  
Nobody else was there except the two elders,  
who had hidden themselves and were watching her.  
“Bring me oil and soap,” she said to the maids,  
“and shut the garden doors while I bathe.”  
  
As soon as the maids had left,  
the two old men got up and hurried to her.  
“Look,” they said, “the garden doors are shut, and no one can see us;  
give in to our desire, and lie with us.  
If you refuse, we will testify against you  
that you dismissed your maids because a young man was here with you.”  
  
“I am completely trapped,” Susanna groaned.  
“If I yield, it will be my death;  
if I refuse, I cannot escape your power.  
Yet it is better for me to fall into your power without guilt  
than to sin before the Lord.”  
Then Susanna shrieked, and the old men also shouted at her,  
as one of them ran to open the garden doors.  
When the people in the house heard the cries from the garden,  
they rushed in by the side gate to see what had happened to her.  
At the accusations by the old men,  
the servants felt very much ashamed,  
for never had any such thing been said about Susanna.  
  
When the people came to her husband Joakim the next day,  
the two wicked elders also came,  
fully determined to put Susanna to death.  
Before all the people they ordered:  
“Send for Susanna, the daughter of Hilkiah,  
the wife of Joakim.”  
When she was sent for,  
she came with her parents, children and all her relatives.  
All her relatives and the onlookers were weeping.  
  
In the midst of the people the two elders rose up  
and laid their hands on her head.  
Through tears she looked up to heaven,  
for she trusted in the Lord wholeheartedly.  
The elders made this accusation:  
“As we were walking in the garden alone,  
this woman entered with two girls  
and shut the doors of the garden, dismissing the girls.  
A young man, who was hidden there, came and lay with her.  
When we, in a corner of the garden, saw this crime,  
we ran toward them.  
We saw them lying together,  
but the man we could not hold, because he was stronger than we;  
he opened the doors and ran off.  
Then we seized her and asked who the young man was,  
but she refused to tell us.  
We testify to this.”  
The assembly believed them,  
since they were elders and judges of the people,  
and they condemned her to death.  
  
But Susanna cried aloud:  
“O eternal God, you know what is hidden  
and are aware of all things before they come to be:  
you know that they have testified falsely against me.   
Here I am about to die,  
though I have done none of the things  
with which these wicked men have charged me.”  
  
The Lord heard her prayer.  
As she was being led to execution,  
God stirred up the holy spirit of a young boy named Daniel,  
and he cried aloud:  
“I will have no part in the death of this woman.”  
All the people turned and asked him, “What is this you are saying?”  
He stood in their midst and continued,  
“Are you such fools, O children of Israel!   
To condemn a woman of Israel without examination  
and without clear evidence?  
Return to court, for they have testified falsely against her.”  
  
Then all the people returned in haste.  
To Daniel the elders said,  
“Come, sit with us and inform us,  
since God has given you the prestige of old age.”  
But he replied,  
“Separate these two far from each other that I may examine them.”  
  
After they were separated one from the other,  
he called one of them and said:  
“How you have grown evil with age!  
Now have your past sins come to term:  
passing unjust sentences, condemning the innocent,  
and freeing the guilty, although the Lord says,  
‘The innocent and the just you shall not put to death.’  
Now, then, if you were a witness,  
tell me under what tree you saw them together.”  
“Under a mastic tree,” he answered.  
Daniel replied, “Your fine lie has cost you your head,  
for the angel of God shall receive the sentence from him  
and split you in two.”  
Putting him to one side, he ordered the other one to be brought.  
Daniel said to him,  
“Offspring of Canaan, not of Judah, beauty has seduced you,  
lust has subverted your conscience.  
This is how you acted with the daughters of Israel,  
and in their fear they yielded to you;  
but a daughter of Judah did not tolerate your wickedness.  
Now, then, tell me under what tree you surprised them together.”  
“Under an oak,” he said.  
Daniel replied, “Your fine lie has cost you also your head,  
for the angel of God waits with a sword to cut you in two  
so as to make an end of you both.”  
  
The whole assembly cried aloud,  
blessing God who saves those who hope in him.  
They rose up against the two elders,  
for by their own words Daniel had convicted them of perjury.  
According to the law of Moses,  
they inflicted on them  
the penalty they had plotted to impose on their neighbor:  
they put them to death.  
Thus was innocent blood spared that day.

#### Or [DN 13:41C-62](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/13:41)

The assembly condemned Susanna to death.  
  
But Susanna cried aloud:  
“O eternal God, you know what is hidden  
and are aware of all things before they come to be:  
you know that they have testified falsely against me.  
Here I am about to die,  
though I have done none of the things  
with which these wicked men have charged me.”  
  
The Lord heard her prayer.  
As she was being led to execution,  
God stirred up the holy spirit of a young boy named Daniel,  
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“What is this you are saying?”  
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and without clear evidence?  
Return to court, for they have testified falsely against her.”  
  
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“Come, sit with us and inform us,  
since God has given you the prestige of old age.”  
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he called one of them and said:  
“How you have grown evil with age!  
Now have your past sins come to term:  
passing unjust sentences, condemning the innocent,  
and freeing the guilty, although the Lord says,  
‘The innocent and the just you shall not put to death.’   
Now, then, if you were a witness,  
tell me under what tree you saw them together.”  
“Under a mastic tree,” he answered.  
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for the angel of God shall receive the sentence from him  
and split you in two.”  
Putting him to one side, he ordered the other one to be brought.   
Daniel said to him, “Offspring of Canaan, not of Judah,  
beauty has seduced you, lust has subverted your conscience.  
This is how you acted with the daughters of Israel,  
and in their fear they yielded to you;  
but a daughter of Judah did not tolerate your wickedness.  
Now, then, tell me under what tree you surprised them together.”  
“Under an oak,” he said.  
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for the angel of God waits with a sword to cut you in two  
so as to make an end of you both.”  
  
The whole assembly cried aloud,  
blessing God who saves those who hope in him.  
They rose up against the two elders,  
for by their own words Daniel had convicted them of perjury.  
According to the law of Moses,  
they inflicted on them  
the penalty they had plotted to impose on their neighbor:  
they put them to death.  
Thus was innocent blood spared that day.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R. (4ab)**Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**  
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.**  
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. **Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R. **Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**  
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. **Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.**

**Day 129**

# April 8, 2014

### Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent Lectionary: 252

#### Reading 1 [NM 21:4-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/numbers/21:4)

From Mount Hor the children of Israel set out on the Red Sea road,  
to bypass the land of Edom.  
But with their patience worn out by the journey,  
the people complained against God and Moses,  
“Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert,  
where there is no food or water?  
We are disgusted with this wretched food!”  
  
In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents,  
which bit the people so that many of them died.  
Then the people came to Moses and said,  
“We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.  
Pray the LORD to take the serpents away from us.”  
So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses,  
“Make a saraph and mount it on a pole,  
and whoever looks at it after being bitten will live.”  
Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole,  
and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent   
looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/102:2)

R. (2) **O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.**  
O LORD, hear my prayer,  
and let my cry come to you.  
Hide not your face from me  
in the day of my distress.  
Incline your ear to me;   
in the day when I call, answer me speedily.  
R. **O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.**  
The nations shall revere your name, O LORD,  
and all the kings of the earth your glory,  
When the LORD has rebuilt Zion  
and appeared in his glory;  
When he has regarded the prayer of the destitute,  
and not despised their prayer.  
R. **O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.**  
Let this be written for the generation to come,  
and let his future creatures praise the LORD:  
“The LORD looked down from his holy height,  
from heaven he beheld the earth,  
To hear the groaning of the prisoners,  
to release those doomed to die.”  
R. **O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.**

**Day 130**

# April 9, 2014

### Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent Lectionary: 253

#### Reading 1 [DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/3:14)

King Nebuchadnezzar said:  
“Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,  
that you will not serve my god,  
or worship the golden statue that I set up?  
Be ready now to fall down and worship the statue I had made,  
whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet,  
flute, lyre, harp, psaltery, bagpipe,  
and all the other musical instruments;  
otherwise, you shall be instantly cast into the white-hot furnace;  
and who is the God who can deliver you out of my hands?”  
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar,  
“There is no need for us to defend ourselves before you  
in this matter.  
If our God, whom we serve,  
can save us from the white-hot furnace  
and from your hands, O king, may he save us!  
But even if he will not, know, O king,  
that we will not serve your god  
or worship the golden statue that you set up.”  
  
King Nebuchadnezzar’s face became livid with utter rage  
against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.  
He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times more than usual  
and had some of the strongest men in his army  
bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego  
and cast them into the white-hot furnace.  
  
Nebuchadnezzar rose in haste and asked his nobles,  
“Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?”  
“Assuredly, O king,” they answered.  
“But,” he replied, “I see four men unfettered and unhurt,  
walking in the fire, and the fourth looks like a son of God.”   
Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed,  
“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,  
who sent his angel to deliver the servants who trusted in him;  
they disobeyed the royal command and yielded their bodies  
rather than serve or worship any god  
except their own God.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/3:52)

R. (52b) **Glory and praise for ever!**  
“Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.”  
R. **Glory and praise for ever!**  
“Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.  
R. **Glory and praise for ever!**  
“Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.”  
R. **Glory and praise for ever!**  
“Blessed are you who look into the depths  
from your throne upon the cherubim;  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.”  
R.**Glory and praise for ever!**  
“Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven,  
praiseworthy and glorious forever.”  
R. **Glory and praise for ever!**

**Day 131**

# April 10, 2014

### Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent Lectionary: 254

#### Reading 1 [GN 17:3-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/17:3)

When Abram prostrated himself, God spoke to him:  
“My covenant with you is this:  
you are to become the father of a host of nations.  
No longer shall you be called Abram;  
your name shall be Abraham,  
for I am making you the father of a host of nations.  
I will render you exceedingly fertile;  
I will make nations of you;  
kings shall stem from you.  
I will maintain my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you  
throughout the ages as an everlasting pact,  
to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.  
I will give to you  
and to your descendants after you  
the land in which you are now staying,  
the whole land of Canaan, as a permanent possession;  
and I will be their God.”  
  
God also said to Abraham:  
“On your part, you and your descendants after you  
must keep my covenant throughout the ages.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:4)

R. (8a) **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.  
Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought,  
his portents, and the judgments he has uttered.  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
He remembers forever his covenant  
which he made binding for a thousand generations –  
Which he entered into with Abraham  
and by his oath to Isaac.  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

**Day 132**

# April 11, 2014

### Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent Lectionary: 255

#### Reading 1 [JER 20:10-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/20:10)

I hear the whisperings of many:  
“Terror on every side!  
Denounce! let us denounce him!”  
All those who were my friends  
are on the watch for any misstep of mine.  
“Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail,  
and take our vengeance on him.”  
But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion:  
my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.  
In their failure they will be put to utter shame,  
to lasting, unforgettable confusion.  
O LORD of hosts, you who test the just,  
who probe mind and heart,  
Let me witness the vengeance you take on them,  
for to you I have entrusted my cause.  
Sing to the LORD,  
praise the LORD,  
For he has rescued the life of the poor  
from the power of the wicked!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/18:2)

R. (see 7) **In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.**  
I love you, O LORD, my strength,  
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.  
R. **In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.**  
My God, my rock of refuge,  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!  
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,  
and I am safe from my enemies.  
R. **In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.**  
The breakers of death surged round about me,  
the destroying floods overwhelmed me;  
The cords of the nether world enmeshed me,  
the snares of death overtook me.  
R.**In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.**  
In my distress I called upon the LORD  
and cried out to my God;  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.   
R. **In my distress I called upon the Lord, and he heard my voice.**

**Day 133**

# April 12, 2014

### Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent Lectionary: 256

#### Reading 1 [EZ 37:21-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/37:21)

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I will take the children of Israel from among the nations  
to which they have come,  
and gather them from all sides to bring them back to their land.  
I will make them one nation upon the land,  
in the mountains of Israel,  
and there shall be one prince for them all.   
Never again shall they be two nations,  
and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms.  
  
No longer shall they defile themselves with their idols,  
their abominations, and all their transgressions.   
I will deliver them from all their sins of apostasy,  
and cleanse them so that they may be my people  
and I may be their God.  
My servant David shall be prince over them,  
and there shall be one shepherd for them all;  
they shall live by my statutes and carefully observe my decrees.  
They shall live on the land that I gave to my servant Jacob,  
the land where their fathers lived;  
they shall live on it forever,  
they, and their children, and their children’s children,  
with my servant David their prince forever.  
I will make with them a covenant of peace;  
it shall be an everlasting covenant with them,  
and I will multiply them, and put my sanctuary among them forever.  
My dwelling shall be with them;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
Thus the nations shall know that it is I, the LORD,  
who make Israel holy,  
when my sanctuary shall be set up among them forever.

#### Responsorial Psalm [JER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/31:10)

R. (see 10d) **The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards his flock.**  
Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
proclaim it on distant isles, and say:  
He who scattered Israel, now gathers them together,  
he guards them as a shepherd his flock.  
R. **The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards his flock.**  
The LORD shall ransom Jacob,  
he shall redeem him from the hand of his conqueror.  
Shouting, they shall mount the heights of Zion,  
they shall come streaming to the LORD’s blessings:  
The grain, the wine, and the oil,  
the sheep and the oxen.  
R. **The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards his flock.**  
Then the virgins shall make merry and dance,  
and young men and old as well.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will console and gladden them after their sorrows.  
R. **The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards his flock.**

**Day 134**

# April 13, 2014

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lectionary: 35 and 38

#### At The Procession With Palms – Gospel [MT 21:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/21:1)

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem  
and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives,   
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,   
“Go into the village opposite you,   
and immediately you will find an ass tethered,  
and a colt with her.  
Untie them and bring them here to me.  
And if anyone should say anything to you, reply,   
‘The master has need of them.’  
Then he will send them at once.”  
This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet   
might be fulfilled:  
Say to daughter Zion,“Behold, your king comes to you,meek and riding on an ass,and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”  
The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.  
They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them,   
and he sat upon them.  
The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,   
while others cut branches from the trees   
and strewed them on the road.  
The crowds preceding him and those following  
kept crying out and saying:  
“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
hosanna in the highest.”  
And when he entered Jerusalem   
the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?”  
And the crowds replied,   
“This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

#### At The Mass - Reading 1 [IS 50:4-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/50:4)

The Lord GOD has given me  
a well-trained tongue,  
that I might know how to speak to the weary  
a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear;  
and I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
my face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.  
  
The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

#### Reading 2  [PHIL 2:6-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2:6)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name,  
that 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/22:8)

R/ (2a) **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**  
All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
“He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him, if he loves him.”  
R/ **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**  
Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.  
R/**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**  
They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.  
R/ **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**  
I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
“You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”  
R/ **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**Day 135**

# April 14, 2014

### Monday of Holy Week Lectionary: 257

#### Reading 1 [IS 42:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/42:1)

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.  
  
Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spreads out the earth with its crops,  
Who gives breath to its people  
and spirit to those who walk on it:  
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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:1)

R. (1a) **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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
When evildoers come at me  
to devour my flesh,  
My foes and my enemies  
themselves stumble and fall.  
R. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart will not fear;  
Though war be waged upon me,  
even then will I trust.   
R. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Day 136**

# April 15, 2014

### Tuesday of Holy Week Lectionary: 258

#### Reading 1 [IS 49:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/49:1)

Hear me, O islands,  
listen, O distant peoples.  
The LORD called me from birth,  
from my mother’s womb he gave me my name.  
He made of me a sharp-edged sword  
and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.  
He made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me.  
You are my servant, he said to me,  
Israel, through whom I show my glory.  
  
Though I thought I had toiled in vain,  
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,  
Yet my reward is with the LORD,  
my recompense is with my God.  
For now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,  
That Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;  
And I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!  
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15 AND 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/71:1)

R. (see 15ab) **I will sing of your salvation.**  
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. **I will sing of your salvation.**  
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. **I will sing of your salvation.**  
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. **I will sing of your salvation.**  
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. **I will sing of your salvation.**

**Day 137**

# April 16, 2014

### Wednesday of Holy Week Lectionary: 259

#### Reading 1 [IS 50:4-9A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/50:4)

The Lord GOD has given me   
a well-trained tongue,  
That I might know how to speak to the weary  
a word that will rouse them.  
Morning after morning  
he opens my ear that I may hear;  
And I have not rebelled,  
have not turned back.  
I gave my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;  
My face I did not shield  
from buffets and spitting.  
  
The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced;  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.  
He is near who upholds my right;  
if anyone wishes to oppose me,  
let us appear together.  
Who disputes my right?  
Let him confront me.  
See, the Lord GOD is my help;  
who will prove me wrong?

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 AND 33-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/69:8)

R. (14c) **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
For your sake I bear insult,  
and shame covers my face.  
I have become an outcast to my brothers,  
a stranger to my mother’s sons,  
because zeal for your house consumes me,  
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.  
R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak,  
I looked for sympathy, but there was none;  
for consolers, not one could I find.  
Rather they put gall in my food,  
and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.  
R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
I will praise the name of God in song,  
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving:  
“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;  
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!  
For the LORD hears the poor,  
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”  
R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**Day 138**

# April 17, 2014 | Chrism Mass

### Holy Thursday Chrism Mass Lectionary: 260

#### Reading 1 [IS 61:1-3A, 6A,  8B-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/61:1)

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
To announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God,  
to comfort all who mourn;  
To place on those who mourn in Zion  
a diadem instead of ashes,  
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,  
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.  
  
You yourselves shall be named priests of the LORD,  
ministers of our God shall you be called.  
  
I will give them their recompense faithfully,  
a lasting covenant I will make with them.  
Their descendants shall be renowned among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
All who see them shall acknowledge them  
as a race the LORD has blessed.

#### Reading 2 [RV 1:5-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/1:5)

[Grace to you and peace] from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood,   
who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father,   
to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.  
  
Behold, he is coming amid the clouds,  
and every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him.  
All the peoples of the earth will lament him.  
Yes. Amen.  
  
“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,   
“the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 89:21-22, 25 AND 27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:21)

R. (2) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
“I have found David, my servant;  
with my holy oil I have anointed him.  
That my hand may always be with him;  
and that my arm may make him strong.”  
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
“My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him;  
and through my name shall his horn be exalted.  
He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior!’“  
R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

# April 17, 2014 | Evening Mass Of The Lord's Supper

### Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Lectionary: 39

#### Reading 1 [EX 12:1-8, 11-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/exodus/12:1)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,   
“This month shall stand at the head of your calendar;   
you shall reckon it the first month of the year.  
Tell the whole community of Israel:   
On the tenth of this month every one of your families  
must procure for itself a lamb, one apiece for each household.  
If a family is too small for a whole lamb,   
it shall join the nearest household in procuring one   
and shall share in the lamb   
in proportion to the number of persons who partake of it.  
The lamb must be a year-old male and without blemish.  
You may take it from either the sheep or the goats.  
You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month,   
and then, with the whole assembly of Israel present,   
it shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight.  
They shall take some of its blood   
and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel   
of every house in which they partake of the lamb.  
That same night they shall eat its roasted flesh   
with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.  
  
“This is how you are to eat it:   
with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand,  
you shall eat like those who are in flight.  
It is the Passover of the LORD.  
For on this same night I will go through Egypt,   
striking down every firstborn of the land, both man and beast,  
and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt—I, the LORD!  
But the blood will mark the houses where you are.  
Seeing the blood, I will pass over you;   
thus, when I strike the land of Egypt,   
no destructive blow will come upon you.  
  
“This day shall be a memorial feast for you,   
which all your generations shall celebrate   
with pilgrimage to the LORD, as a perpetual institution.”

#### Reading 2  [1 COR 11:23-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/11:23)

Brothers and sisters:  
I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,   
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,   
took bread, and, after he had given thanks,  
broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,   
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,   
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/116:12)

R/. (cf. 1 Cor 10:16) **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**  
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/. **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**  
Precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.  
R/.**Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**  
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all his people.  
R/. **Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.**

**Day 139**

# April 18, 2014

### Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) Lectionary: 40

#### Reading 1 [IS 52:13-53:12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/52:13)

See, my servant shall prosper,  
he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.  
Even as many were amazed at him—  
so marred was his look beyond human semblance  
and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man—  
so shall he startle many nations,  
because of him kings shall stand speechless;  
for those who have not been told shall see,  
those who have not heard shall ponder it.  
  
Who would believe what we have heard?  
To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?  
He grew up like a sapling before him,  
like a shoot from the parched earth;  
there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him,  
nor appearance that would attract us to him.  
He was spurned and avoided by people,  
a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,  
one of those from whom people hide their faces,  
spurned, and we held him in no esteem.  
  
Yet it was our infirmities that he bore,  
our sufferings that he endured,  
while we thought of him as stricken,  
as one smitten by God and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our offenses,  
crushed for our sins;  
upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,  
by his stripes we were healed.  
We had all gone astray like sheep,  
each following his own way;  
but the LORD laid upon him  
the guilt of us all.  
  
Though he was harshly treated, he submitted  
and opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb led to the slaughter  
or a sheep before the shearers,  
he was silent and opened not his mouth.  
Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,  
and who would have thought any more of his destiny?  
When he was cut off from the land of the living,  
and smitten for the sin of his people,  
a grave was assigned him among the wicked  
and a burial place with evildoers,  
though he had done no wrong  
nor spoken any falsehood.  
But the LORD was pleased  
to crush him in infirmity.  
  
If he gives his life as an offering for sin,  
he shall see his descendants in a long life,  
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.  
  
Because of his affliction  
he shall see the light in fullness of days;  
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,  
and their guilt he shall bear.  
Therefore I will give him his portion among the great,  
and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty,  
because he surrendered himself to death  
and was counted among the wicked;  
and he shall take away the sins of many,  
and win pardon for their offenses.

#### Reading 2 [HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/4:14)

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,   
Jesus, the Son of God,   
let us hold fast to our confession.  
For we do not have a high priest  
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,   
but one who has similarly been tested in every way,  
yet without sin.  
So let us confidently approach the throne of grace   
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.  
  
In the days when Christ was in the flesh,   
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears   
to the one who was able to save him from death,   
and he was heard because of his reverence.  
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered;   
and when he was made perfect,  
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/31:2)

R/ (Lk 23:46) **Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**  
In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
In your justice rescue me.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.  
R/ **Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**  
For all my foes I am an object of reproach,  
a laughingstock to my neighbors, and a dread to my friends;  
they who see me abroad flee from me.  
I am forgotten like the unremembered dead;  
I am like a dish that is broken.  
R/ **Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**  
But my trust is in you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my God.  
In your hands is my destiny; rescue me  
from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors.”  
R/**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your kindness.  
Take courage and be stouthearted,  
all you who hope in the LORD.  
R/ **Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**Day 140**

# April 19, 2014

### Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter Lectionary: 41

#### Reading 1 [GN 1:1-2:2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/1:1)

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth,   
the earth was a formless wasteland, and darkness covered the abyss,   
while a mighty wind swept over the waters.  
  
Then God said,  
“Let there be light,” and there was light.  
God saw how good the light was.  
God then separated the light from the darkness.  
God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.”  
Thus evening came, and morning followed—the first day.  
  
Then God said,  
“Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters,   
to separate one body of water from the other.”  
And so it happened:  
God made the dome,   
and it separated the water above the dome from the water below it.  
God called the dome “the sky.”  
Evening came, and morning followed—the second day.  
  
Then God said,   
“Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin,   
so that the dry land may appear.”  
And so it happened:  
the water under the sky was gathered into its basin,   
and the dry land appeared.  
God called the dry land “the earth, “   
and the basin of the water he called “the sea.”  
God saw how good it was.  
Then God said,  
“Let the earth bring forth vegetation:   
every kind of plant that bears seed  
and every kind of fruit tree on earth   
that bears fruit with its seed in it.”  
And so it happened:   
the earth brought forth every kind of plant that bears seed   
and every kind of fruit tree on earth   
that bears fruit with its seed in it.  
God saw how good it was.  
Evening came, and morning followed—the third day.  
  
Then God said:  
“Let there be lights in the dome of the sky,   
to separate day from night.  
Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years,   
and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky,   
to shed light upon the earth.”  
And so it happened:  
God made the two great lights,   
the greater one to govern the day,   
and the lesser one to govern the night;   
and he made the stars.   
God set them in the dome of the sky,   
to shed light upon the earth,  
to govern the day and the night,   
and to separate the light from the darkness.  
God saw how good it was.  
Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.  
  
Then God said,   
“Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures,   
and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky.”  
And so it happened:  
God created the great sea monsters   
and all kinds of swimming creatures with which the water teems,   
and all kinds of winged birds.  
God saw how good it was, and God blessed them, saying,   
“Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas;   
and let the birds multiply on the earth.”  
Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day.  
  
Then God said,   
“Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures:   
cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds.”  
And so it happened:  
God made all kinds of wild animals, all kinds of cattle,  
and all kinds of creeping things of the earth.  
God saw how good it was.  
Then God said:   
“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.  
Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,   
the birds of the air, and the cattle,   
and over all the wild animals   
and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”  
God created man in his image;  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.  
God blessed them, saying:  
“Be fertile and multiply;  
fill the earth and subdue it.  
Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air,   
and all the living things that move on the earth.”  
God also said:   
“See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth   
and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food;   
and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air,   
and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground,   
I give all the green plants for food.”  
And so it happened.  
God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good.  
Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.  
  
Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed.  
Since on the seventh day God was finished  
with the work he had been doing,   
he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken.

#### Or [GN 1:1, 26-31A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/1:1)

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth,  
God said: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.  
Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,   
the birds of the air, and the cattle,   
and over all the wild animals   
and all the creatures that crawl on the ground.”  
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and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air,   
and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground,   
I give all the green plants for food.”  
And so it happened.  
God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.

#### Reading 2 [GN 22:1-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/22:1)

God put Abraham to the test.  
He called to him, “Abraham!”  
“Here I am, “ he replied.  
Then God said:  
“Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love,   
and go to the land of Moriah.  
There you shall offer him up as a holocaust   
on a height that I will point out to you.”  
Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey,   
took with him his son Isaac and two of his servants as well,   
and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust,   
set out for the place of which God had told him.  
  
On the third day Abraham got sight of the place from afar.  
Then he said to his servants:  
“Both of you stay here with the donkey,   
while the boy and I go on over yonder.  
We will worship and then come back to you.”  
Thereupon Abraham took the wood for the holocaust   
and laid it on his son Isaac’s shoulders,   
while he himself carried the fire and the knife.  
As the two walked on together, Isaac spoke to his father Abraham:   
“Father!” Isaac said.  
“Yes, son, “ he replied.  
Isaac continued, “Here are the fire and the wood,   
but where is the sheep for the holocaust?”  
“Son,” Abraham answered,   
“God himself will provide the sheep for the holocaust.”  
Then the two continued going forward.  
  
When they came to the place of which God had told him,   
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.  
Next he tied up his son Isaac,   
and put him on top of the wood on the altar.  
Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.  
But the LORD’s messenger called to him from heaven,  
“Abraham, Abraham!”  
“Here I am!” he answered.  
“Do not lay your hand on the boy,” said the messenger.  
“Do not do the least thing to him.  
I know now how devoted you are to God,   
since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.”  
As Abraham looked about,   
he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.  
So he went and took the ram   
and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.  
Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh;   
hence people now say, “On the mountain the LORD will see.”  
  
Again the LORD’s messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:   
“I swear by myself, declares the LORD,   
that because you acted as you did   
in not withholding from me your beloved son,   
I will bless you abundantly  
and make your descendants as countless  
as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;   
your descendants shall take possession   
of the gates of their enemies,   
and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—  
all this because you obeyed my command.”

#### Or [GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/22:1)

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He called to him, “Abraham!”  
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Then God said:  
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There you shall offer him up as a holocaust   
on a height that I will point out to you.”   
  
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I will bless you abundantly  
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as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore;   
your descendants shall take possession   
of the gates of their enemies,   
and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—  
all this because you obeyed my command.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/104:1)

R/ (30) **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
You are clothed with majesty and glory,  
robed in light as with a cloak.  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
You fixed the earth upon its foundation,  
not to be moved forever;  
with the ocean, as with a garment, you covered it;  
above the mountains the waters stood.  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
You send forth springs into the watercourses  
that wind among the mountains.  
Beside them the birds of heaven dwell;  
from among the branches they send forth their song.  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
You water the mountains from your palace;  
the earth is replete with the fruit of your works.  
You raise grass for the cattle,  
and vegetation for man’s use,  
Producing bread from the earth.  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have wrought them all—the earth is full of your creatures.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul! Alleluia.  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

#### Or [PS 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 AND 22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:4)

R/ (5b) **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R/ **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made;  
by the breath of his mouth all their host.  
He gathers the waters of the sea as in a flask;  
in cellars he confines the deep.  
R/ **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
From heaven the LORD looks down;  
he sees all mankind.  
R/ **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.  
R/ **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

**Day 141**

# April 20, 2014

### The Resurrection of the Lord The Mass of Easter Sunday Lectionary: 42

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 10:34A, 37-43](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/10:34)

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
“You know 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.  
We are witnesses of all that he did  
both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.  
They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.  
This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible,  
not to all the people, but to us,  
the witnesses chosen by God in advance,  
who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.  
He commissioned us to preach to the people  
and testify that he is the one appointed by God  
as judge of the living and the dead.  
To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/118:1)

R/ (24) **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
R/ **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
“The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.”  
R/**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.  
R/**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

#### Reading 2 [COL 3:1-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/colossians/3:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,   
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.  
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

#### Or [1 COR 5:6B-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/5:6)

Brothers and sisters:  
Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?  
Clear out the old yeast,  
so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,   
inasmuch as you are unleavened.  
For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast,   
not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness,   
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

#### Sequence - Victimæ Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems;  
Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring  
What you saw, wayfaring.  
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;  
bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;  
to Galilee he goes before you.”  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.

**Day 142**

# April 21, 2014

### Monday in the Octave of Easter Lectionary: 261

#### Reading 1[ACTS 2:14, 22-33](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2:14)

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice, and proclaimed:  
“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.  
Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.  
  
“You who are children of Israel, hear these words.  
Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God  
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,  
which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.  
This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God,  
you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.  
But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.  
For David says of him:  
  
I saw the Lord ever before me,with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.You have made known to me the paths of life;you will fill me with joy in your presence.  
  
My brothers, one can confidently say to you  
about the patriarch David that he died and was buried,  
and his tomb is in our midst to this day.  
But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him  
that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,  
he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,  
that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld  
nor did his flesh see corruption.  
God raised this Jesus;  
of this we are all witnesses.  
Exalted at the right hand of God,  
he poured forth the promise of the Holy Spirit   
that he received from the Father, as you both see and hear.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/16:1)

R. (1) **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.  
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.  
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.  
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.  
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 143**

# April 22, 2014

### Tuesday in the Octave of Easter Lectionary: 262

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 2:36-41](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2:36)

On the day of Pentecost, Peter said to the Jewish people,  
“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain  
that God has made him both Lord and Christ,  
this Jesus whom you crucified.”  
  
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,  
and they asked Peter and the other Apostles,  
“What are we to do, my brothers?”  
Peter said to them,  
“Repent and be baptized, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
For the promise is made to you and to your children  
and to all those far off,  
whomever the Lord our God will call.”  
He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,  
“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”   
Those who accepted his message were baptized,  
and about three thousand persons were added that day.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 AND 22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:4)

R. (5b) **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.  
R.**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Our soul waits for the LORD,  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.  
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 144**

# April 23, 2014

### Wednesday in the Octave of Easter Lectionary: 263

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 3:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/3:1)

Peter and John were going up to the temple area  
for the three o’clock hour of prayer.  
And a man crippled from birth was carried  
and placed at the gate of the temple called “the Beautiful Gate” every day   
to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple.  
When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple,  
he asked for alms.  
But Peter looked intently at him, as did John,  
and said, “Look at us.”  
He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.  
Peter said, “I have neither silver nor gold,  
but what I do have I give you:   
in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.”  
Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up,  
and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong.  
He leaped up, stood, and walked around,  
and went into the temple with them,  
walking and jumping and praising God.  
When all the people saw him walking and praising God,  
they recognized him as the one  
who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple,  
and they were filled with amazement and astonishment  
at what had happened to him.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:1)

R. (3b) **Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;  
make known among the nations his deeds.  
Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
R.**Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**   
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.  
R. **Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
R. **Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He remembers forever his covenant  
which he made binding for a thousand generations   
Which he entered into with Abraham  
and by his oath to Isaac.  
R. **Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 145**

# April 24, 2014

### Thursday in the Octave of Easter Lectionary: 264

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 3:11-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/3:11)

As the crippled man who had been cured clung to Peter and John,  
all the people hurried in amazement toward them  
in the portico called “Solomon’s Portico.”  
When Peter saw this, he addressed the people,  
“You children of Israel, why are you amazed at this,  
and why do you look so intently at us  
as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety?  
The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,  
the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus  
whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence,  
when he had decided to release him.  
You denied the Holy and Righteous One  
and asked that a murderer be released to you.  
The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.  
And by faith in his name,  
this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong,  
and the faith that comes through it  
has given him this perfect health,  
in the presence of all of you.  
Now I know, brothers and sisters,  
that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did;  
but God has thus brought to fulfillment  
what he had announced beforehand  
through the mouth of all the prophets,  
that his Christ would suffer.  
Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away,  
and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment  
and send you the Christ already appointed for you, Jesus,  
whom heaven must receive until the times of universal restoration  
of which God spoke through the mouth  
of his holy prophets from of old.  
For Moses said:  
  
A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for youfrom among your own kin;to him you shall listen in all that he may say to you.Everyone who does not listen to that prophetwill be cut off from the people.  
  
“Moreover, all the prophets who spoke,  
from Samuel and those afterwards, also announced these days.  
You are the children of the prophets  
and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors  
when he said to Abraham,  
In your offspring all the families of the earth shall be blessed.  
For you first, God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you  
by turning each of you from your evil ways.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/8:2)

R. (2ab) **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
O LORD, our Lord,  
how glorious is your name over all the earth!  
What is man that you should be mindful of him,  
or the son of man that you should care for him?  
R. **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You have made him little less than the angels,  
and crowned him with glory and honor.  
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,  
putting all things under his feet.  
R. **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
All sheep and oxen,  
yes, and the beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,  
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.  
R. **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 146**

# April 25, 2014

### Friday in the Octave of Easter Lectionary: 265

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 4:1-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/4:1)

After the crippled man had been cured,  
while Peter and John were still speaking to the people,  
the priests, the captain of the temple guard,  
and the Sadducees confronted them,  
disturbed that they were teaching the people  
and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.  
They laid hands on Peter and John  
and put them in custody until the next day,  
since it was already evening.  
But many of those who heard the word came to believe  
and the number of men grew to about five thousand.  
  
On the next day, their leaders, elders, and scribes  
were assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest,  
Caiaphas, John, Alexander,  
and all who were of the high-priestly class.  
They brought them into their presence and questioned them,  
“By what power or by what name have you done this?”  
Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, answered them,  
“Leaders of the people and elders:  
If we are being examined today  
about a good deed done to a cripple,  
namely, by what means he was saved,  
then all of you and all the people of Israel should know  
that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean  
whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead;  
in his name this man stands before you healed.  
He is the stone rejected by you, the builders,  
which has become the cornerstone.  
There is no salvation through anyone else,  
nor is there any other name under heaven  
given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 118:1-2 AND 4, 22-24, 25-27A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/118:1)

R. (22) **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
R. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.  
R. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 147**

# April 26, 2014

### Saturday in the Octave of Easter Lectionary: 266

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 4:13-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/4:13)

Observing the boldness of Peter and John  
and perceiving them to be uneducated, ordinary men,  
the leaders, elders, and scribes were amazed,  
and they recognized them as the companions of Jesus.  
Then when they saw the man who had been cured standing there with them,  
they could say nothing in reply.  
So they ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin,  
and conferred with one another, saying,  
“What are we to do with these men?  
Everyone living in Jerusalem knows that a remarkable sign  
was done through them, and we cannot deny it.  
But so that it may not be spread any further among the people,  
let us give them a stern warning  
never again to speak to anyone in this name.”  
  
So they called them back  
and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.  
Peter and John, however, said to them in reply,  
“Whether it is right in the sight of God  
for us to obey you rather than God, you be the judges.  
It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard.”  
After threatening them further,  
they released them,  
finding no way to punish them,  
on account of the people who were all praising God  
for what had happened.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 118:1 AND 14-15AB, 16-18, 19-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/118:1)

R. (21a)**I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just.  
R. **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
“The right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD has struck with power.”  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.  
Though the LORD has indeed chastised me,  
yet he has not delivered me to death.  
R. **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Open to me the gates of justice;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD;  
the just shall enter it.  
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have been my savior.  
R. **I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 148**

# April 27, 2014

### Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Lectionary: 43

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 2:42-47](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2:42)

They devoted themselves   
to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,   
to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.  
Awe came upon everyone,  
and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.  
All who believed were together and had all things in common;  
they would sell their property and possessions  
and divide them among all according to each one’s need.  
Every day they devoted themselves  
to meeting together in the temple area  
and to breaking bread in their homes.  
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,  
praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.  
And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/118:2)

R/ (1) **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
R/ **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
I was hard pressed and was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.  
My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.  
The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just:   
R/ **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.  
R/ **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 149**

# April 28, 2014

### Monday of the Second Week of Easter Lectionary: 267

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 4:23-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/4:23)

After their release Peter and John went back to their own people  
and reported what the chief priests and elders had told them.  
And when they heard it,  
they raised their voices to God with one accord  
and said, “Sovereign Lord, maker of heaven and earth  
and the sea and all that is in them,  
you said by the Holy Spirit  
through the mouth of our father David, your servant:  
  
Why did the Gentiles rageand the peoples entertain folly?The kings of the earth took their standand the princes gathered togetheragainst the Lord and against his anointed.  
  
Indeed they gathered in this city  
against your holy servant Jesus whom you anointed,  
Herod and Pontius Pilate,  
together with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,  
to do what your hand and your will  
had long ago planned to take place.  
And now, Lord, take note of their threats,  
and enable your servants to speak your word  
with all boldness, as you stretch forth your hand to heal,  
and signs and wonders are done  
through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”  
As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook,  
and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 2:1-3, 4-7A, 7B-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/2:1)

R. (see 11d) **Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples utter folly?  
The kings of the earth rise up,  
and the princes conspire together  
against the LORD and against his anointed:  
“Let us break their fetters  
and cast their bonds from us!”  
R.**Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He who is throned in heaven laughs;  
the LORD derides them.  
Then in anger he speaks to them;  
he terrifies them in his wrath:  
“I myself have set up my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”  
I will proclaim the decree of the LORD.  
R. **Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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.  
You shall rule them with an iron rod;  
you shall shatter them like an earthen dish.”  
R. **Blessed are all who take refuge in the Lord.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**

**Day 150**

# April 29, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 268

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 4:32-37](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/4:32)

The community of believers was of one heart and mind,  
and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,  
but they had everything in common.  
With great power the Apostles bore witness  
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,  
and great favor was accorded them all.  
There was no needy person among them,  
for those who owned property or houses would sell them,  
bring the proceeds of the sale,  
and put them at the feet of the Apostles,  
and they were distributed to each according to need.  
  
Thus Joseph, also named by the Apostles Barnabas  
(which is translated “son of encouragement”),  
a Levite, a Cypriot by birth,  
sold a piece of property that he owned,  
then brought the money and put it at the feet of the Apostles.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/93:1)

R. (1a) **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD is king, in splendor robed;  
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.  
R. **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
And he has made the world firm,  
not to be moved.  
Your throne stands firm from of old;  
from everlasting you are, O LORD.  
R. **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed:  
holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, for length of days.  
R. **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 151**

# April 30, 2014

### Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter Lectionary: 269

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 5:17-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/5:17)

The high priest rose up and all his companions,  
that is, the party of the Sadducees,  
and, filled with jealousy,  
laid hands upon the Apostles and put them in the public jail.  
But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison,  
led them out, and said,  
“Go and take your place in the temple area,  
and tell the people everything about this life.”  
When they heard this,  
they went to the temple early in the morning and taught.  
When the high priest and his companions arrived,  
they convened the Sanhedrin,  
the full senate of the children of Israel,  
and sent to the jail to have them brought in.  
But the court officers who went did not find them in the prison,  
so they came back and reported,  
“We found the jail securely locked  
and the guards stationed outside the doors,  
but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”  
When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests heard this report,   
they were at a loss about them,  
as to what this would come to.  
Then someone came in and reported to them,  
“The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area  
and are teaching the people.”   
Then the captain and the court officers went and brought them,  
but without force,  
because they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/34:2)

R. (7a) **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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 hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.  
R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia**.

**Day 152**

# May 1, 2014

### Thursday of the Second Week of Easter Lectionary: 270

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 5:27-33](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/5:27)

When the court officers had brought the Apostles in  
and made them stand before the Sanhedrin,  
the high priest questioned them,  
“We gave you strict orders did we not,  
to stop teaching in that name.  
Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching  
and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.”  
But Peter and the Apostles said in reply,  
“We must obey God rather than men.   
The God of our ancestors raised Jesus,  
though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree.  
God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior  
to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins.  
We are witnesses of these things,  
as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”  
  
When they heard this,  
they became infuriated and wanted to put them to death.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/34:2)

R. (7a) **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.  
R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
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 hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.  
Many are the troubles of the just man,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers him.  
R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 153**

# May 2, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 271

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 5:34-42](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/5:34)

A Pharisee in the Sanhedrin named Gamaliel,  
a teacher of the law, respected by all the people,  
stood up, ordered the Apostles to be put outside for a short time,  
and said to the Sanhedrin, “Fellow children of Israel,  
be careful what you are about to do to these men.  
Some time ago, Theudas appeared, claiming to be someone important,  
and about four hundred men joined him, but he was killed,  
and all those who were loyal to him  
were disbanded and came to nothing.  
After him came Judas the Galilean at the time of the census.  
He also drew people after him,  
but he too perished and all who were loyal to him were scattered.  
So now I tell you,  
have nothing to do with these men, and let them go.  
For if this endeavor or this activity is of human origin,  
it will destroy itself.  
But if it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them;  
you may even find yourselves fighting against God.”  
They were persuaded by him.  
After recalling the Apostles, they had them flogged,  
ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus,  
and dismissed them.  
So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin,  
rejoicing that they had been found worthy  
to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.  
And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes,  
they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Christ, Jesus.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:1, 4, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:1)

R. (see 4abc) **One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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 seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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.**One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 154**

# May 3, 2014

### Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles Lectionary: 561

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 15:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:1)

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 and sisters 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 19:2-3, 4-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/19:2)

R. (5)**Their message goes out through all the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day pours out the word to day;  
and night to night imparts knowledge.  
R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Not a word nor a discourse  
whose voice is not heard;  
Through all the earth their voice resounds,  
and to the ends of the world, their message.  
R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 155**

# May 4, 2014

### Third Sunday of Easter Lectionary: 46

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 2:14, 22-33](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2:14)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice, and proclaimed:  
“You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem.  
Let this be known to you, and listen to my words.  
You who are Israelites, hear these words.  
Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God  
with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs,  
which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know.  
This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God,  
you killed, using lawless men to crucify him.  
But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held by it.  
For David says of him:  
I saw the Lord ever before me,with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted;my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.You have made known to me the paths of life;you will fill me with joy in your presence.  
  
“My brothers, one can confidently say to you  
about the patriarch David that he died and was buried,  
and his tomb is in our midst to this day.  
But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him  
that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,  
he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ,  
that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld  
nor did his flesh see corruption.  
God raised this Jesus;  
of this we are all witnesses.  
Exalted at the right hand of God,  
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father  
and poured him forth, as you see and hear.”

#### Reading 2 [1 PT 1:17-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/1:17)

Beloved:  
If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially  
according to each one’s works,  
conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning,  
realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct,  
handed on by your ancestors,  
not with perishable things like silver or gold  
but with the precious blood of Christ  
as of a spotless unblemished lamb.  
  
He was known before the foundation of the world   
but revealed in the final time for you,  
who through him believe in God  
who raised him from the dead and gave him glory,  
so that your faith and hope are in God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/16:1)

R/ (11a) **Lord, you will show us the path of life.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.  
R/ **Lord, you will show us the path of life.**  
or:  
R/**Alleluia.**  
I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.  
R/**Lord, you will show us the path of life.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,   
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.  
R/ **Lord, you will show us the path of life.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
You will show me the path to life,  
abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.  
R/ **Lord, you will show us the path of life.**  
or:  
R/**Alleluia.**

**Day 156**

# May 5, 2014

### Monday of the Third Week of Easter Lectionary: 273

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 6:8-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/6:8)

Stephen, filled with grace and power,  
was working great wonders and signs among the people.  
Certain members of the so-called Synagogue of Freedmen,  
Cyreneans, and Alexandrians,  
and people from Cilicia and Asia,  
came forward and debated with Stephen,  
but they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.  
Then they instigated some men to say,  
“We have heard him speaking blasphemous words  
against Moses and God.”  
They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes,  
accosted him, seized him,  
and brought him before the Sanhedrin.  
They presented false witnesses who testified,  
“This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law.  
For we have heard him claim  
that this Jesus the Nazorean will destroy this place  
and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.”  
All those who sat in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him  
and saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:23)

R. (1ab) **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Though princes meet and talk against me,  
your servant meditates on your statutes.  
Yes, your decrees are my delight;  
they are my counselors.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
I declared my ways, and you answered me;  
teach me your statutes.  
Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous deeds.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Remove from me the way of falsehood,  
and favor me with your law.  
The way of truth I have chosen;  
I have set your ordinances before me.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 157**

# May 6, 2014

### Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter Lectionary: 274

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 7:51-8:1A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/7:51)

Stephen said to the people, the elders, and the scribes:  
“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears,  
you always oppose the Holy Spirit;  
you are just like your ancestors.  
Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute?  
They put to death those who foretold the coming of the righteous one,  
whose betrayers and murderers you have now become.  
You received the law as transmitted by angels,  
but you did not observe it.”  
  
When they heard this, they were infuriated,  
and they ground their teeth at him.  
But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God  
and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,  
and Stephen said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened  
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”  
But they cried out in a loud voice,  
covered their ears, and rushed upon him together.  
They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him.  
The witnesses laid down their cloaks  
at the feet of a young man named Saul.   
As they were stoning Stephen, he called out,  
“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”  
Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice,  
“Lord, do not hold this sin against them”;  
and when he said this, he fell asleep.  
  
Now Saul was consenting to his execution.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 7B AND 8A, 17 AND 21AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/31:3)

R. (6a) **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
Be my rock of refuge,  
a stronghold to give me safety.  
You are my rock and my fortress;  
for your name’s sake you will lead and guide me.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.  
My trust is in the LORD;  
I will rejoice and be glad of your mercy.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your kindness.  
You hide them in the shelter of your presence  
from the plottings of men.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 158**

# May 7, 2014

### Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter Lectionary: 275

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 8:1B-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/8:1)

There broke out a severe persecution of the Church in Jerusalem,  
and all were scattered  
throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria,  
except the Apostles.  
Devout men buried Stephen and made a loud lament over him.  
Saul, meanwhile, was trying to destroy the Church;  
entering house after house and dragging out men and women,  
he handed them over for imprisonment.  
  
Now those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.  
Thus Philip went down to the city of Samaria  
and proclaimed the Christ to them.  
With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip  
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.  
For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,  
came out of many possessed people,  
and many paralyzed and crippled people were cured.  
There was great joy in that city.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 66:1-3A, 4-5, 6-7A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/66:1)

R. (1) **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.  
Say to God, “How tremendous are your deeds!”  
R.**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
“Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
sing praise to your name!”  
Come and see the works of God,  
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He has changed the sea into dry land;  
through the river they passed on foot;  
therefore let us rejoice in him.  
He rules by his might forever.  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 159**

# May 8, 2014

### Thursday of the Third Week of Easter Lectionary: 276

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 8:26-40](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/8:26)

The angel of the Lord spoke to Philip,  
“Get up and head south on the road  
that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, the desert route.”   
So he got up and set out.   
Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch,  
a court official of the Candace,  
that is, the queen of the Ethiopians,  
in charge of her entire treasury,  
who had come to Jerusalem to worship, and was returning home.  
Seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.  
The Spirit said to Philip,  
“Go and join up with that chariot.”   
Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and said,  
“Do you understand what you are reading?”   
He replied,  
“How can I, unless someone instructs me?”   
So he invited Philip to get in and sit with him.   
This was the Scripture passage he was reading:  
  
Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,so he opened not his mouth.In his humiliation justice was denied him.Who will tell of his posterity?For his life is taken from the earth.  
  
Then the eunuch said to Philip in reply,  
“I beg you, about whom is the prophet saying this?  
About himself, or about someone else?”   
Then Philip opened his mouth and, beginning with this Scripture passage,  
he proclaimed Jesus to him.  
As they traveled along the road  
they came to some water,  
and the eunuch said, “Look, there is water.   
What is to prevent my being baptized?”   
Then he ordered the chariot to stop,  
and Philip and the eunuch both went down into the water,  
and he baptized him.   
When they came out of the water,  
the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away,  
and the eunuch saw him no more,  
but continued on his way rejoicing.   
Philip came to Azotus, and went about proclaiming the good news  
to all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 66:8-9, 16-17, 20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/66:8)

R. (1)**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
Bless our God, you peoples,  
loudly sound his praise;  
He has given life to our souls,  
and has not let our feet slip.  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what he has done for me.  
When I appealed to him in words,  
praise was on the tip of my tongue.  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Blessed be God who refused me not  
my prayer or his kindness!  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 160**

# May 9, 2014

### Friday of the Third Week of Easter Lectionary: 277

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 9:1-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/9:1)

Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord,  
went to the high priest and asked him  
for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, that,  
if he should find any men or women who belonged to the Way,  
he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains.   
On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus,  
a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him.   
He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,  
“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”  
He said, “Who are you, sir?”   
The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.   
Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do.”   
The men who were traveling with him stood speechless,  
for they heard the voice but could see no one.  
Saul got up from the ground,  
but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing;  
so they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus.  
For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank.  
  
There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias,  
and the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.”   
He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”   
The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight  
and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul.  
He is there praying,  
and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias  
come in and lay his hands on him,  
that he may regain his sight.”  
But Ananias replied,  
“Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man,  
what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem.  
And here he has authority from the chief priests  
to imprison all who call upon your name.”   
But the Lord said to him,  
“Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine  
to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and children of Israel,  
and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name.”   
So Ananias went and entered the house;  
laying his hands on him, he said,  
“Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me,  
Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came,  
that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”   
Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes  
and he regained his sight.   
He got up and was baptized,  
and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.  
  
He stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus,  
and he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues,  
that he is the Son of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 117:1BC, 2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/117:1)

R. (Mark 16:15) **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
glorify him, all you peoples!  
R. **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
For steadfast is his kindness toward us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.  
R. **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 161**

# May 10, 2014

### Saturday of the Third Week of Easter Lectionary: 278

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 9:31-42](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/9:31)

The Church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria  
was at peace.   
She was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord,  
and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit she grew in numbers.  
  
As Peter was passing through every region,  
he went down to the holy ones living in Lydda.   
There he found a man named Aeneas,  
who had been confined to bed for eight years, for he was paralyzed.   
Peter said to him,  
“Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed.”   
He got up at once.   
And all the inhabitants of Lydda and Sharon saw him,  
and they turned to the Lord.  
  
Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha  
(which translated is Dorcas).   
She was completely occupied with good deeds and almsgiving.   
Now during those days she fell sick and died,  
so after washing her, they laid her out in a room upstairs.   
Since Lydda was near Joppa,  
the disciples, hearing that Peter was there,  
sent two men to him with the request,  
“Please come to us without delay.”   
So Peter got up and went with them.   
When he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs  
where all the widows came to him weeping  
and showing him the tunics and cloaks  
that Dorcas had made while she was with them.   
Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed.   
Then he turned to her body and said, “Tabitha, rise up.”   
She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up.   
He gave her his hand and raised her up,  
and when he had called the holy ones and the widows,  
he presented her alive.   
This became known all over Joppa,  
and many came to believe in the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/116:12)

R. (12) **How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?**  
or:  
R. **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. **How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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.  
R. **How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosed my bonds.  
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
R. **How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 162**

# May 11, 2014

### Fourth Sunday of Easter Lectionary: 49

#### Reading 1[ACTS 2:14A, 36-41](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2:14)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven,  
raised his voice, and proclaimed:  
“Let the whole house of Israel know for certain  
that God has made both Lord and Christ,  
this Jesus whom you crucified.”  
  
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart,  
and they asked Peter and the other apostles,  
“What are we to do, my brothers?”  
Peter said to them,  
“Repent and be baptized, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
For the promise is made to you and to your children  
and to all those far off,  
whomever the Lord our God will call.”  
He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them,  
“Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”  
Those who accepted his message were baptized,  
and about three thousand persons were added that day.

#### Reading 2 [1 PT 2:20B-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/2:20)

Beloved:  
If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,  
this is a grace before God.  
For to this you have been called,  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.  
He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.  
  
When he was insulted, he returned no insult;  
when he suffered, he did not threaten;  
instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly.  
He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,  
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.  
For you had gone astray like sheep,  
but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-2A, 3B-4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R/  (1) **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R/  **Alleluia.**  
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/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R/  **Alleluia.**  
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/  **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R/  **Alleluia.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.   
R/  **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R/**Alleluia.**  
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/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R/  **Alleluia.**

**Day 163**

# May 12, 2014

### Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter Lectionary: 279

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 11:1-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/11:1)

The Apostles and the brothers who were in Judea  
heard that the Gentiles too had accepted the word of God.   
So when Peter went up to Jerusalem  
the circumcised believers confronted him, saying,  
‘You entered the house of uncircumcised people and ate with them.”   
Peter began and explained it to them step by step, saying,  
“I was at prayer in the city of Joppa  
when in a trance I had a vision,  
something resembling a large sheet coming down,  
lowered from the sky by its four corners, and it came to me.   
Looking intently into it,  
I observed and saw the four-legged animals of the earth,  
the wild beasts, the reptiles, and the birds of the sky.   
I also heard a voice say to me, ‘Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat.’   
But I said, ‘Certainly not, sir,  
because nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’   
But a second time a voice from heaven answered,  
‘What God has made clean, you are not to call profane.’   
This happened three times,  
and then everything was drawn up again into the sky.  
Just then three men appeared at the house where we were,  
who had been sent to me from Caesarea.   
The Spirit told me to accompany them without discriminating.   
These six brothers also went with me,  
and we entered the man’s house.   
He related to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, saying,  
‘Send someone to Joppa and summon Simon, who is called Peter,  
who will speak words to you   
by which you and all your household will be saved.’   
As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them  
as it had upon us at the beginning,  
and I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said,  
‘John baptized with water  
but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’   
If then God gave them the same gift he gave to us  
when we came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who was I to be able to hinder God?”  
When they heard this,  
they stopped objecting and glorified God, saying,  
“God has then granted life-giving repentance to the Gentiles too.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/42:2)

R. (see 3a)**Athirst is my soul for the living God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
As the hind longs for the running waters,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
Athirst is my soul for God, the living God.  
When shall I go and behold the face of God?  
R. **Athirst is my soul for the living God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Send forth your light and your fidelity;  
they shall lead me on  
And bring me to your holy mountain,  
to your dwelling-place.  
R. **Athirst is my soul for the living God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Then will I go in to the altar of God,  
the God of my gladness and joy;  
Then will I give you thanks upon the harp,  
O God, my God!  
R. **Athirst is my soul for the living God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 164**

# May 13, 2014

### Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter Lectionary: 280

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 11:19-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/11:19)

Those who had been scattered by the persecution  
that arose because of Stephen  
went as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch,  
preaching the word to no one but Jews.  
There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians among them, however,  
who came to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks as well,  
proclaiming the Lord Jesus.   
The hand of the Lord was with them  
and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.   
The news about them reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem,  
and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch.  
When he arrived and saw the grace of God,  
he rejoiced and encouraged them all  
to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart,  
for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith.  
And a large number of people was added to the Lord.   
Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul,  
and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.   
For a whole year they met with the Church  
and taught a large number of people,  
and it was in Antioch that the disciples  
were first called Christians.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/87:1)

R. (117:1a) **All you nations, praise the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
His foundation upon the holy mountains  
the LORD loves:  
The gates of Zion,  
more than any dwelling of Jacob.  
Glorious things are said of you,  
O city of God!  
R. **All you nations, praise the Lord.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
I tell of Egypt and Babylon  
among those who know the LORD;  
Of Philistia, Tyre, Ethiopia:  
“This man was born there.”  
And of Zion they shall say:  
“One and all were born in her;  
And he who has established her  
is the Most High LORD.”  
R. **All you nations, praise the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
They shall note, when the peoples are enrolled:  
“This man was born there.”  
And all shall sing, in their festive dance:  
“My home is within you.”  
R. **All you nations, praise the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 165**

# May 14, 2014

### Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle Lectionary: 564

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/1:15)

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers and sisters  
(there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons  
in the one place).  
He said, “My brothers and sisters,  
the Scripture had to be fulfilled  
which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand  
through the mouth of David, concerning Judas,  
who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus.  
Judas was numbered among us  
and was allotted a share in this ministry.  
For it is written in the Book of Psalms:  
  
Let his encampment become desolate,and may no one dwell in it.  
and:  
May another take his office.  
  
Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men   
who accompanied us the whole time   
the Lord Jesus came and went among us,  
beginning from the baptism of John  
until the day on which he was taken up from us,  
become with us a witness to his resurrection.”  
So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas,  
who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.  
Then they prayed,  
“You, Lord, who know the hearts of all,  
show which one of these two you have chosen  
to take the place in this apostolic ministry  
from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”  
Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias,  
and he was counted with the Eleven Apostles.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/113:1)

R. (8) **The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever.  
R. **The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory.  
R.**The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?  
R. **The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor  
To seat them with princes,  
with the princes of his own people.  
R. **The Lord will give him a seat with the leaders of his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 166**

# May 15, 2014

### Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter Lectionary: 282

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 13:13-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/13:13)

From Paphos, Paul and his companions  
set sail and arrived at Perga in Pamphylia.   
But John left them and returned to Jerusalem.   
They continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia.   
On the sabbath they entered into the synagogue and took their seats.   
After the reading of the law and the prophets,  
the synagogue officials sent word to them,  
“My brothers, if one of you has a word of exhortation  
for the people, please speak.”  
  
So Paul got up, motioned with his hand, and said,  
“Fellow children of Israel 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,  
and for about forty years he put up with them in the desert.  
When he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan,  
he gave them their land as an inheritance  
at the end of about four hundred and fifty years.  
After these things he provided judges up to Samuel the prophet.   
Then they asked for a king.  
God gave them Saul, son of Kish,  
a man from the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.   
Then he removed him and raised up David as their 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.’“

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 AND 27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:2)

R. (2) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
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.**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
“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. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
“My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him,  
and through my name shall his horn be exalted.  
He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.’”  
R.**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 167**

# May 16, 2014

### Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter Lectionary: 283

#### Reading 1 Acts [13:26-33](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/13:26)

When Paul came to Antioch in Pisidia, he said in the synagogue:  
“My brothers, children of the family of Abraham,  
and those others among you who are God-fearing,  
to us this word of salvation has been sent.   
The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their leaders failed to recognize him,  
and by condemning him they fulfilled the oracles of the prophets  
that are read sabbath after sabbath.   
For even though they found no grounds for a death sentence,  
they asked Pilate to have him put to death,  
and when they had accomplished all that was written about him,  
they took him down from the tree and placed him in a tomb.   
But God raised him from the dead,  
and for many days he appeared to those  
who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem.   
These are now his witnesses before the people.  
We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you  
that what God promised our fathers  
he has brought to fulfillment for us, their children, by raising up Jesus,  
as it is written in the second psalm,  
You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/2:6)

R. (7bc) **You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
“I myself have set up my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain.”  
I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
this day I have begotten you.”  
R. **You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
“Ask of me and I will give you  
the nations for an inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.  
You shall rule them with an iron rod;  
you shall shatter them like an earthen dish.”  
R. **You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**

**Day 168**

# May 17, 2014

« [May 16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/051614.cfm)  |  [May 18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/051814.cfm) »

### Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter Lectionary: 284

#### Reading 1[ACTS 13:44-52](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/13:44)

On the following sabbath  
almost the whole city  
gathered to hear the word of the Lord.   
When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy  
and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said.   
Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said,  
“It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first,  
but since you reject it  
and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life,  
we now turn to the Gentiles.   
For so the Lord has commanded us,  
I have made you a light to the Gentiles,that you may be an instrument of salvationto the ends of the earth.”  
  
The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this  
and glorified the word of the Lord.   
All who were destined for eternal life came to believe,  
and the word of the Lord continued to spread  
through the whole region.   
The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers  
and the leading men of the city,  
stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas,  
and expelled them from their territory.   
So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them  
and went to Iconium.   
The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (3cd) **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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 saving power of God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 169**

# May 18, 2014

### Fifth Sunday of Easter Lectionary: 52

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 6:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/6:1)

As the number of disciples continued to grow,  
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews  
because their widows  
were being neglected in the daily distribution.  
So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,  
“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.  
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,  
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,  
whom we shall appoint to this task,  
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer  
and to the ministry of the word.”  
The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,  
so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,  
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,  
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.  
They presented these men to the apostles  
who prayed and laid hands on them.  
The word of God continued to spread,  
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly;  
even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:1)

R/ (22) **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.  
R/ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R/ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.  
R/ **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 170**

# May 19, 2014

### Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter Lectionary: 285

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 14:5-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/14:5)

There was an attempt in Iconium  
by both the Gentiles and the Jews,  
together with their leaders,  
to attack and stone Paul and Barnabas.  
They realized it,  
and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe  
and to the surrounding countryside,  
where they continued to proclaim the Good News.  
  
At Lystra there was a crippled man, lame from birth,  
who had never walked.   
He listened to Paul speaking, who looked intently at him,  
saw that he had the faith to be healed,  
and called out in a loud voice, “Stand up straight on your feet.”  
He jumped up and began to walk about.  
When the crowds saw what Paul had done,  
they cried out in Lycaonian,  
“The gods have come down to us in human form.”   
They called Barnabas “Zeus” and Paul “Hermes,”  
because he was the chief speaker.  
And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city,  
brought oxen and garlands to the gates,  
for he together with the people intended to offer sacrifice.  
  
The Apostles Barnabas and Paul tore their garments  
when they heard this and rushed out into the crowd, shouting,  
“Men, why are you doing this?   
We are of the same nature as you, human beings.   
We proclaim to you good news  
that you should turn from these idols to the living God,  
who made heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them.  
In past generations he allowed all Gentiles to go their own ways;  
yet, in bestowing his goodness,  
he did not leave himself without witness,  
for he gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons,  
and filled you with nourishment and gladness for your hearts.”  
Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds  
from offering sacrifice to them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/115:1)

R. (1ab) **Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Not to us, O LORD, not to us  
but to your name give glory  
because of your mercy, because of your truth.  
Why should the pagans say,  
“Where is their God?”  
R. **Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Our God is in heaven;  
whatever he wills, he does.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the handiwork of men.  
R. **Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
May you be blessed by the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
Heaven is the heaven of the LORD,  
but the earth he has given to the children of men.  
R.**Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 171**

# May 20, 2014

### Tuesday of Fifth Week of Easter Lectionary: 286

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 14:19-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/14:19)

In those days, some Jews from Antioch and Iconium  
arrived and won over the crowds.   
They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city,  
supposing that he was dead.  
But when the disciples gathered around him,  
he got up and entered the city.   
On the following day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.  
  
After they had proclaimed the good news to that city  
and made a considerable number of disciples,  
they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch.  
They strengthened the spirits of the disciples  
and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying,  
“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships  
to enter the Kingdom of God.”  
They appointed presbyters for them in each Church and,  
with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord  
in whom they had put their faith.  
Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.  
After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia.  
From there they sailed to Antioch,  
where they had been commended to the grace of God  
for the work they had now accomplished.   
And when they arrived, they called the Church together  
and reported what God had done with them  
and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.  
Then they spent no little time with the disciples.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:10)

R. (see 12) **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Making 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. **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
May my mouth speak the praise of the LORD,  
and may all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.  
R. **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**

**Day 172**

# May 21, 2014

### Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter Lectionary: 287

#### Reading 1`[ACTS 15:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/15:1)

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers,  
“Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice,  
you cannot be saved.”  
Because there arose no little dissension and debate  
by Paul and Barnabas with them,  
it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others  
should go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and presbyters  
about this question.   
They were sent on their journey by the Church,  
and passed through Phoenicia and Samaria  
telling of the conversion of the Gentiles,  
and brought great joy to all the brethren.  
When they arrived in Jerusalem,  
they were welcomed by the Church,  
as well as by the Apostles and the presbyters,  
and they reported what God had done with them.  
But some from the party of the Pharisees who had become believers  
stood up and said, “It is necessary to circumcise them  
and direct them to observe the Mosaic law.”  
  
The Apostles and the presbyters met together to see about this matter.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/122:1)

R. (see 1)  **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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.**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD.  
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 173**

# May 22, 2014

### Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter Lectionary: 288

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 15:7-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/15:7)

After much debate had taken place,  
Peter got up and said to the Apostles and the presbyters,  
“My brothers, you are well aware that from early days  
God made his choice among you that through my mouth  
the Gentiles would hear the word of the Gospel and believe.  
And God, who knows the heart,  
bore witness by granting them the Holy Spirit  
just as he did us.  
He made no distinction between us and them,  
for by faith he purified their hearts.  
Why, then, are you now putting God to the test  
by placing on the shoulders of the disciples  
a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear?  
On the contrary, we believe that we are saved  
through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they.”  
The whole assembly fell silent,  
and they listened  
while Paul and Barnabas described the signs and wonders  
God had worked among the Gentiles through them.  
  
After they had fallen silent, James responded,  
“My brothers, listen to me.  
Symeon has described how God first concerned himself  
with acquiring from among the Gentiles a people for his name.  
The words of the prophets agree with this, as is written:  
  
After this I shall returnand rebuild the fallen hut of David;from its ruins I shall rebuild itand raise it up again,so that the rest of humanity may seek out the Lord,even all the Gentiles on whom my name is invoked.Thus says the Lord who accomplishes these things,known from of old.  
  
It is my judgment, therefore,  
that we ought to stop troubling the Gentiles who turn to God,  
but tell them by letter to avoid pollution from idols,  
unlawful marriage, the meat of strangled animals, and blood.  
For Moses, for generations now,  
has had those who proclaim him in every town,  
as he has been read in the synagogues every sabbath.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/96:1)

R. (3)**Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.  
R.**Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
R. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**

**Day 174**

# May 23, 2014

### Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter Lectionary: 289

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 15:22-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/15:22)

The Apostles and presbyters, in agreement with the whole Church,  
decided to choose representatives  
and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.   
The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas,  
and Silas, leaders among the brothers.  
This is the letter delivered by them:  
“The Apostles and the presbyters, your brothers,  
to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia  
of Gentile origin: greetings.  
Since we have heard that some of our number  
who went out without any mandate from us  
have upset you with their teachings  
and disturbed your peace of mind,  
we have with one accord decided to choose representatives  
and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,  
who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
So we are sending Judas and Silas  
who will also convey this same message by word of mouth:  
‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us  
not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities,  
namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols,  
from blood, from meats of strangled animals,  
and from unlawful marriage.  
If you keep free of these,  
you will be doing what is right. Farewell.’“  
  
And so they were sent on their journey.  
Upon their arrival in Antioch  
they called the assembly together and delivered the letter.  
When the people read it, they were delighted with the exhortation.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 57:8-9, 10 AND 12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/57:8)

R. (10a) **I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and chant praise.  
Awake, O my soul; awake, lyre and harp!  
I will wake the dawn.  
R. **I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
I will give thanks to you among the peoples, O LORD,  
I will chant your praise among the nations.  
For your mercy towers to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the skies.  
Be exalted above the heavens, O God;  
above all the earth be your glory!  
R. **I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 175**

# May 24, 2014

### Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter Lectionary: 290

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 16:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/16:1)

Paul reached also Derbe and Lystra  
where there was a disciple named Timothy,  
the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer,  
but his father was a Greek.  
The brothers in Lystra and Iconium spoke highly of him,  
and Paul wanted him to come along with him.  
On account of the Jews of that region, Paul had him circumcised,  
for they all knew that his father was a Greek.  
As they traveled from city to city,  
they handed on to the people for observance the decisions  
reached by the Apostles and presbyters in Jerusalem.  
Day after day the churches grew stronger in faith  
and increased in number.  
  
They traveled through the Phrygian and Galatian territory  
because they had been prevented by the Holy Spirit  
from preaching the message in the province of Asia.  
When they came to Mysia, they tried to go on into Bithynia,  
but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them,  
so they crossed through Mysia and came down to Troas.  
During the night Paul had a vision.  
A Macedonian stood before him and implored him with these words,  
“Come over to Macedonia and help us.”  
When he had seen the vision,  
we sought passage to Macedonia at once,   
concluding that God had called us to proclaim the Good News to them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 100:1B-2, 3, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/100:1)

R. (2a) **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Know that the LORD is God;  
he made us, his we are;  
his people, the flock he tends.  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD is good:  
his kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations.  
R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 176**

# May 25, 2014

### Sixth Sunday of Easter Lectionary: 55

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/8:5)

Philip went down to the city of Samaria  
and proclaimed the Christ to them.  
With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip  
when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.  
For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice,  
came out of many possessed people,  
and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured.  
There was great joy in that city.  
  
Now when the apostles in Jerusalem  
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,  
they sent them Peter and John,  
who went down and prayed for them,  
that they might receive the Holy Spirit,  
for it had not yet fallen upon any of them;  
they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Then they laid hands on them  
and they received the Holy Spirit.

#### Reading 2 [1 PT 3:15-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/3:15)

Beloved:  
Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.  
Always be ready to give an explanation  
to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope,  
but do it with gentleness and reverence,  
keeping your conscience clear,  
so that, when you are maligned,  
those who defame your good conduct in Christ  
may themselves be put to shame.  
For it is better to suffer for doing good,  
if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.  
  
For Christ also suffered for sins once,  
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,  
that he might lead you to God.  
Put to death in the flesh,  
he was brought to life in the Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/66:1)

R/ (1) **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.  
Say to God, “How tremendous are your deeds!”  
R/ **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
“Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
sing praise to your name!”  
Come and see the works of God,  
his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.  
R/ **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
He has changed the sea into dry land;  
through the river they passed on foot;  
therefore let us rejoice in him.  
He rules by his might forever.  
R/ **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what he has done for me.  
Blessed be God who refused me not  
my prayer or his kindness!  
R/**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 177**

# May 26, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest Lectionary: 291

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 16:11-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/16:11)

We set sail from Troas, making a straight run for Samothrace,  
and on the next day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi,  
a leading city in that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.  
We spent some time in that city.  
On the sabbath we went outside the city gate along the river  
where we thought there would be a place of prayer.  
We sat and spoke with the women who had gathered there.  
One of them, a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth,  
from the city of Thyatira, a worshiper of God, listened,  
and the Lord opened her heart to pay attention  
to what Paul was saying.  
After she and her household had been baptized,  
she offered us an invitation,  
“If you consider me a believer in the Lord,  
come and stay at my home,” and she prevailed on us.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/149:1)

R. (see 4a) **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 178**

# May 27, 2014

### Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter Lectionary: 292

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 16:22-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/16:22)

The crowd in Philippi joined in the attack on Paul and Silas,  
and the magistrates had them stripped  
and ordered them to be beaten with rods.  
After inflicting many blows on them,  
they threw them into prison  
and instructed the jailer to guard them securely.  
When he received these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell  
and secured their feet to a stake.  
  
About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying  
and singing hymns to God as the prisoners listened,  
there was suddenly such a severe earthquake  
that the foundations of the jail shook;  
all the doors flew open, and the chains of all were pulled loose.   
When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open,  
he drew his sword and was about to kill himself,  
thinking that the prisoners had escaped.  
But Paul shouted out in a loud voice,  
“Do no harm to yourself; we are all here.”  
He asked for a light and rushed in and,  
trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas.  
Then he brought them out and said,  
“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”  
And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus  
and you and your household will be saved.”  
So they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his house.  
He took them in at that hour of the night and bathed their wounds;  
then he and all his family were baptized at once.  
He brought them up into his house and provided a meal  
and with his household rejoiced at having come to faith in God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/138:1)

R. (7c) **Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Because of your kindness and your truth,  
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. **Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 179**

# May 28, 2014

### Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter Lectionary: 293

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/17:15)

After Paul’s escorts had taken him to Athens,  
they came away with instructions for Silas and Timothy  
to join him as soon as possible.  
  
Then Paul stood up at the Areopagus and said:  
“You Athenians, I see that in every respect  
you are very religious.  
For as I walked around looking carefully at your shrines,  
I even discovered an altar inscribed, ‘To an Unknown God.’  
What therefore you unknowingly worship, I proclaim to you.  
The God who made the world and all that is in it,  
the Lord of heaven and earth,  
does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands,  
nor is he served by human hands because he needs anything.  
Rather it is he who gives to everyone life and breath and everything.  
He made from one the whole human race  
to dwell on the entire surface of the earth,  
and he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions,  
so that people might seek God,  
even perhaps grope for him and find him,  
though indeed he is not far from any one of us.  
For ‘In him we live and move and have our being,’  
as even some of your poets have said,  
‘For we too are his offspring.’  
Since therefore we are the offspring of God,  
we ought not to think that the divinity is like an image  
fashioned from gold, silver, or stone by human art and imagination.  
God has overlooked the times of ignorance,  
but now he demands that all people everywhere repent  
because he has established a day on which he will ‘judge the world  
with justice’ through a man he has appointed,  
and he has provided confirmation for all  
by raising him from the dead.”  
  
When they heard about resurrection of the dead,  
some began to scoff, but others said,  
“We should like to hear you on this some other time.”  
And so Paul left them.  
But some did join him, and became believers.  
Among them were Dionysius,  
a member of the Court of the Areopagus,  
a woman named Damaris, and others with them.  
  
After this he left Athens and went to Corinth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/148:1)

R. **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you his angels;  
praise him, all you his hosts.  
R. **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,  
the princes and all the judges of the earth,  
Young men too, and maidens,  
old men and boys.  
R. **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.  
R. **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He has lifted up the horn of his people;  
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,  
from the children of Israel, the people close to him.   
Alleluia.  
R. **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 180**

# May 29, 2014 | The Ascension Of The Lord

### The Ascension of the Lord Lectionary: 58

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 1:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/1:11)

In the first book, Theophilus,  
I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught  
until the day he was taken up,  
after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit  
to the apostles whom he had chosen.  
He presented himself alive to them  
by many proofs after he had suffered,  
appearing to them during forty days  
and speaking about the kingdom of God.  
While meeting with the them,  
he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem,  
but to wait for “the promise of the Father  
about which you have heard me speak;  
for John baptized with water,  
but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”  
  
When they had gathered together they asked him,  
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”  
He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons  
that the Father has established by his own authority.  
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,  
throughout Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”  
When he had said this, as they were looking on,  
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.  
While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going,  
suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.  
They said, “Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there looking at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven  
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

#### Reading 2 [EPH 1:17-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/1:17)

Brothers and sisters:  
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation  
resulting in knowledge of him.  
May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,  
that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,  
what are the riches of glory  
in his inheritance among the holy ones,  
and what is the surpassing greatness of his power  
for us who believe,  
in accord with the exercise of his great might,  
which he worked in Christ,  
raising him from the dead  
and seating him at his right hand in the heavens,  
far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion,  
and every name that is named  
not only in this age but also in the one to come.  
And he put all things beneath his feet  
and gave him as head over all things to the church,  
which is his body,  
the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/47:2)

R/ (6) **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
All you peoples, clap your hands,  
shout to God with cries of gladness,  
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,  
is the great king over all the earth.  
R/ **God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.  
R/**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
For king of all the earth is God;  
sing hymns of praise.  
God reigns over the nations,  
God sits upon his holy throne.  
R/**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

# May 29, 2014 | Thursday Of The Sixth Week Of Easter

### Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter Lectionary: 294

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 18:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/18:1)

Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.  
There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus,  
who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla  
because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome.  
He went to visit them and, because he practiced the same trade,  
stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.  
Every sabbath, he entered into discussions in the synagogue,  
attempting to convince both Jews and Greeks.  
  
When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia,  
Paul began to occupy himself totally with preaching the word,  
testifying to the Jews that the Christ was Jesus.  
When they opposed him and reviled him,  
he shook out his garments and said to them,  
“Your blood be on your heads!  
I am clear of responsibility.   
From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”  
So he left there and went to a house  
belonging to a man named Titus Justus, a worshiper of God;  
his house was next to a synagogue.  
Crispus, the synagogue official, came to believe in the Lord  
along with his entire household, and many of the Corinthians  
who heard believed and were baptized.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (see 2b) **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
or:   
R.**Alleluia.**  
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 revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 181**

# May 30, 2014

### Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter Lectionary: 295

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 18:9-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/18:9)

One night while Paul was in Corinth, the Lord said to him in a vision,  
“Do not be afraid.  
Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you.  
No one will attack and harm you,  
for I have many people in this city.”  
He settled there for a year and a half  
and taught the word of God among them.  
  
But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia,  
the Jews rose up together against Paul  
and brought him to the tribunal, saying,  
“This man is inducing people to worship God contrary to the law.”  
When Paul was about to reply, Gallio spoke to the Jews,  
“If it were a matter of some crime or malicious fraud,  
I should with reason hear the complaint of you Jews;  
but since it is a question of arguments over doctrine and titles  
and your own law, see to it yourselves.  
I do not wish to be a judge of such matters.”  
And he drove them away from the tribunal.  
They all seized Sosthenes, the synagogue official,  
and beat him in full view of the tribunal.  
But none of this was of concern to Gallio.  
  
Paul remained for quite some time,  
and after saying farewell to the brothers he sailed for Syria,  
together with Priscilla and Aquila.  
At Cenchreae he had shaved his head because he had taken a vow.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/47:2)

R. (8a) **God is king of all the earth.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
All you peoples, clap your hands,  
shout to God with cries of gladness,  
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,  
is the great king over all the earth.   
R. **God is king of all the earth.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
He brings people under us;  
nations under our feet.  
He chooses for us our inheritance,  
the glory of Jacob, whom he loves.  
R. **God is king of all the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;  
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.  
R. **God is king of all the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 182**

# May 31, 2014

### Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lectionary: 572

#### Reading 1 [ZEP 3:14-18A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/zephaniah/3:14)

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.

#### Or [ROM 12:9-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/12:9)

Brothers and sisters:  
Let love be sincere;  
hate what is evil,  
hold on to what is good;  
love one another with mutual affection;  
anticipate one another in showing honor.  
Do not grow slack in zeal,  
be fervent in spirit,  
serve the Lord.  
Rejoice in hope,  
endure in affliction,  
persevere in prayer.  
Contribute to the needs of the holy ones,  
exercise hospitality.  
Bless those who persecute you,  
bless and do not curse them.  
Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
weep with those who weep.  
Have the same regard for one another;  
do not be haughty but associate with the lowly;  
do not be wise in your own estimation.

**Day 183**

# June 1, 2014 | Seventh Sunday Of Easter

### Seventh Sunday of Easter Lectionary: 59

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 1:12-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/1:12)

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles  
returned to Jerusalem  
from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,  
a sabbath day’s journey away.  
  
When they entered the city  
they went to the upper room where they were staying,  
Peter and John and James and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,  
James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot,  
and Judas son of James.  
All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,  
together with some women,  
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

#### Reading 2 [1 PT 4:13-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/4:13)

Beloved:  
Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ,  
so that when his glory is revealed  
you may also rejoice exultantly.  
If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,  
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.  
But let no one among you be made to suffer  
as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer.  
But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed  
but glorify God because of the name.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:1, 4, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:1)

R/ (13)**I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
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/**I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
or:  
R/**Alleluia.**  
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 good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
or:  
R/**Alleluia.**  
Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.  
R/ **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 184**

# June 2, 2014

### Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter Lectionary: 297

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 19:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/19:1)

While Apollos was in Corinth,  
Paul traveled through the interior of the country  
and down to Ephesus where he found some disciples.   
He said to them,  
“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?”  
They answered him,  
“We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”  
He said, “How were you baptized?”  
They replied, “With the baptism of John.”  
Paul then said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance,  
telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him,  
that is, in Jesus.”  
When they heard this,  
they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
And when Paul laid his hands on them,  
the Holy Spirit came upon them,  
and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.  
Altogether there were about twelve men.  
  
He entered the synagogue, and for three months debated boldly  
with persuasive arguments about the Kingdom of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 68:2-3AB, 4-5ACD, 6-7AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/68:2)

R. (33a) **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
God arises; his enemies are scattered,  
and those who hate him flee before him.  
As smoke is driven away, so are they driven;  
as wax melts before the fire.   
R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
But the just rejoice and exult before God;  
they are glad and rejoice.  
Sing to God, chant praise to his name;  
whose name is the LORD.   
R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The father of orphans and the defender of widows  
is God in his holy dwelling.  
God gives a home to the forsaken;  
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.  
R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 185**

# June 3, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs Lectionary: 298

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 20:17-27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/20:17)

From Miletus Paul had the presbyters  
of the Church at Ephesus summoned.   
When they came to him, he addressed them,  
“You know how I lived among you  
the whole time from the day I first came to the province of Asia.  
I served the Lord with all humility  
and with the tears and trials that came to me  
because of the plots of the Jews,  
and I did not at all shrink from telling you  
what was for your benefit,  
or from teaching you in public or in your homes.  
I earnestly bore witness for both Jews and Greeks  
to repentance before God and to faith in our Lord Jesus.  
But now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem.  
What will happen to me there I do not know,  
except that in one city after another  
the Holy Spirit has been warning me  
that imprisonment and hardships await me.  
Yet I consider life of no importance to me,  
if only I may finish my course  
and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus,  
to bear witness to the Gospel of God’s grace.  
  
“But now I know that none of you  
to whom I preached the kingdom during my travels  
will ever see my face again.  
And so I solemnly declare to you this day  
that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you,  
for I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the entire plan of God.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 68:10-11, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/68:10)

R. (33a)**Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you restored the land when it languished;  
Your flock settled in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.  
R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Blessed day by day be the Lord,  
who bears our burdens; God, who is our salvation.  
God is a saving God for us;  
the LORD, my Lord, controls the passageways of death.   
R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 186**

# June 4, 2014

### Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter Lectionary: 299

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 20:28-38](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/20:28)

At Miletus, Paul spoke to the presbyters of the Church of Ephesus:  
“Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock  
of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers,  
in which you tend the Church of God  
that he acquired with his own Blood.  
I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you,  
and they will not spare the flock.  
And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth  
to draw the disciples away after them.  
So be vigilant and remember that for three years, night and day,  
I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears.  
And now I commend you to God  
and to that gracious word of his that can build you up  
and give you the inheritance among all who are consecrated.  
I have never wanted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing.  
You know well that these very hands  
have served my needs and my companions.  
In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort  
we must help the weak,  
and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said,  
‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”  
  
When he had finished speaking  
he knelt down and prayed with them all.  
They were all weeping loudly  
as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him,  
for they were deeply distressed that he had said  
that they would never see his face again.  
Then they escorted him to the ship.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 68:29-30, 33-35A, 35BC-36AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/68:29)

R. (33a) **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Show forth, O God, your power,  
the power, O God, with which you took our part;  
For your temple in Jerusalem  
let the kings bring you gifts.  
R.**Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God,  
chant praise to the Lord  
who rides on the heights of the ancient heavens.  
Behold, his voice resounds, the voice of power:  
“Confess the power of God!”  
R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Over Israel is his majesty;  
his power is in the skies.  
Awesome in his sanctuary is God, the God of Israel;  
he gives power and strength to his people.  
R. **Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 187**

# June 5, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr Lectionary: 300

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/22:30)

Wishing to determine the truth  
about why Paul was being accused by the Jews,  
the commander freed him  
and ordered the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin to convene.  
Then he brought Paul down and made him stand before them.  
  
Paul was aware that some were Sadducees and some Pharisees,  
so he called out before the Sanhedrin,  
“My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of Pharisees;  
I am on trial for hope in the resurrection of the dead.”  
When he said this,  
a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and Sadducees,  
and the group became divided.  
For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection  
or angels or spirits,  
while the Pharisees acknowledge all three.  
A great uproar occurred,  
and some scribes belonging to the Pharisee party  
stood up and sharply argued,  
“We find nothing wrong with this man.  
Suppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?”  
The dispute was so serious that the commander,  
afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them,  
ordered his troops to go down and rescue Paul from their midst  
and take him into the compound.  
The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage.  
For just as you have borne witness to my cause in Jerusalem,  
so you must also bear witness in Rome.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/16:1)

R. (1) **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.   
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.  
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.  
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever.  
R. **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 188**

# June 6, 2014

### Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter Lectionary: 301

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 25:13B-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/25:13)

King Agrippa and Bernice arrived in Caesarea  
on a visit to Festus.  
Since they spent several days there,  
Festus referred Paul’s case to the king, saying,  
“There is a man here left in custody by Felix.  
When I was in Jerusalem the chief priests and the elders of the Jews  
brought charges against him and demanded his condemnation.  
I answered them that it was not Roman practice  
to hand over an accused person before he has faced his accusers  
and had the opportunity to defend himself against their charge.  
So when they came together here, I made no delay;  
the next day I took my seat on the tribunal  
and ordered the man to be brought in.  
His accusers stood around him,  
but did not charge him with any of the crimes I suspected.  
Instead they had some issues with him about their own religion  
and about a certain Jesus who had died  
but who Paul claimed was alive.  
Since I was at a loss how to investigate this controversy,  
I asked if he were willing to go to Jerusalem  
and there stand trial on these charges.  
And when Paul appealed that he be held in custody  
for the Emperor’s decision,  
I ordered him held until I could send him to Caesar.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/103:1)

R. (19a) **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD has established his throne in heaven,   
and his kingdom rules over all.  
Bless the LORD, all you his angels,  
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.  
R. **The Lord has established his throne in heaven.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 189**

# June 7, 2014

### Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter Lectionary: 302

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/28:16)

When he entered Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself,  
with the soldier who was guarding him.  
  
Three days later he called together the leaders of the Jews.  
When they had gathered he said to them, “My brothers,  
although I had done nothing against our people  
or our ancestral customs,  
I was handed over to the Romans as a prisoner from Jerusalem.  
After trying my case the Romans wanted to release me,  
because they found nothing against me deserving the death penalty.  
But when the Jews objected, I was obliged to appeal to Caesar,  
even though I had no accusation to make against my own nation.  
This is the reason, then, I have requested to see you  
and to speak with you, for it is on account of the hope of Israel  
that I wear these chains.”   
  
He remained for two full years in his lodgings.  
He received all who came to him, and with complete assurance  
and without hindrance he proclaimed the Kingdom of God  
and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 11:4, 5 AND 7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/11:4)

R. (see 7b) **The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD is in his holy temple;  
the LORD’s throne is in heaven.  
His eyes behold,  
his searching glance is on mankind.  
R. **The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD searches the just and the wicked;  
the lover of violence he hates.  
For the LORD is just, he loves just deeds;  
the upright shall see his face.  
R. **The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 190**

# June 8, 2014 | Mass During The Day

### Pentecost Sunday Mass during the Day Lectionary: 63

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 2:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/2:1)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.  
  
Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,  
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues  
of the mighty acts of God.”

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/12:3)

Brothers and sisters:  
No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.  
  
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.  
  
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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/104:1)

R/ (cf. 30) **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
How manifold are your works, O Lord!  
the earth is full of your creatures;  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD be glad in his works!  
Pleasing to him be my theme;  
I will be glad in the LORD.  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
or:  
R/**Alleluia.**  
If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
R/ **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 191**

# June 9, 2014

### Monday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 359

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 17:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/17:1)

Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab:  
“As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve,  
during these years there shall be no dew or rain except at my word.”  
The LORD then said to Elijah:  
“Leave here, go east  
and hide in the Wadi Cherith, east of the Jordan.  
You shall drink of the stream,  
and I have commanded ravens to feed you there.”  
So he left and did as the LORD had commanded.  
He went and remained by the Wadi Cherith, east of the Jordan.  
Ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning,  
and bread and meat in the evening,  
and he drank from the stream.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 121:1BC-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/121:1)

R. (see 2) **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;  
whence shall help come to me?  
My help is from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
May he not suffer your foot to slip;  
may he slumber not who guards you:  
Indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,  
the guardian of Israel.  
R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;  
he is beside you at your right hand.  
The sun shall not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.   
R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
The LORD will guard you from all evil;  
he will guard your life.  
The LORD will guard your coming and your going,  
both now and forever.   
R. **Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**Day 192**

# June 10, 2014

### Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 360

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 17:7-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/17:7)

The brook near where Elijah was hiding ran dry,  
because no rain had fallen in the land.  
So the LORD said to Elijah:   
“Move on to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there.  
I have designated a widow there to provide for you.”  
He left and went to Zarephath.  
As he arrived at the entrance of the city,  
a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her,  
“Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink.”  
She left to get it, and he called out after her,  
“Please bring along a bit of bread.”  
She answered, “As the LORD, your God, lives,   
I have nothing baked;  
there is only a handful of flour in my jar  
and a little oil in my jug.  
Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks,  
to go in and prepare something for myself and my son;  
when we have eaten it, we shall die.”  
Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid.   
Go and do as you propose.  
But first make me a little cake and bring it to me.  
Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son.  
For the LORD, the God of Israel, says,  
‘The jar of flour shall not go empty,  
nor the jug of oil run dry,  
until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”  
She left and did as Elijah had said.  
She was able to eat for a year, and Elijah and her son as well;  
the jar of flour did not go empty,  
nor the jug of oil run dry,  
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 4:2-3, 4-5, 7B-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/4:2)

R. (7a) **Lord, let your face shine on us.**  
When I call, answer me, O my just God,  
you who relieve me when I am in distress;  
Have pity on me, and hear my prayer!  
Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart?  
Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood?  
R. **Lord, let your face shine on us.**  
Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;  
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.  
Tremble, and sin not;  
reflect, upon your beds, in silence.   
R. **Lord, let your face shine on us.**  
O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!  
You put gladness into my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.  
R. **Lord, let your face shine on us.**

**Day 193**

# June 11, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle Lectionary: 580/361

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 11:21B-26; 13:1-3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/11:21)

In those days a great number who believed turned to the Lord.  
The news about them reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem,  
and they sent Barnabas to go to Antioch.  
When he arrived and saw the grace of God,  
he rejoiced and encouraged them all  
to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart,  
for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith.  
And a large number of people was added to the Lord.  
Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul,  
and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.  
For a whole year they met with the Church  
and taught a large number of people,  
and it was in Antioch that the disciples  
were first called Christians.  
  
Now there were in the Church at Antioch prophets and teachers:  
Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger,  
Lucius of Cyrene,  
Manaen who was a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.  
While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said,  
“Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul  
for the work to which I have called them.”  
Then, completing their fasting and prayer,  
they laid hands on them and sent them off.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (see 2b) **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
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 revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
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. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
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.**The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**  
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. **The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

**Day 194**

# June 12, 2014

### Thursday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 362

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 18:41-46](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/18:41)

Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink,  
for there is the sound of a heavy rain.”  
So Ahab went up to eat and drink,  
while Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel,  
crouched down to the earth,  
and put his head between his knees.  
“Climb up and look out to sea,” he directed his servant,  
who went up and looked, but reported, “There is nothing.”  
Seven times he said, “Go, look again!”  
And the seventh time the youth reported,  
“There is a cloud as small as a man’s hand rising from the sea.”  
Elijah said, “Go and say to Ahab,  
‘Harness up and leave the mountain before the rain stops you.’”  
In a trice the sky grew dark with clouds and wind,  
and a heavy rain fell.  
Ahab mounted his chariot and made for Jezreel.  
But the hand of the LORD was on Elijah,  
who girded up his clothing and ran before Ahab  
as far as the approaches to Jezreel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 65:10, 11, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/65:10)

R. (2a) **It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**  
You have visited the land and watered it;  
greatly have you enriched it.  
God’s watercourses are filled;  
you have prepared the grain.  
R.**It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**  
Thus have you prepared the land:   
drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods,  
Softening it with showers,   
blessing its yield.  
R.**It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**  
You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;  
The untilled meadows overflow with it,  
and rejoicing clothes the hills.  
R. **It is right to praise you in Zion, O God.**

**Day 195**

# June 13, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 363

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 19:9A, 11-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/19:9)

At the mountain of God, Horeb,  
Elijah came to a cave, where he took shelter.  
But the word of the LORD came to him,  
“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;  
the LORD will be passing by.”  
A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains  
and crushing rocks before the LORD—  
but the LORD was not in the wind.  
After the wind there was an earthquake—   
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.  
After the earthquake there was fire—  
but the LORD was not in the fire.  
After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.  
When he heard this,  
Elijah hid his face in his cloak  
and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.  
A voice said to him, “Elijah, why are you here?”  
He replied, “I have been most zealous for the LORD,  
the God of hosts.  
But the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant,  
torn down your altars,  
and put your prophets to the sword.  
I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.”  
The LORD said to him,  
“Go, take the road back to the desert near Damascus.  
When you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king of Aram.  
Then you shall anoint Jehu, son of Nimshi, as king of Israel,  
and Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah,  
as prophet to succeed you.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:7)

R. (8b) **I long to see your face, O Lord.**  
Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.  
R. **I long to see your face, O Lord.**  
Your presence, O LORD, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me;  
do not in anger repel your servant.  
You are my helper: cast me not off.  
R. **I long to see your face, O Lord.**  
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. **I long to see your face, O Lord.**

**Day 196**

# June 14, 2014

### Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 364

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 19:19-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/19:19)

Elijah set out, and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat,  
as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen;  
he was following the twelfth.  
Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him.  
Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said,  
“Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,  
and I will follow you.”  
Elijah answered, “Go back!   
Have I done anything to you?”  
Elisha left him and, taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them;  
he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh,  
and gave it to his people to eat.  
Then he left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 16:1B-2A AND 5, 7-8, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/16:1)

R. (see 5a) **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**  
Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;  
I say to the LORD, “My Lord are you.”  
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,  
you it is who hold fast my lot.  
R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**  
I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts me.  
I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.   
R. **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**  
Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,  
my body, too, abides in confidence;  
Because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.  
R.**You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

**Day 197**

# June 15, 2014

### The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Lectionary: 164

#### Reading 1 [EX 34:4B-6, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/exodus/34:4)

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai  
as the LORD had commanded him,  
taking along the two stone tablets.  
  
Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there  
and proclaimed his name, "LORD."  
Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out,  
"The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God,  
slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."  
Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.  
Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord,  
do come along in our company.  
This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins,  
and receive us as your own."

#### Responsorial Psalm [DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/3:52)

R/ (52b) **Glory and praise for ever!**  
Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
And blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.  
R/**Glory and praise for ever!**  
Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,  
praiseworthy and glorious above all forever.  
R/ **Glory and praise for ever!**  
Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.  
R/**Glory and praise for ever!**  
Blessed are you who look into the depths  
from your throne upon the cherubim,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.  
R/ **Glory and praise for ever!**

**Day 198**

# June 16, 2014

### Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 365

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 21:1-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/21:1)

Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel  
next to the palace of Ahab, king of Samaria.  
Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard to be my vegetable garden,  
since it is close by, next to my house.  
I will give you a better vineyard in exchange, or,  
if you prefer, I will give you its value in money.”  
Naboth answered him, “The LORD forbid  
that I should give you my ancestral heritage.”  
Ahab went home disturbed and angry at the answer  
Naboth the Jezreelite had made to him:  
“I will not give you my ancestral heritage.”  
Lying down on his bed, he turned away from food and would not eat.  
  
His wife Jezebel came to him and said to him,  
“Why are you so angry that you will not eat?”  
He answered her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite  
and said to him, ‘Sell me your vineyard, or,  
if you prefer, I will give you a vineyard in exchange.’  
But he refused to let me have his vineyard.”  
His wife Jezebel said to him,  
“A fine ruler over Israel you are indeed!  
Get up.   
Eat and be cheerful.  
I will obtain the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite for you.”  
  
So she wrote letters in Ahab’s name and,  
having sealed them with his seal,  
sent them to the elders and to the nobles  
who lived in the same city with Naboth.  
This is what she wrote in the letters:  
“Proclaim a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people.  
Next, get two scoundrels to face him  
and accuse him of having cursed God and king.  
Then take him out and stone him to death.”  
His fellow citizens—the elders and nobles who dwelt in his city—  
did as Jezebel had ordered them in writing,  
through the letters she had sent them.  
They proclaimed a fast and placed Naboth at the head of the people.  
Two scoundrels came in and confronted him with the accusation,  
“Naboth has cursed God and king.”  
And they led him out of the city and stoned him to death.  
Then they sent the information to Jezebel  
that Naboth had been stoned to death.  
  
When Jezebel learned that Naboth had been stoned to death,  
she said to Ahab,  
“Go on, take possession of the vineyard  
of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you,  
because Naboth is not alive, but dead.”  
On hearing that Naboth was dead, Ahab started off on his way  
down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite,  
to take possession of it.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 5:2-3AB, 4B-6A, 6B-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/5:2)

R. (2b) **Lord, listen to my groaning.**  
Hearken to my words, O LORD,  
attend to my sighing.  
Heed my call for help,  
my king and my God!  
R.**Lord, listen to my groaning.**  
At dawn I bring my plea expectantly before you.  
For you, O God, delight not in wickedness;  
no evil man remains with you;  
the arrogant may not stand in your sight.   
R. **Lord, listen to my groaning.**You hate all evildoers.  
You destroy all who speak falsehood;  
The bloodthirsty and the deceitful  
the LORD abhors.  
R. **Lord, listen to my groaning.**

**Day 199**

# June 17, 2014

### Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 366

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 21:17-29](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/21:17)

After the death of Naboth the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite:  
“Start down to meet Ahab, king of Israel,  
who rules in Samaria.  
He will be in the vineyard of Naboth,  
of which he has come to take possession.  
This is what you shall tell him,  
‘The LORD says: After murdering, do you also take possession?  
For this, the LORD says:  
In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth,  
the dogs shall lick up your blood, too.’”  
Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me out, my enemy?”  
“Yes,” he answered.  
“Because you have given yourself up to doing evil in the LORD’s sight,  
I am bringing evil upon you: I will destroy you  
and will cut off every male in Ahab’s line,  
whether slave or freeman, in Israel.  
I will make your house like that of Jeroboam, son of Nebat,  
and like that of Baasha, son of Ahijah,  
because of how you have provoked me by leading Israel into sin.”  
(Against Jezebel, too, the LORD declared,  
“The dogs shall devour Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.”)  
“When one of Ahab’s line dies in the city,  
dogs will devour him;  
when one of them dies in the field,  
the birds of the sky will devour him.”  
Indeed, no one gave himself up to the doing of evil  
in the sight of the LORD as did Ahab,  
urged on by his wife Jezebel.  
He became completely abominable by following idols,  
just as the Amorites had done,  
whom the LORD drove out before the children of Israel.  
  
When Ahab heard these words, he tore his garments  
and put on sackcloth over his bare flesh.  
He fasted, slept in the sackcloth, and went about subdued.  
Then the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite,  
“Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself before me?  
Since he has humbled himself before me,  
I will not bring the evil in his time.  
I will bring the evil upon his house during the reign of his son.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 11 AND 16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R. (see 3a) **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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
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. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
Turn away your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my guilt.  
Free me from blood guilt, O God, my saving God;  
then my tongue shall revel in your justice.  
R. **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

**Day 200**

# June 18, 2014

### Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 367

#### Reading 1 [2 KGS 2:1, 6-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2kings/2:1)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind,  
he and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.  
Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here;  
the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan.”  
“As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live,  
I will not leave you,” Elisha replied.  
And so the two went on together.  
Fifty of the guild prophets followed and  
when the two stopped at the Jordan,  
they stood facing them at a distance.  
Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up  
and struck the water, which divided,  
and both crossed over on dry ground.  
  
When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha,  
“Ask for whatever I may do for you, before I am taken from you.”  
Elisha answered, “May I receive a double portion of your spirit.”  
“You have asked something that is not easy,” Elijah replied.  
“Still, if you see me taken up from you,  
your wish will be granted; otherwise not.”  
As they walked on conversing,  
a flaming chariot and flaming horses came between them,  
and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.  
When Elisha saw it happen he cried out,  
“My father! my father! Israel’s chariots and drivers!”  
But when he could no longer see him,  
Elisha gripped his own garment and tore it in two.  
  
Then he picked up Elijah’s mantle that had fallen from him,  
and went back and stood at the bank of the Jordan.  
Wielding the mantle that had fallen from Elijah,  
Elisha struck the water in his turn and said,  
“Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?”  
When Elisha struck the water it divided and he crossed over.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 31:20, 21, 24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/31:20)

R. (25) **Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.**  
How great is the goodness, O LORD,  
which you have in store for those who fear you,  
And which, toward those who take refuge in you,  
you show in the sight of the children of men.  
R. **Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.**  
You hide them in the shelter of your presence  
from the plottings of men;  
You screen them within your abode  
from the strife of tongues.  
R. **Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.**  
Love the LORD, all you his faithful ones!  
The LORD keeps those who are constant,  
but more than requites those who act proudly.  
R. **Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.**

**Day 201**

# June 19, 2014

### Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 368

#### Reading 1 [SIR 48:1-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/sirach/48:1)

Like a fire there appeared the prophet Elijah  
whose words were as a flaming furnace.  
Their staff of bread he shattered,  
in his zeal he reduced them to straits;  
By the Lord’s word he shut up the heavens  
and three times brought down fire.  
How awesome are you, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds!  
Whose glory is equal to yours?  
You brought a dead man back to life  
from the nether world, by the will of the LORD.  
You sent kings down to destruction,  
and easily broke their power into pieces.  
You brought down nobles, from their beds of sickness.  
You heard threats at Sinai,  
at Horeb avenging judgments.  
You anointed kings who should inflict vengeance,  
and a prophet as your successor.  
You were taken aloft in a whirlwind of fire,  
in a chariot with fiery horses.  
You were destined, it is written, in time to come  
to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD,  
To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons,  
and to re-establish the tribes of Jacob.  
Blessed is he who shall have seen you   
And who falls asleep in your friendship.  
For we live only in our life,  
but after death our name will not be such.  
O Elijah, enveloped in the whirlwind!  
  
Then Elisha, filled with the twofold portion of his spirit,  
wrought many marvels by his mere word.  
During his lifetime he feared no one,  
nor was any man able to intimidate his will.  
Nothing was beyond his power;  
beneath him flesh was brought back into life.  
In life he performed wonders,  
and after death, marvelous deeds.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/97:1)

R. (12a)**Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**  
The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many isles be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.   
R. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**  
Fire goes before him  
and consumes his foes round about.  
His lightnings illumine the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.  
R.**Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**  
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. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**  
All who worship graven things are put to shame,  
who glory in the things of nought;  
all gods are prostrate before him.  
R. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**

**Day 202**

# June 20, 2014

### Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 369

#### Reading 1 [2 KGS 11:1-4, 9-18, 20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2kings/11:1)

When Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah,  
saw that her son was dead,  
she began to kill off the whole royal family.  
But Jehosheba, daughter of King Jehoram and sister of Ahaziah,  
took Joash, his son, and spirited him away, along with his nurse,  
from the bedroom where the princes were about to be slain.  
She concealed him from Athaliah, and so he did not die.  
For six years he remained hidden in the temple of the LORD,  
while Athaliah ruled the land.  
  
But in the seventh year,  
Jehoiada summoned the captains of the Carians  
and of the guards.  
He had them come to him in the temple of the LORD,  
exacted from them a sworn commitment,  
and then showed them the king’s son.  
  
The captains did just as Jehoiada the priest commanded.  
Each one with his men, both those going on duty for the sabbath  
and those going off duty that week,  
came to Jehoiada the priest.  
He gave the captains King David’s spears and shields,  
which were in the temple of the LORD.  
And the guards, with drawn weapons,  
lined up from the southern to the northern limit of the enclosure,  
surrounding the altar and the temple on the king’s behalf.  
Then Jehoiada led out the king’s son  
and put the crown and the insignia upon him.  
They proclaimed him king and anointed him,  
clapping their hands and shouting, “Long live the king!”  
  
Athaliah heard the noise made by the people,  
and appeared before them in the temple of the LORD.  
When she saw the king standing by the pillar, as was the custom,  
and the captains and trumpeters near him,  
with all the people of the land rejoicing and blowing trumpets,  
she tore her garments and cried out, “Treason, treason!”  
Then Jehoiada the priest instructed the captains  
in command of the force:  
“Bring her outside through the ranks.  
If anyone follows her,” he added, “let him die by the sword.”  
He had given orders that she  
should not be slain in the temple of the LORD.  
She was led out forcibly to the horse gate of the royal palace,  
where she was put to death.  
  
Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD as one party  
and the king and the people as the other,  
by which they would be the LORD’s people;  
and another covenant, between the king and the people.  
Thereupon all the people of the land went to the temple of Baal  
and demolished it.  
They shattered its altars and images completely,  
and slew Mattan, the priest of Baal, before the altars.  
Jehoiada appointed a detachment for the temple of the LORD.  
All the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet,  
now that Athaliah had been slain with the sword  
at the royal palace.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/132:11)

R. (13) **The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.**  
The LORD swore to David  
a firm promise from which he will not withdraw:  
“Your own offspring  
I will set upon your throne.”  
R. **The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.**  
“If your sons keep my covenant  
and the decrees which I shall teach them,  
Their sons, too, forever  
shall sit upon your throne.”  
R. **The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.**  
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. **The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.**  
“In her will I make a horn to sprout forth for David;  
I will place a lamp for my anointed.  
His enemies I will clothe with shame,  
but upon him my crown shall shine.”  
R. **The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.**

**Day 203**

# June 21, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Lectionary: 370

#### Reading 1 [2 CHR 24:17-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2chronicles/24:17)

After the death of Jehoiada,  
the princes of Judah came and paid homage to King Joash,  
and the king then listened to them.  
They forsook the temple of the LORD, the God of their fathers,  
and began to serve the sacred poles and the idols;  
and because of this crime of theirs,  
wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem.  
Although prophets were sent to them to convert them to the LORD,  
the people would not listen to their warnings.  
Then the Spirit of God possessed Zechariah,  
son of Jehoiada the priest.  
He took his stand above the people and said to them:  
“God says, ‘Why are you transgressing the LORD’s commands,  
so that you cannot prosper?  
Because you have abandoned the LORD, he has abandoned you.’”  
But they conspired against him,  
and at the king’s order they stoned him to death  
in the court of the LORD’s temple.  
Thus King Joash was unmindful of the devotion shown him  
by Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, and slew his son.  
And as Zechariah was dying, he said, “May the LORD see and avenge.”  
  
At the turn of the year a force of Arameans came up against Joash.  
They invaded Judah and Jerusalem,  
did away with all the princes of the people,  
and sent all their spoil to the king of Damascus.  
Though the Aramean force came with few men,  
the LORD surrendered a very large force into their power,  
because Judah had abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers.  
So punishment was meted out to Joash.  
After the Arameans had departed from him,  
leaving him in grievous suffering,  
his servants conspired against him  
because of the murder of the son of Jehoiada the priest.  
He was buried in the City of David,  
but not in the tombs of the kings.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/89:4)

R. (29a) **For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**  
“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.**For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**  
“Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.  
I will make his posterity endure forever  
and his throne as the days of heaven.”  
R. **For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**  
“If his sons forsake my law  
and walk not according to my ordinances,  
If they violate my statutes  
and keep not my commands.”  
R. **For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**  
“I will punish their crime with a rod  
and their guilt with stripes.  
Yet my mercy I will not take from him,  
nor will I belie my faithfulness.”  
R.**For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.**

**Day 204**

# June 22, 2014

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Lectionary: 167

#### Reading 1 [DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/8:2)

Moses said to the people:  
"Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God,  
has directed all your journeying in the desert,  
so as to test you by affliction  
and find out whether or not it was your intention  
to keep his commandments.   
He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger,  
and then fed you with manna,  
a food unknown to you and your fathers,  
in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.  
  
"Do not forget the LORD, your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
that place of slavery;  
who guided you through the vast and terrible desert  
with its saraph serpents and scorpions,  
its parched and waterless ground;  
who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock  
and fed you in the desert with manna,  
a food unknown to your fathers."

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 10:16-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/10:16)

Brothers and sisters:  
The cup of blessing that we bless,  
is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?  
The bread that we break,  
is it not a participation in the body of Christ?  
Because the loaf of bread is one,  
we, though many, are one body,  
for we all partake of the one loaf.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/147:12)

R/ (12) **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R/ **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/ **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
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/**Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.  
He has not done thus for any other nation;  
his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.  
R/ **Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 205**

# June 23, 2014

### Monday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 371

#### Reading 1 [2 KGS 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2kings/17:5)

Shalmaneser, king of Assyria, occupied the whole land  
and attacked Samaria, which he besieged for three years.  
In the ninth year of Hoshea, king of Israel  
the king of Assyria took Samaria,  
and deported the children of Israel to Assyria,  
setting them in Halah, at the Habor, a river of Gozan,  
and the cities of the Medes.  
  
This came about because the children of Israel sinned against the LORD,  
their God, who had brought them up from the land of Egypt,  
from under the domination of Pharaoh, king of Egypt,  
and because they venerated other gods.  
They followed the rites of the nations  
whom the LORD had cleared out of the way of the children of Israel  
and the kings of Israel whom they set up.  
  
And though the LORD warned Israel and Judah  
by every prophet and seer,  
“Give up your evil ways and keep my commandments and statutes,  
in accordance with the entire law which I enjoined on your fathers  
and which I sent you by my servants the prophets,”  
they did not listen, but were as stiff-necked as their fathers,  
who had not believed in the LORD, their God.  
They rejected his statutes,  
the covenant which he had made with their fathers,  
and the warnings which he had given them, till,  
in his great anger against Israel,  
the LORD put them away out of his sight.  
Only the tribe of Judah was left.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 60:3, 4-5, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/60:3)

R. (7b) **Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.**  
O God, you have rejected us and broken our defenses;  
you have been angry; rally us!  
R. **Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.**  
You have rocked the country and split it open;  
repair the cracks in it, for it is tottering.  
You have made your people feel hardships;  
you have given us stupefying wine.   
R. **Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.**  
Have not you, O God, rejected us,  
so that you go not forth, O God, with our armies?  
Give us aid against the foe,  
for worthless is the help of men.   
R. **Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.**

**Day 206**

# June 24, 2014 | Mass During The Day

### Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Mass during the Day Lectionary: 587

#### Reading 1 [IS 49:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/49:1)

Hear me, O coastlands,  
listen, O distant peoples.  
The LORD called me from birth,  
from my mother’s womb he gave me my name.  
He made of me a sharp-edged sword  
and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.  
He made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me.  
You are my servant, he said to me,  
Israel, through whom I show my glory.  
  
Though I thought I had toiled in vain,  
and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength,  
yet my reward is with the LORD,  
my recompense is with my God.  
For now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,  
that Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;  
and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!  
It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

#### Reading 2 [ACTS 13:22-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/13:22)

In those days, Paul said:  
“God raised up David as king;   
of him God 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.’  
  
“My brothers, sons of the family of Abraham,  
and those others among you who are God-fearing,  
to us this word of salvation has been sent.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139:1)

R. (14) **I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.**  
O LORD, you have probed me, you know me:  
you know when I sit and when I stand;  
you understand my thoughts from afar.  
My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,  
with all my ways you are familiar.  
R. **I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**  
Truly you have formed my inmost being;  
you knit me in my mother’s womb.  
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made;  
wonderful are your works.  
R. **I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.**  
My soul also you knew full well;  
nor was my frame unknown to you  
When I was made in secret,  
when I was fashioned in the depths of the earth.  
R. **I praise you, for I am wonderfully made.**

**Day 207**

# June 25, 2014

### Wednesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 373

#### Reading 1 [2 KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2kings/22:8)

The high priest Hilkiah informed the scribe Shaphan,  
“I have found the book of the law in the temple of the LORD.”  
Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, who read it.  
Then the scribe Shaphan went to the king and reported,  
“Your servants have smelted down the metals available in the temple  
and have consigned them to the master workmen  
in the temple of the LORD.”  
The scribe Shaphan also informed the king  
that the priest Hilkiah had given him a book,  
and then read it aloud to the king.  
When the king heard the contents of the book of the law,  
he tore his garments and issued this command to Hilkiah the priest,  
Ahikam, son of Shaphan,  
Achbor, son of Micaiah, the scribe Shaphan,  
and the king’s servant Asaiah:  
“Go, consult the LORD for me, for the people, for all Judah,  
about the stipulations of this book that has been found,  
for the anger of the LORD has been set furiously ablaze against us,  
because our fathers did not obey the stipulations of this book,  
nor fulfill our written obligations.”  
  
The king then had all the elders of Judah  
and of Jerusalem summoned together before him.  
The king went up to the temple of the LORD with all the men of Judah  
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem:  
priests, prophets, and all the people, small and great.  
He had the entire contents of the book of the covenant  
that had been found in the temple of the LORD, read out to them.   
Standing by the column, the king made a covenant before the LORD  
that they would follow him  
and observe his ordinances, statutes and decrees  
with their whole hearts and souls,  
thus reviving the terms of the covenant  
which were written in this book.  
And all the people stood as participants in the covenant.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:33)

R. (33a) **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**  
Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,  
that I may exactly observe them.  
R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**  
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.  
R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**  
Lead me in the path of your commands,  
for in it I delight.   
R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**  
Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to gain.  
R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**  
Turn away my eyes from seeing what is vain:  
by your way give me life.  
R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**  
Behold, I long for your precepts;  
in your justice give me life.  
R. **Teach me the way of your decrees, O Lord.**

**Day 208**

# June 26, 2014

### Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 374

#### Reading 1 [2 KGS 24:8-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2kings/24:8)

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign,  
and he reigned three months in Jerusalem.   
His mother’s name was Nehushta,  
daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.  
He did evil in the sight of the LORD,  
just as his forebears had done.  
  
At that time the officials of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon,  
attacked Jerusalem, and the city came under siege.  
Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon,  
himself arrived at the city  
while his servants were besieging it.  
Then Jehoiachin, king of Judah, together with his mother,  
his ministers, officers, and functionaries,  
surrendered to the king of Babylon, who,  
in the eighth year of his reign, took him captive.  
And he carried off all the treasures  
of the temple of the LORD and those of the palace,  
and broke up all the gold utensils that Solomon, king of Israel,  
had provided in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had foretold.  
He deported all Jerusalem:  
all the officers and men of the army, ten thousand in number,  
and all the craftsmen and smiths.  
None were left among the people of the land except the poor.  
He deported Jehoiachin to Babylon,  
and also led captive from Jerusalem to Babylon  
the king’s mother and wives,  
his functionaries, and the chief men of the land.  
The king of Babylon also led captive to Babylon  
all seven thousand men of the army,  
and a thousand craftsmen and smiths,  
all of them trained soldiers.  
In place of Jehoiachin,  
the king of Babylon appointed his uncle Mattaniah king,  
and changed his name to Zedekiah.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 79:1B-2, 3-5, 8, 9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/79:1)

R. (9) **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**  
O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
they have defiled your holy temple,  
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.  
They have given the corpses of your servants  
as food to the birds of heaven,  
the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the earth.  
R.**For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**  
They have poured out their blood like water  
round about Jerusalem,  
and there is no one to bury them.  
We have become the reproach of our neighbors,  
the scorn and derision of those around us.  
O LORD, how long? Will you be angry forever?  
Will your jealousy burn like fire?  
R. **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**  
Remember not against us the iniquities of the past;  
may your compassion quickly come to us,  
for we are brought very low.  
R.**For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**  
Help us, O God our savior,  
because of the glory of your name;  
Deliver us and pardon our sins  
for your name’s sake.   
R. **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**

**Day 209**

# June 27, 2014

### Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  Lectionary: 170

#### Reading 1 [DT 7:6-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/7:6)

Moses said to the people:  
"You are a people sacred to the LORD, your God;  
he has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth  
to be a people peculiarly his own.  
It was not because you are the largest of all nations  
that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you,  
for you are really the smallest of all nations.  
It was because the LORD loved you  
and because of his fidelity to the oath he had sworn your fathers,  
that he brought you out with his strong hand  
from the place of slavery,  
and ransomed you from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.  
Understand, then, that the LORD, your God, is God indeed,  
the faithful God who keeps his merciful covenant  
down to the thousandth generation  
toward those who love him and keep his commandments,  
but who repays with destruction a person who hates him;  
he does not dally with such a one,  
but makes them personally pay for it.  
You shall therefore carefully observe the commandments,  
the statutes and the decrees that I enjoin on you today."

#### Reading 2 [1 JN 4:7-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/4:7)

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.  
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:  
God sent his only Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.  
Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another.  
No one has ever seen God.  
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.  
  
This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,  
that he has given us of his Spirit.  
Moreover, we have seen and testify  
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.  
Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God remains in him and he in God.  
We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.  
  
God is love, and whoever remains in love  
remains in God and God in him.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/103:1)

R/ (cf. 17) **The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and forget not all his benefits.  
R/ **The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**  
He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.  
R/ **The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**  
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/ **The Lord's kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

**Day 210**

# June 28, 2014

### Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lectionary: 376/573

#### Reading 1 [LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/lamentations/2:2)

The Lord has consumed without pity  
all the dwellings of Jacob;  
He has torn down in his anger  
the fortresses of daughter Judah;  
He has brought to the ground in dishonor  
her king and her princes.  
  
On the ground in silence sit  
the old men of daughter Zion;  
They strew dust on their heads  
and gird themselves with sackcloth;  
The maidens of Jerusalem  
bow their heads to the ground.  
  
Worn out from weeping are my eyes,  
within me all is in ferment;  
My gall is poured out on the ground  
because of the downfall of the daughter of my people,  
As child and infant faint away  
in the open spaces of the town.  
  
In vain they ask their mothers,  
“Where is the grain?”  
As they faint away like the wounded  
in the streets of the city,  
And breathe their last  
in their mothers’ arms.  
  
To what can I liken or compare you,  
O daughter Jerusalem?  
What example can I show you for your comfort,  
virgin daughter Zion?  
For great as the sea is your downfall;  
who can heal you?  
  
Your prophets had for you  
false and specious visions;  
They did not lay bare your guilt,  
to avert your fate;  
They beheld for you in vision  
false and misleading portents.  
  
Cry out to the Lord;  
moan, O daughter Zion!  
Let your tears flow like a torrent  
day and night;  
Let there be no respite for you,  
no repose for your eyes.  
  
Rise up, shrill in the night,  
at the beginning of every watch;  
Pour out your heart like water  
in the presence of the Lord;  
Lift up your hands to him  
for the lives of your little ones  
Who faint from hunger  
at the corner of every street.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 74:1B-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/74:1)

R. (19b) **Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.**  
Why, O God, have you cast us off forever?  
Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?  
Remember your flock which you built up of old,  
the tribe you redeemed as your inheritance,  
Mount Zion, where you took up your abode.  
R. **Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.**  
Turn your steps toward the utter ruins;  
toward all the damage the enemy has done in the sanctuary.  
Your foes roar triumphantly in your shrine;  
they have set up their tokens of victory.  
They are like men coming up with axes to a clump of trees.   
R.**Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.**  
With chisel and hammer they hack at all the paneling of the sanctuary.  
They set your sanctuary on fire;  
the place where your name abides they have razed and profaned.   
R.**Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.**  
Look to your covenant,  
for the hiding places in the land and the plains are full of violence.  
May the humble not retire in confusion;  
may the afflicted and the poor praise your name.  
R. **Lord, forget not the souls of your poor ones.**

**Day 211**

# June 29, 2014 | Mass During The Day

### Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Mass during the Day Lectionary: 591

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 12:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/12:1)

In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them.  
He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword,  
and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews  
he proceeded to arrest Peter also.  
–It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.–  
He had him taken into custody and put in prison  
under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each.  
He intended to bring him before the people after Passover.  
Peter thus was being kept in prison,  
but prayer by the Church was fervently being made  
to God on his behalf.  
  
On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial,  
Peter, secured by double chains,  
was sleeping between two soldiers,  
while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison.  
Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him  
and a light shone in the cell.  
He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying,  
“Get up quickly.”  
The chains fell from his wrists.  
The angel said to him, “Put on your belt and your sandals.”  
He did so.  
Then he said to him, “Put on your cloak and follow me.”  
So he followed him out,  
not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real;  
he thought he was seeing a vision.  
They passed the first guard, then the second,  
and came to the iron gate leading out to the city,  
which opened for them by itself.  
They emerged and made their way down an alley,  
and suddenly the angel left him.   
Then Peter recovered his senses and said,  
“Now I know for certain   
that the Lord sent his angel   
and rescued me from the hand of Herod  
and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting.”

#### Reading 2 [2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2timothy/4:6)

I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.  
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.  
  
The Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.  
And I was rescued from the lion’s mouth.  
The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/34:2)

R. (5) **The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**  
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. **The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**  
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.**The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**  
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 angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**  
The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.  
R. **The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.**

**Day 212**

# June 30, 2014

### Monday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 377

#### Reading 1 [AM 2:6-10, 13-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/amos/2:6)

Thus says the LORD:  
For three crimes of Israel, and for four,  
I will not revoke my word;  
Because they sell the just man for silver,  
and the poor man for a pair of sandals.  
They trample the heads of the weak  
into the dust of the earth,  
and force the lowly out of the way.  
Son and father go to the same prostitute,  
profaning my holy name.  
Upon garments taken in pledge  
they recline beside any altar;  
And the wine of those who have been fined  
they drink in the house of their god.  
  
Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorites before them,  
who were as tall as the cedars,  
and as strong as the oak trees.  
I destroyed their fruit above,  
and their roots beneath.  
It was I who brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and who led you through the desert for forty years,  
to occupy the land of the Amorites.  
  
Beware, I will crush you into the ground  
as a wagon crushes when laden with sheaves.  
Flight shall perish from the swift,  
and the strong man shall not retain his strength;  
The warrior shall not save his life,  
nor the bowman stand his ground;  
The swift of foot shall not escape,  
nor the horseman save his life.  
And the most stouthearted of warriors  
shall flee naked on that day, says the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 50:16BC-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/50:16)

R. (22a) **Remember this, you who never think of God.**  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth,  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?”  
R. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**  
“When you see a thief, you keep pace with him,  
and with adulterers you throw in your lot.  
To your mouth you give free rein for evil,  
you harness your tongue to deceit.”  
R. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**  
“You sit speaking against your brother;  
against your mother’s son you spread rumors.  
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.”  
R. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**  
“Consider this, you who forget God,  
lest I rend you and there be no one to rescue you.  
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. **Remember this, you who never think of God.**

**Day 213**

# July 1, 2014

### Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 378

#### Reading 1 [AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/amos/3:1)

Hear this word, O children of Israel, that the LORD pronounces over you,  
over the whole family that I brought up from the land of Egypt:  
  
You alone have I favored,   
more than all the families of the earth;  
Therefore I will punish you  
for all your crimes.  
  
Do two walk together  
unless they have agreed?  
Does a lion roar in the forest  
when it has no prey?  
Does a young lion cry out from its den  
unless it has seized something?  
Is a bird brought to earth by a snare  
when there is no lure for it?  
Does a snare spring up from the ground  
without catching anything?  
If the trumpet sounds in a city,  
will the people not be frightened?  
If evil befalls a city,  
has not the LORD caused it?  
Indeed, the Lord GOD does nothing  
without revealing his plan  
to his servants, the prophets.  
  
The lion roars—  
who will not be afraid!  
The Lord GOD speaks—  
who will not prophesy!  
  
I brought upon you such upheaval  
as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah:  
you were like a brand plucked from the fire;  
Yet you returned not to me,  
says the LORD.  
  
So now I will deal with you in my own way, O Israel!  
and since I will deal thus with you,  
prepare to meet your God, O Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 5:4B-6A, 6B-7, 8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/5:4)

R. (9a) **Lead me in your justice, Lord.**  
At dawn I bring my plea expectantly before you.  
For you, O God, delight not in wickedness;  
no evil man remains with you;  
the arrogant may not stand in your sight.  
R. **Lead me in your justice, Lord.**  
You hate all evildoers;  
you destroy all who speak falsehood;  
The bloodthirsty and the deceitful  
the LORD abhors.  
R. **Lead me in your justice, Lord.**  
But I, because of your abundant mercy,  
will enter your house;  
I will worship at your holy temple  
in fear of you, O LORD.  
R.**Lead me in your justice, Lord.**

**Day 214**

# July 2, 2014

### Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 379

#### Reading 1 [AM 5:14-15, 21-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/amos/5:14)

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
Then truly will the LORD, the God of hosts,  
be with you as you claim!  
Hate evil and love good,  
and let justice prevail at the gate;  
Then it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will have pity on the remnant of Joseph.  
  
I hate, I spurn your feasts, says the LORD,  
I take no pleasure in your solemnities;  
Your cereal offerings I will not accept,  
nor consider your stall-fed peace offerings.  
Away with your noisy songs!  
I will not listen to the melodies of your harps.  
But if you would offer me burnt offerings,  
then let justice surge like water,  
and goodness like an unfailing stream.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16BC-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/50:7)

R. (23b) **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“Hear, my people, and I will speak;  
Israel, I will testify against you;  
God, your God, am I.”  
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. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“For mine are all the animals of the forests,  
beasts by the thousand on my mountains.  
I know all the birds of the air,  
and whatever stirs in the plains, belongs to me.”  
R. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“If I were hungry, I should not tell you,  
for mine are the world and its fullness.  
Do I eat the flesh of strong bulls,  
or is the blood of goats my drink?”  
R. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth,  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?”  
R.**To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

**Day 215**

# July 3, 2014

### Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Lectionary: 593

#### Reading 1 [EPH 2:19-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2:19)

Brothers and sisters:  
You are no longer strangers and sojourners,  
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones  
and members of the household of God,   
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.  
Through him the whole structure is held together  
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;  
in him you also are being built together  
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 117:1BC, 2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/117:1)

R. (Mark 16:15) **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
glorify him, all you peoples!  
R. **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**  
For steadfast is his kindness for us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.   
R. **Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

**Day 216**

# July 4, 2014

### Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 381

#### Reading 1 [AM 8:4-6, 9-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/amos/8:4)

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy  
and destroy the poor of the land!  
“When will the new moon be over,” you ask,  
“that we may sell our grain,  
and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?”  
We will diminish the containers for measuring,  
add to the weights,  
and fix our scales for cheating!  
We will buy the lowly man for silver,  
and the poor man for a pair of sandals;  
even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!”  
  
On that day, says the Lord GOD,  
I will make the sun set at midday  
and cover the earth with darkness in broad daylight.  
I will turn your feasts into mourning  
and all your songs into lamentations.  
I will cover the loins of all with sackcloth  
and make every head bald.  
I will make them mourn as for an only son,  
and bring their day to a bitter end.  
  
Yes, days are coming, says the Lord GOD,  
when I will send famine upon the land:  
Not a famine of bread, or thirst for water,  
but for hearing the word of the LORD.  
Then shall they wander from sea to sea  
and rove from the north to the east  
In search of the word of the LORD,  
but they shall not find it.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:2)

R.    (Matthew 4:4) **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.   
R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
With all my heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from your commands.  
R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
My soul is consumed with longing  
for your ordinances at all times.   
R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
The way of truth I have chosen;  
I have set your ordinances before me.  
R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
Behold, I long for your precepts;  
in your justice give me life.  
R. **One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**  
I gasp with open mouth  
in my yearning for your commands.  
R.**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Day 217**

# July 5, 2014

### Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 382

#### Reading 1 [AM 9:11-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/amos/9:11)

Thus says the LORD:  
On that day I will raise up  
the fallen hut of David;  
I will wall up its breaches,  
raise up its ruins,  
and rebuild it as in the days of old,  
That they may conquer what is left of Edom  
and all the nations that shall bear my name,  
say I, the LORD, who will do this.  
Yes, days are coming,  
says the LORD,  
When the plowman shall overtake the reaper,  
and the vintager, him who sows the seed;  
The juice of grapes shall drip down the mountains,  
and all the hills shall run with it.  
I will bring about the restoration of my people Israel;  
they shall rebuild and inhabit their ruined cities,  
Plant vineyards and drink the wine,  
set out gardens and eat the fruits.  
I will plant them upon their own ground;  
never again shall they be plucked  
From the land I have given them,  
say I, the LORD, your God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/85:9)

R. (see 9b) **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**  
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. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**  
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 speaks of peace to his people.**  
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. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

**Day 218**

# July 6, 2014

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 100

#### Reading 1 [ZEC 9:9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/zechariah/9:9)

Thus says the LORD:  
Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion,  
shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king shall come to you;  
a just savior is he,  
meek, and riding on an ass,  
on a colt, the foal of an ass.  
He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim,  
and the horse from Jerusalem;  
the warrior’s bow shall be banished,  
and he shall proclaim peace to the nations.  
His dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

#### Reading 2 [ROM 8:9, 11-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:9)

Brothers and sisters:  
You are not in the flesh;  
on the contrary, you are in the spirit,  
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.   
Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.   
If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
the one who raised Christ from the dead  
will give life to your mortal bodies also,  
through his Spirit that dwells in you.  
Consequently, brothers and sisters,  
we are not debtors to the flesh,  
to live according to the flesh.   
For if you live according to the flesh, you will die,  
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,  
you will live.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:1)

R/ (cf. 1) **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
I will extol you, O my God and King,  
and I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
R/ **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R/**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**  
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/ **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**  
or:  
R/  **Alleluia.**  
The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
R/ **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**  
or:  
R/ **Alleluia.**

**Day 219**

# July 7, 2014

### Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 383

#### Reading 1 [HOS 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hosea/2:16)

Thus says the LORD:  
I will allure her;  
I will lead her into the desert  
and speak to her heart.  
She shall respond there as in the days of her youth,  
when she came up from the land of Egypt.  
  
On that day, says the LORD,  
She shall call me “My husband,”  
and never again “My baal.”  
  
I will espouse you to me forever:  
I will espouse you in right and in justice,  
in love and in mercy;  
I will espouse you in fidelity,  
and you shall know the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:2)

R. (8a) **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.  
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
Generation after generation praises your works  
and proclaims your might.  
They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty  
and tell of your wondrous works.   
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
They discourse of the power of your terrible deeds  
and declare your greatness.  
They publish the fame of your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your justice.   
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful.**

**Day 220**

# July 8, 2014

### Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 384

#### Reading 1 [HOS 8:4-7, 11-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hosea/8:4)

Thus says the LORD:  
They made kings in Israel, but not by my authority;  
they established princes, but without my approval.  
With their silver and gold they made  
idols for themselves, to their own destruction.  
Cast away your calf, O Samaria!  
my wrath is kindled against them;  
How long will they be unable to attain  
innocence in Israel?  
The work of an artisan,  
no god at all,  
Destined for the flames—  
such is the calf of Samaria!  
  
When they sow the wind,   
they shall reap the whirlwind;  
The stalk of grain that forms no ear  
can yield no flour;  
Even if it could,  
strangers would swallow it.  
  
When Ephraim made many altars to expiate sin,  
his altars became occasions of sin.  
Though I write for him my many ordinances,  
they are considered as a stranger’s.  
Though they offer sacrifice,  
immolate flesh and eat it,  
the LORD is not pleased with them.  
He shall still remember their guilt  
and punish their sins;  
they shall return to Egypt.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 115:3-4, 5-6, 7AB-8, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/115:3)

R. (9a) **The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
Our God is in heaven;  
whatever he wills, he does.  
Their idols are silver and gold,  
the handiwork of men.  
R. **The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
They have mouths but speak not;  
they have eyes but see not;  
They have ears but hear not;  
they have noses but smell not.  
R. **The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
They have hands but feel not;  
they have feet but walk not.  
Their makers shall be like them,  
everyone that trusts in them.  
R. **The house of Israel trusts in the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 221**

# July 9, 2014

### Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 385

#### Reading 1 [HOS 10:1-3, 7-8, 12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hosea/10:1)

Israel is a luxuriant vine  
whose fruit matches its growth.  
The more abundant his fruit,  
the more altars he built;  
The more productive his land,  
the more sacred pillars he set up.  
Their heart is false,  
now they pay for their guilt;  
God shall break down their altars  
and destroy their sacred pillars.  
If they would say,  
“We have no king”—  
Since they do not fear the LORD,  
what can the king do for them?  
  
The king of Samaria shall disappear,  
like foam upon the waters.  
The high places of Aven shall be destroyed,  
the sin of Israel;  
thorns and thistles shall overgrow their altars.  
Then they shall cry out to the mountains, “Cover us!”  
and to the hills, “Fall upon us!”  
  
“Sow for yourselves justice,  
reap the fruit of piety;  
break up for yourselves a new field,  
for it is time to seek the LORD,  
till he come and rain down justice upon you.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:2)

R. (4b) **Seek always the face of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
R. **Seek always the face of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.  
Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought,  
his portents, and the judgments he has uttered.  
R. **Seek always the face of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
R. **Seek always the face of the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 222**

# July 10, 2014

### Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 386

#### Reading 1 [HOS 11:1-4, 8E-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hosea/11:1)

Thus says the LORD:  
When Israel was a child I loved him,   
out of Egypt I called my son.  
The more I called them,  
the farther they went from me,  
Sacrificing to the Baals  
and burning incense to idols.  
Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
who took them in my arms;  
I drew them with human cords,  
with bands of love;  
I fostered them like one  
who raises an infant to his cheeks;  
Yet, though I stooped to feed my child,  
they did not know that I was their healer.  
  
My heart is overwhelmed,  
my pity is stirred.  
I will not give vent to my blazing anger,  
I will not destroy Ephraim again;  
For I am God and not man,  
the Holy One present among you;  
I will not let the flames consume you.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/80:2)

R. (4b) **Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**  
O shepherd of Israel, hearken.  
From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power.  
R.**Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**  
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. **Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

**Day 223**

# July 11, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot Lectionary: 387

#### Reading 1 [HOS 14:2-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hosea/14:2)

Thus says the LORD:  
Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God;  
you have collapsed through your guilt.  
Take with you words,  
and return to the LORD;  
Say to him, “Forgive all iniquity,  
and receive what is good, that we may render  
as offerings the bullocks from our stalls.  
Assyria will not save us,  
nor shall we have horses to mount;  
We shall say no more, ‘Our god,’  
to the work of our hands;  
for in you the orphan finds compassion.”  
I will heal their defection, says the LORD,  
I will love them freely;  
for my wrath is turned away from them.  
I will be like the dew for Israel:  
he shall blossom like the lily;  
He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar,  
and put forth his shoots.  
His splendor shall be like the olive tree  
and his fragrance like the Lebanon cedar.  
Again they shall dwell in his shade  
and raise grain;  
They shall blossom like the vine,  
and his fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.  
  
Ephraim! What more has he to do with idols?  
I have humbled him, but I will prosper him.  
“I am like a verdant cypress tree”—  
because of me you bear fruit!  
  
Let him who is wise understand these things;  
let him who is prudent know them.  
Straight are the paths of the LORD,  
in them the just walk,  
but sinners stumble in them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 AND 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:3)

R. (17b) **My mouth will declare your praise.**  
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. **My mouth will declare your praise.**  
Behold, you are pleased with sincerity of heart,  
and in my inmost being you teach me wisdom.  
Cleanse me of sin with hyssop, that I may be purified;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.   
R. **My mouth will declare your praise.**  
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. **My mouth will declare your praise.**  
Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
R. **My mouth will declare your praise.**

**Day 224**

# July 12, 2014

### Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 388

#### Reading 1 [IS 6:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/6:1)

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; each of them had six wings:  
with two they veiled their faces,  
with two they veiled their feet,  
and with two they hovered aloft.  
  
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!”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/93:1)

R. (1a) **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**  
The LORD is king, in splendor robed;  
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.  
R. **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**  
And he has made the world firm,   
not to be moved.  
Your throne stands firm from of old;  
from everlasting you are, O LORD.  
R.**The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**  
Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed:  
holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, for length of days.  
R. **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

**Day 225**

# July 13, 2014

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 103

#### Reading 1 [IS 55:10-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/55:10)

Thus says the LORD:  
Just as from the heavens  
the rain and snow come down  
and do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
giving seed to the one who sows  
and bread to the one who eats,  
so shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth;  
my word shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,  
achieving the end for which I sent it.

#### Reading 2[ROM 8:18-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:18)

Brothers and sisters:  
I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.   
For creation awaits with eager expectation  
the revelation of the children of God;  
for creation was made subject to futility,  
not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it,  
in hope that creation itself  
would be set free from slavery to corruption  
and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.   
We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;  
and not only that, but we ourselves,  
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,  
we also groan within ourselves  
as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/65:10)

R/ (Lk 8:8) **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**  
You have visited the land and watered it;  
greatly have you enriched it.  
God’s watercourses are filled;  
you have prepared the grain.  
R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**  
Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,  
breaking up its clods,  
Softening it with showers,  
blessing its yield.  
R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**  
You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;  
The untilled meadows overflow with it,  
and rejoicing clothes the hills.  
R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**  
The fields are garmented with flocks  
and the valleys blanketed with grain.  
They shout and sing for joy.  
R/ **The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

**Day 226**

# July 14, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Lectionary: 389

#### Reading 1 [IS 1:10-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/1:10)

Hear the word of the LORD,  
princes of Sodom!  
Listen to the instruction of our God,  
people of Gomorrah!  
What care I for the number of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD.  
I have had enough of whole-burnt rams  
and fat of fatlings;  
In the blood of calves, lambs and goats  
I find no pleasure.  
  
When you come in to visit me,  
who asks these things of you?  
Trample my courts no more!  
Bring no more worthless offerings;  
your incense is loathsome to me.  
New moon and sabbath, calling of assemblies,  
octaves with wickedness: these I cannot bear.  
Your new moons and festivals I detest;  
they weigh me down, I tire of the load.  
When you spread out your hands,  
I close my eyes to you;  
Though you pray the more,  
I will not listen.  
Your hands are full of blood!  
Wash yourselves clean!  
Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes;  
cease doing evil; learn to do good.  
Make justice your aim: redress the wronged,  
hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/50:8)

R. (23b) **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.**To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth,  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?”  
R. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“When you do these things, shall I be deaf to it?  
Or do you think you 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. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

**Day 227**

# July 15, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 390

#### Reading 1 [IS 7:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/7:1)

In the days of Ahaz, king of Judah, son of Jotham, son of Uzziah,  
Rezin, king of Aram,  
and Pekah, king of Israel, son of Remaliah,  
went up to attack Jerusalem,  
but they were not able to conquer it.  
When word came to the house of David that Aram  
was encamped in Ephraim,  
the heart of the king and the heart of the people trembled,  
as the trees of the forest tremble in the wind.  
  
Then the LORD said to Isaiah: Go out to meet Ahaz,  
you and your son Shear-jashub,  
at the end of the conduit of the upper pool,  
on the highway of the fuller’s field, and say to him:  
Take care you remain tranquil and do not fear;  
let not your courage fail  
before these two stumps of smoldering brands  
the blazing anger of Rezin and the Arameans,  
and of the son Remaliah,  
because of the mischief that  
Aram, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah,  
plots against you, saying,  
“Let us go up and tear Judah asunder, make it our own by force,  
and appoint the son of Tabeel king there.”  
  
Thus says the LORD:  
This shall not stand, it shall not be!  
Damascus is the capital of Aram,  
and Rezin is the head of Damascus;  
Samaria is the capital of Ephraim,  
and Remaliah’s son the head of Samaria.  
  
But within sixty years and five,  
Ephraim shall be crushed, no longer a nation.  
Unless your faith is firm  
you shall not be firm!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 48:2-3A, 3B-4, 5-6, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/48:2)

R. (see 9d) **God upholds his city for ever.**  
Great is the LORD and wholly to be praised  
in the city of our God.  
His holy mountain, fairest of heights,  
is the joy of all the earth.  
R. **God upholds his city for ever.**  
Mount Zion, “the recesses of the North,”  
is the city of the great King.  
God is with her castles;  
renowned is he as a stronghold.   
R. **God upholds his city for ever.**  
For lo! the kings assemble,  
they come on together;  
They also see, and at once are stunned,  
terrified, routed.  
R. **God upholds his city for ever.**  
Quaking seizes them there;  
anguish, like a woman’s in labor,  
As though a wind from the east  
were shattering ships of Tarshish.   
R. **God upholds his city for ever.**

**Day 228**

# July 16, 2014

### Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 391

#### Reading 1 [IS 10:5-7, 13B-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/10:5)

Thus says the LORD:  
Woe to Assyria! My rod in anger,  
my staff in wrath.  
Against an impious nation I send him,  
and against a people under my wrath I order him  
To seize plunder, carry off loot,  
and tread them down like the mud of the streets.  
But this is not what he intends,  
nor does he have this in mind;  
Rather, it is in his heart to destroy,  
to make an end of nations not a few.  
  
For he says:  
“By my own power I have done it,  
and by my wisdom, for I am shrewd.  
I have moved the boundaries of peoples,  
their treasures I have pillaged,  
and, like a giant, I have put down the enthroned.  
My hand has seized like a nest  
the riches of nations;  
As one takes eggs left alone,  
so I took in all the earth;  
No one fluttered a wing,  
or opened a mouth, or chirped!”  
  
Will the axe boast against him who hews with it?  
Will the saw exalt itself above him who wields it?  
As if a rod could sway him who lifts it,  
or a staff him who is not wood!  
Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts,  
will send among his fat ones leanness,  
And instead of his glory there will be kindling  
like the kindling of fire.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/94:5)

R. (14a) **The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
Your people, O LORD, they trample down,  
your inheritance they afflict.  
Widow and stranger they slay,  
the fatherless they murder.   
R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
And they say, “The LORD sees not;  
the God of Jacob perceives not.”  
Understand, you senseless ones among the people;  
and, you fools, when will you be wise?  
R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
Shall he who shaped the ear not hear?  
or he who formed the eye not see?  
Shall he who instructs nations not chastise,  
he who teaches men knowledge?  
R.**The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
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.**The Lord will not abandon his people.**

**Day 229**

# July 16, 2014

### Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 391

#### Reading 1 [IS 10:5-7, 13B-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/10:5)

Thus says the LORD:  
Woe to Assyria! My rod in anger,  
my staff in wrath.  
Against an impious nation I send him,  
and against a people under my wrath I order him  
To seize plunder, carry off loot,  
and tread them down like the mud of the streets.  
But this is not what he intends,  
nor does he have this in mind;  
Rather, it is in his heart to destroy,  
to make an end of nations not a few.  
  
For he says:  
“By my own power I have done it,  
and by my wisdom, for I am shrewd.  
I have moved the boundaries of peoples,  
their treasures I have pillaged,  
and, like a giant, I have put down the enthroned.  
My hand has seized like a nest  
the riches of nations;  
As one takes eggs left alone,  
so I took in all the earth;  
No one fluttered a wing,  
or opened a mouth, or chirped!”  
  
Will the axe boast against him who hews with it?  
Will the saw exalt itself above him who wields it?  
As if a rod could sway him who lifts it,  
or a staff him who is not wood!  
Therefore the Lord, the LORD of hosts,  
will send among his fat ones leanness,  
And instead of his glory there will be kindling  
like the kindling of fire.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/94:5)

R. (14a) **The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
Your people, O LORD, they trample down,  
your inheritance they afflict.  
Widow and stranger they slay,  
the fatherless they murder.   
R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
And they say, “The LORD sees not;  
the God of Jacob perceives not.”  
Understand, you senseless ones among the people;  
and, you fools, when will you be wise?  
R. **The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
Shall he who shaped the ear not hear?  
or he who formed the eye not see?  
Shall he who instructs nations not chastise,  
he who teaches men knowledge?  
R.**The Lord will not abandon his people.**  
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.**The Lord will not abandon his people.**

**Day 230**

# July 17, 2014

### Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 392

#### Reading 1 [IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/26:7)

The way of the just is smooth;  
the path of the just you make level.  
Yes, for your way and your judgments, O LORD,  
we look to you;  
Your name and your title  
are the desire of our souls.  
My soul yearns for you in the night,  
yes, my spirit within me keeps vigil for you;  
When your judgment dawns upon the earth,  
the world’s inhabitants learn justice.  
O LORD, you mete out peace to us,  
for it is you who have accomplished all we have done.  
  
O LORD, oppressed by your punishment,  
we cried out in anguish under your chastising.  
As a woman about to give birth  
writhes and cries out in her pains,  
so were we in your presence, O LORD.  
We conceived and writhed in pain,  
giving birth to wind;  
Salvation we have not achieved for the earth,  
the inhabitants of the world cannot bring it forth.  
But your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise;  
awake and sing, you who lie in the dust.  
For your dew is a dew of light,  
and the land of shades gives birth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 102:13-14AB AND 15, 16-18, 19-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/102:13)

R. (20b) **From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**  
You, O LORD, abide forever,  
and your name through all generations.  
You will arise and have mercy on Zion,  
for it is time to pity her.  
For her stones are dear to your servants,  
and her dust moves them to pity.   
R.**From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**  
The nations shall revere your name, O LORD,  
and all the kings of the earth your glory,  
When the LORD has rebuilt Zion  
and appeared in his glory;  
When he has regarded the prayer of the destitute,  
and not despised their prayer.  
R. **From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**  
Let this be written for the generation to come,  
and let his future creatures praise the LORD:  
“The LORD looked down from his holy height,  
from heaven he beheld the earth,  
To hear the groaning of the prisoners,  
to release those doomed to die.”  
R.**From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.**

**Day 231**

# July 18, 2014

### Friday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 393

#### Reading 1 [IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/38:1)

When Hezekiah was mortally ill,  
the prophet Isaiah, son of Amoz, came and said to him:  
“Thus says the LORD: Put your house in order,  
for you are about to die; you shall not recover.”  
Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD:  
  
“O LORD, remember how faithfully and wholeheartedly  
I conducted myself in your presence,  
doing what was pleasing to you!”  
And Hezekiah wept bitterly.  
  
Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: “Go, tell Hezekiah:  
Thus says the LORD, the God of your father David:  
I have heard your prayer and seen your tears.  
I will heal you: in three days you shall go up to the LORD’s temple;  
I will add fifteen years to your life.  
I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria;  
I will be a shield to this city.”  
  
Isaiah then ordered a poultice of figs to be taken  
and applied to the boil, that he might recover.  
Then Hezekiah asked,  
“What is the sign that I shall go up to the temple of the LORD?”  
  
Isaiah answered:  
“This will be the sign for you from the LORD  
that he will do what he has promised:  
See, I will make the shadow cast by the sun  
on the stairway to the terrace of Ahaz  
go back the ten steps it has advanced.”  
So the sun came back the ten steps it had advanced.

#### Responsorial Psalm [IS 38:10, 11, 12ABCD, 16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/38:10)

R. (see 17b) **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**  
Once I said,  
“In the noontime of life I must depart!  
To the gates of the nether world I shall be consigned  
for the rest of my years.”   
R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**  
I said, “I shall see the LORD no more  
in the land of the living.  
No longer shall I behold my fellow men  
among those who dwell in the world.”  
R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**  
My dwelling, like a shepherd’s tent,  
is struck down and borne away from me;  
You have folded up my life, like a weaver  
who severs the last thread.  
R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**  
Those live whom the LORD protects;  
yours is the life of my spirit.  
You have given me health and life.  
R. **You saved my life, O Lord; I shall not die.**

**Day 232**

# July 19, 2014

### Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 394

#### Reading 1 [MI 2:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/micah/2:1)

Woe to those who plan iniquity,  
and work out evil on their couches;  
In the morning light they accomplish it  
when it lies within their power.  
They covet fields, and seize them;  
houses, and they take them;  
They cheat an owner of his house,  
a man of his inheritance.  
Therefore thus says the LORD:  
Behold, I am planning against this race an evil  
from which you shall not withdraw your necks;  
Nor shall you walk with head high,  
for it will be a time of evil.  
  
On that day a satire shall be sung over you,  
and there shall be a plaintive chant:  
“Our ruin is complete,  
our fields are portioned out among our captors,  
The fields of my people are measured out,  
and no one can get them back!”  
Thus you shall have no one  
to mark out boundaries by lot  
in the assembly of the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/10:1)

R. (12b) **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**  
Why, O LORD, do you stand aloof?  
Why hide in times of distress?  
Proudly the wicked harass the afflicted,  
who are caught in the devices the wicked have contrived.   
R. **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**  
For the wicked man glories in his greed,  
and the covetous blasphemes, sets the LORD at nought.  
The wicked man boasts, “He will not avenge it”;  
“There is no God,” sums up his thoughts.   
R.**Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**  
His mouth is full of cursing, guile and deceit;  
under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.  
He lurks in ambush near the villages;  
in hiding he murders the innocent;  
his eyes spy upon the unfortunate.   
R. **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**  
You do see, for you behold misery and sorrow,  
taking them in your hands.  
On you the unfortunate man depends;  
of the fatherless you are the helper.  
R. **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**

**Day 233**

# July 21, 2014

### Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 395

#### Reading 1 [MI 6:1-4, 6-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/micah/6:1)

Hear what the LORD says:  
Arise, present your plea before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice!  
Hear, O mountains, the plea of the LORD,  
pay attention, O foundations of the earth!  
For the LORD has a plea against his people,  
and he enters into trial with Israel.  
  
O my people, what have I done to you,  
or how have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
from the place of slavery I released you;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.  
  
With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow before God most high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with myriad streams of oil?  
Shall I give my first-born for my crime,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?  
You have been told, O man, what is good,  
and what the LORD requires of you:  
Only to do the right and to love goodness,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 50:5-6, 8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/50:5)

R. (23b) **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“Gather my faithful ones before me,  
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”  
And the heavens proclaim his justice;  
for God himself is the judge.  
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. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth,  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?”  
R.**To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**  
“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. **To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

**Day 234**

# July 22, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Mary Magdalene Lectionary: 396/603

#### Reading 1 [MI 7:14-15, 18-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/micah/7:14)

Shepherd your people with your staff,  
the flock of your inheritance,  
That dwells apart in a woodland,  
in the midst of Carmel.  
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead,  
as in the days of old;  
As in the days when you came from the land of Egypt,  
show us wonderful signs.  
  
Who is there like you, the God who removes guilt  
and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance;  
Who does not persist in anger forever,  
but delights rather in clemency,  
And will again have compassion on us,  
treading underfoot our guilt?  
You will cast into the depths of the sea  
all our sins;  
You will show faithfulness to Jacob,  
and grace to Abraham,  
As you have sworn to our fathers  
from days of old.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/85:2)

R. (8a) **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**  
You have favored, O LORD, your land;  
you have brought back the captives of Jacob.  
You have forgiven the guilt of your people;  
you have covered all their sins.  
You have withdrawn all your wrath;  
you have revoked your burning anger.   
R. **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**  
Restore us, O God our savior,  
and abandon your displeasure against us.  
Will you be ever angry with us,  
prolonging your anger to all generations?  
R. **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**  
Will you not instead give us life;  
and shall not your people rejoice in you?  
Show us, O LORD, your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.   
R. **Lord, show us your mercy and love.**

**Day 235**

# July 23, 2014

### Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 397

#### Reading 1 [JER 1:1, 4-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/1:1)

The words of Jeremiah, son of Hilkiah,  
of a priestly family in Anathoth, in the land of Benjamin.  
  
The word of the LORD came to me thus:  
  
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.  
“Ah, Lord GOD!” I said,  
"I know not how to speak; I am too young.”  
  
But the LORD answered me,  
Say not, “I am too young.”  
To whomever I send you, you shall go;  
whatever I command you, you shall speak.  
Have no fear before them,  
because I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.  
  
Then the LORD extended his hand and touched my mouth, saying,  
  
See, I place my words in your mouth!  
This day I set you  
over nations and over kingdoms,  
To root up and to tear down,  
to destroy and to demolish,  
to build and to plant.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5-6AB, 15 AND 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/71:1)

R. (see 15ab)**I will sing of your salvation.**  
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.**I will sing of your salvation.**  
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. **I will sing of your salvation.**  
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. **I will sing of your salvation.**  
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. **I will sing of your salvation.**

**Day 236**

# July 24, 2014

### Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 398

#### Reading 1 [JER 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/2:1)

This word of the LORD came to me:  
Go, cry out this message for Jerusalem to hear!  
  
I remember the devotion of your youth,  
how you loved me as a bride,  
Following me in the desert,  
in a land unsown.  
Sacred to the LORD was Israel,  
the first fruits of his harvest;  
Should any presume to partake of them,  
evil would befall them, says the LORD.  
  
When I brought you into the garden land   
to eat its goodly fruits,  
You entered and defiled my land,  
you made my heritage loathsome.  
The priests asked not,  
“Where is the LORD?”  
Those who dealt with the law knew me not:  
the shepherds rebelled against me.  
The prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after useless idols.  
  
Be amazed at this, O heavens,  
and shudder with sheer horror, says the LORD.  
Two evils have my people done:  
they have forsaken me, the source of living waters;  
They have dug themselves cisterns,  
broken cisterns, that hold no water.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 36:6-7AB, 8-9, 10-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/36:6)

R. (10a) **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**  
O LORD, your mercy reaches to heaven;  
your faithfulness, to the clouds.  
Your justice is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments, like the mighty deep.  
R. **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**  
How precious is your mercy, O God!  
The children of men take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They have their fill of the prime gifts of your house;  
from your delightful stream you give them to drink.  
R. **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**  
For with you is the fountain of life,  
and in your light we see light.  
Keep up your mercy toward your friends,  
your just defense of the upright of heart.  
R. **With you is the fountain of life, O Lord.**

**Day 237**

# July 25, 2014

### Feast of Saint James, Apostle Lectionary: 605

#### Reading 1 [2 COR 4:7-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/4:7)

Brothers and sisters:  
We hold this treasure in earthen vessels,  
that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.  
We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained;  
perplexed, but not driven to despair;  
persecuted, but not abandoned;  
struck down, but not destroyed;  
always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body.  
For we who live are constantly being given up to death  
for the sake of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.  
  
So death is at work in us, but life in you.  
Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith,  
according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke,  
we too believe and therefore speak,   
knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus  
and place us with you in his presence.  
Everything indeed is for you,  
so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people  
may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 126:1BC-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/126:1)

R. (5) **Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.**  
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.**Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.**  
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. **Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.**  
Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the torrents in the southern desert.  
Those that sow in tears  
shall reap rejoicing.  
R.**Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.**  
Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed to be sown,  
They shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.   
R. **Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.**

**Day 238**

# July 26, 2014

### Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lectionary: 400

#### Reading 1 [JER 7:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/7:1)

The following message came to Jeremiah from the LORD:  
Stand at the gate of the house of the LORD,  
and there proclaim this message:  
Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah  
who enter these gates to worship the LORD!  
Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:  
Reform your ways and your deeds,  
so that I may remain with you in this place.  
Put not your trust in the deceitful words:  
“This is the temple of the LORD!  
The temple of the LORD! The temple of the LORD!”  
Only if you thoroughly reform your ways and your deeds;  
if each of you deals justly with his neighbor;  
if you no longer oppress the resident alien,  
the orphan, and the widow;  
if you no longer shed innocent blood in this place,  
or follow strange gods to your own harm,  
will I remain with you in this place,  
in the land I gave your fathers long ago and forever.  
  
But here you are, putting your trust in deceitful words to your own loss!  
Are you to steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury,  
burn incense to Baal,  
go after strange gods that you know not,  
and yet come to stand before me  
in this house which bears my name, and say:  
“We are safe; we can commit all these abominations again”?  
Has this house which bears my name  
become in your eyes a den of thieves?  
I too see what is being done, says the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/84:3)

R. (2) **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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
Blessed they who dwell in your house!  
continually they praise you.  
Blessed the men whose strength you are!  
They go from strength to strength.  
R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**

**Day 239**

# July 27, 2014

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 109

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 3:5, 7-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/3:5)

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.   
God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.”   
Solomon answered:  
“O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king  
to succeed my father David;  
but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.   
I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,  
a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.   
Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart  
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.   
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?”  
  
The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.   
So God said to him:  
“Because you have asked for this—  
not for a long life for yourself,  
nor for riches,   
nor for the life of your enemies,  
but for understanding so that you may know what is right—  
I do as you requested.   
I give you a heart so wise and understanding  
that there has never been anyone like you up to now,   
and after you there will come no one to equal you.”

#### Reading 2 [ROM 8:28-30](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:28)

Brothers and sisters:  
We know that all things work for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to his purpose.   
For those he foreknew he also predestined  
to be conformed to the image of his Son,  
so that he might be the firstborn  
among many brothers and sisters.  
And those he predestined he also called;  
and those he called he also justified;  
and those he justified he also glorified.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:57)

R/ (97a) **Lord, I love your commands.**  
I have said, O LORD, that my part  
is to keep your words.  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.  
R/ **Lord, I love your commands.**  
Let your kindness comfort me  
according to your promise to your servants.  
Let your compassion come to me that I may live,  
for your law is my delight.  
R/**Lord, I love your commands.**  
For I love your command  
more than gold, however fine.  
For in all your precepts I go forward;  
every false way I hate.  
R/**Lord, I love your commands.**  
Wonderful are your decrees;  
therefore I observe them.  
The revelation of your words sheds light,  
giving understanding to the simple.  
R/ **Lord, I love your commands.**

**Day 240**

# July 28, 2014

### Monday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 401

#### Reading 1 [JER 13:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/13:1)

The LORD said to me: Go buy yourself a linen loincloth;  
wear it on your loins, but do not put it in water.  
I bought the loincloth, as the LORD commanded, and put it on.  
A second time the word of the LORD came to me thus:  
Take the loincloth which you bought and are wearing,  
and go now to the Parath;  
there hide it in a cleft of the rock.  
Obedient to the LORD’s command, I went to the Parath  
and buried the loincloth.  
After a long interval, the LORD said to me:   
Go now to the Parath and fetch the loincloth  
which I told you to hide there.  
Again I went to the Parath, sought out and took the loincloth  
from the place where I had hid it.  
But it was rotted, good for nothing!  
Then the message came to me from the LORD:   
Thus says the LORD:  
So also I will allow the pride of Judah to rot,  
the great pride of Jerusalem.  
This wicked people who refuse to obey my words,  
who walk in the stubbornness of their hearts,  
and follow strange gods to serve and adore them,  
shall be like this loincloth which is good for nothing.  
For, as close as the loincloth clings to a man’s loins,  
so had I made the whole house of Israel  
and the whole house of Judah cling to me, says the LORD;  
to be my people, my renown, my praise, my beauty.  
But they did not listen.

#### Responsorial Psalm [DT 32:18-19, 20, 21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/32:18)

R. (see 18a) **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you,  
You forgot the God who gave you birth.  
When the LORD saw this, he was filled with loathing  
and anger toward his sons and daughters.  
R.**You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
“I will hide my face from them,” he said,  
“and see what will then become of them.  
What a fickle race they are,  
sons with no loyalty in them!”  
R. **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
“Since they have provoked me with their ‘no-god’  
and angered me with their vain idols,  
I will provoke them with a ‘no-people’;  
with a foolish nation I will anger them.”  
R.**You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

**Day 241**

# July 29, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Martha Lectionary: 402/607

#### Reading 1 [JER 14:17-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/14:17)

Let my eyes stream with tears  
day and night, without rest,  
Over the great destruction which overwhelms  
the virgin daughter of my people,  
over her incurable wound.  
If I walk out into the field,  
look! those slain by the sword;  
If I enter the city,  
look! those consumed by hunger.  
Even the prophet and the priest  
forage in a land they know not.  
  
Have you cast Judah off completely?  
Is Zion loathsome to you?  
Why have you struck us a blow  
that cannot be healed?  
We wait for peace, to no avail;  
for a time of healing, but terror comes instead.  
We recognize, O LORD, our wickedness,  
the guilt of our fathers;  
that we have sinned against you.  
For your name’s sake spurn us not,  
disgrace not the throne of your glory;  
remember your covenant with us, and break it not.  
Among the nations’ idols is there any that gives rain?  
Or can the mere heavens send showers?  
Is it not you alone, O LORD,  
our God, to whom we look?  
You alone have done all these things.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/79:8)

R. (9) **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**  
Remember not against us the iniquities of the past;  
may your compassion quickly come to us,  
for we are brought very low.  
R. **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**  
Help us, O God our savior,  
because of the glory of your name;  
Deliver us and pardon our sins  
for your name’s sake.  
R. **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**  
Let the prisoners’ sighing come before you;  
with your great power free those doomed to death.  
Then we, your people and the sheep of your pasture,  
will give thanks to you forever;  
through all generations we will declare your praise.  
R. **For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**

**Day 242**

# July 30, 2014

### Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 403

#### Reading 1 [JER 15:10, 16-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/15:10)

Woe to me, mother, that you gave me birth!  
a man of strife and contention to all the land!  
I neither borrow nor lend,  
yet all curse me.  
When I found your words, I devoured them;  
they became my joy and the happiness of my heart,  
Because I bore your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.  
I did not sit celebrating  
in the circle of merrymakers;  
Under the weight of your hand I sat alone  
because you filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain continuous,  
my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?  
You have indeed become for me a treacherous brook,  
whose waters do not abide!  
Thus the LORD answered me:  
If you repent, so that I restore you,  
in my presence you shall stand;  
If you bring forth the precious without the vile,  
you shall be my mouthpiece.  
Then it shall be they who turn to you,  
and you shall not turn to them;  
And I will make you toward this people  
a solid wall of brass.  
Though they fight against you,  
they shall not prevail,  
For I am with you,  
to deliver and rescue you, says the LORD.  
I will free you from the hand of the wicked,  
and rescue you from the grasp of the violent.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/59:2)

R. (17d) **God is my refuge on the day of distress.**  
Rescue me from my enemies, O my God;  
from my adversaries defend me.  
Rescue me from evildoers;  
from bloodthirsty men save me.  
R. **God is my refuge on the day of distress.**  
For behold, they lie in wait for my life;  
mighty men come together against me,  
Not for any offense or sin of mine, O LORD.  
R. **God is my refuge on the day of distress.**  
O my strength! for you I watch;  
for you, O God, are my stronghold,   
As for my God, may his mercy go before me;  
may he show me the fall of my foes.  
R. **God is my refuge on the day of distress.**  
But I will sing of your strength  
and revel at dawn in your mercy;  
You have been my stronghold,  
my refuge in the day of distress.  
R. **God is my refuge on the day of distress.**  
O my strength! your praise will I sing;  
for you, O God, are my stronghold,  
my merciful God!  
R.**God is my refuge on the day of distress.**

**Day 243**

# July 31, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Lectionary: 404

#### Reading 1 [JER 18:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/18:1)

This word came to Jeremiah from the LORD:  
Rise up, be off to the potter’s house;  
there I will give you my message.  
I went down to the potter’s house and there he was,   
working at the wheel.  
Whenever the object of clay which he was making  
turned out badly in his hand,   
he tried again,  
making of the clay another object of whatever sort he pleased.  
Then the word of the LORD came to me:  
Can I not do to you, house of Israel,  
as this potter has done? says the LORD.  
Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter,  
so are you in my hand, house of Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/146:1)

R. (5a) **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Praise the LORD, O my soul;  
I will praise the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God while I live.  
R.**Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Put not your trust in princes,  
in the sons of men, in whom there is no salvation.  
When his spirit departs he returns to his earth;  
on that day his plans perish.  
R. **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
Blessed he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD, his God.  
Who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in them.  
R.**Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia**.

**Day 244**

# August 1, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 405

#### Reading 1 [JER 26:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/26:1)

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim,  
son of Josiah, king of Judah,  
this message came from the LORD:   
Thus says the LORD:  
Stand in the court of the house of the LORD  
and speak to the people of all the cities of Judah  
who come to worship in the house of the LORD;  
whatever I command you, tell them, and omit nothing.  
Perhaps they will listen and turn back,   
each from his evil way,  
so that I may repent of the evil I have planned to inflict upon them  
for their evil deeds.  
Say to them: Thus says the LORD:   
If you disobey me,  
not living according to the law I placed before you  
and not listening to the words of my servants the prophets,  
whom I send you constantly though you do not obey them,  
I will treat this house like Shiloh,  
and make this the city to which all the nations of the earth  
shall refer when cursing another.  
  
Now the priests, the prophets, and all the people  
heard Jeremiah speak these words in the house of the LORD.  
When Jeremiah finished speaking  
all that the LORD bade him speak to all the people,  
the priests and prophets laid hold of him, crying,  
“You must be put to death!   
Why do you prophesy in the name of the LORD:  
‘This house shall be like Shiloh,’ and  
‘This city shall be desolate and deserted’?”  
And all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 69:5, 8-10, 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/69:5)

R. (14c) **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
Those outnumber the hairs of my head  
who hate me without cause.  
Too many for my strength  
are they who wrongfully are my enemies.  
Must I restore what I did not steal?  
R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
Since for your sake I bear insult,  
and shame covers my face.  
I have become an outcast to my brothers,  
a stranger to my mother’s sons,  
Because zeal for your house consumes me,  
and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.  
R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
But I pray to you, O LORD,  
for the time of your favor, O God!  
In your great kindness answer me  
with your constant help.  
R.**Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**Day 245**

# August 2, 2014

### Saturday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 406

#### Reading 1 [JER 26:11-16, 24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/26:11)

The priests and prophets said to the princes and to all the people,  
“This man deserves death;  
he has prophesied against this city,  
as you have heard with your own ears.”  
Jeremiah gave this answer to the princes and all the people:  
“It was the LORD who sent me to prophesy against this house and city  
all that you have heard.  
Now, therefore, reform your ways and your deeds;  
listen to the voice of the LORD your God,  
so that the LORD will repent of the evil with which he threatens you.  
As for me, I am in your hands;   
do with me what you think good and right.  
But mark well: if you put me to death,  
it is innocent blood you bring on yourselves,  
on this city and its citizens.  
For in truth it was the LORD who sent me to you,  
to speak all these things for you to hear.”  
  
Thereupon the princes and all the people  
said to the priests and the prophets,  
“This man does not deserve death;  
it is in the name of the LORD, our God, that he speaks to us.”   
  
So Ahikam, son of Shaphan, protected Jeremiah,  
so that he was not handed over to the people to be put to death.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/69:15)

R. (14c) **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
Rescue me out of the mire; may I not sink!  
may I be rescued from my foes,  
and from the watery depths.  
Let not the flood-waters overwhelm me,  
nor the abyss swallow me up,  
nor the pit close its mouth over me.  
R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
But I am afflicted and in pain;  
let your saving help, O God, protect me.  
I will praise the name of God in song,  
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.  
R. **Lord, in your great love, answer me.**  
“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;  
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!  
For the LORD hears the poor,  
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.”  
R.**Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**Day 246**

# August 3, 2014

 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 112

#### Reading 1 [IS 55:1-3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/55:1)

Thus says the LORD:  
All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!  
You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
Come, without paying and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!  
Why spend your money for what is not bread;  
your wages for what fails to satisfy?  
Heed me, and you shall eat well,  
you shall delight in rich fare.  
Come to me heedfully,  
listen, that you may have life.  
I will renew with you the everlasting covenant,  
the benefits assured to David.

#### Reading 2 [ROM 8:35, 37-39](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:35)

Brothers and sisters:  
What will separate us from the love of Christ?   
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?   
No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly  
through him who loved us.   
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor present things, nor future things,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature will be able to separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:8)

R/ (cf. 16)**The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,   
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R/ **The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**  
The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
R/ **The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**  
The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.  
R/**The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

**Day 247**

# August 4, 2014

### Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest Lectionary: 407/408

#### Reading 1 [JER 28:1-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/28:1)

In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah,  
in the fifth month of the fourth year,  
the prophet Hananiah, son of Azzur, from Gibeon,  
said to me in the house of the LORD  
in the presence of the priests and all the people:  
“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:  
‘I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.  
Within two years I will restore to this place  
all the vessels of the temple of the LORD which Nebuchadnezzar,  
king of Babylon, took away from this place to Babylon.   
And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah,  
son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah,  
and all the exiles of Judah who went to Babylon,’ says the LORD,  
‘for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.’”  
  
The prophet Jeremiah answered the prophet Hananiah   
in the presence of the priests and all the people assembled  
in the house of the LORD, and said:  
Amen! thus may the LORD do!  
May he fulfill the things you have prophesied  
by bringing the vessels of the house of the LORD  
and all the exiles back from Babylon to this place!  
But now, listen to what I am about to state in your hearing  
and the hearing of all the people.  
From of old, the prophets who were before you and me prophesied  
war, woe, and pestilence against many lands and mighty kingdoms.  
But the prophet who prophesies peace  
is recognized as truly sent by the LORD  
only when his prophetic prediction is fulfilled.  
  
Thereupon the prophet Hananiah took the yoke  
from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah and broke it,  
and said in the presence of all the people:  
“Thus says the LORD: ‘Even so, within two years  
I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon,  
from off the neck of all the nations.’”  
At that, the prophet Jeremiah went away.  
  
Some time after the prophet Hananiah had broken the yoke  
from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah,  
The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah:  
Go tell Hananiah this:   
Thus says the LORD:  
By breaking a wooden yoke, you forge an iron yoke!  
For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:  
A yoke of iron I will place on the necks  
of all these nations serving Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon,  
and they shall serve him; even the beasts of the field I give him.  
  
To the prophet Hananiah the prophet Jeremiah said:  
Hear this, Hananiah!  
The LORD has not sent you,  
and you have raised false confidence in this people.  
For this, says the LORD, I will dispatch you from the face of the earth;  
this very year you shall die,  
because you have preached rebellion against the LORD.  
That same year, in the seventh month, Hananiah the prophet died.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:29)

R. (68b) **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
Remove from me the way of falsehood,  
and favor me with your law.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
Take not the word of truth from my mouth,  
for in your ordinances is my hope.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
Let those turn to me who fear you  
and acknowledge your decrees.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
Let my heart be perfect in your statutes,  
that I be not put to shame.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
Sinners wait to destroy me,  
but I pay heed to your decrees.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**  
From your ordinances I turn not away,  
for you have instructed me.  
R. **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

**Day 248**

# August 5, 2014

### Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 408

#### Reading 1 [JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/30:1)

The following message came to Jeremiah from the LORD:  
For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:  
Write all the words I have spoken to you in a book.  
  
For thus says the LORD:  
Incurable is your wound,  
grievous your bruise;  
There is none to plead your cause,  
no remedy for your running sore,  
no healing for you.  
All your lovers have forgotten you,  
they do not seek you.  
I struck you as an enemy would strike,  
punished you cruelly;  
Why cry out over your wound?  
your pain is without relief.  
Because of your great guilt,  
your numerous sins,  
I have done this to you.  
  
Thus says the LORD:  
See! I will restore the tents of Jacob,  
his dwellings I will pity;  
City shall be rebuilt upon hill,  
and palace restored as it was.  
From them will resound songs of praise,  
the laughter of happy men.  
I will make them not few, but many;  
they will not be tiny, for I will glorify them.  
His sons shall be as of old,  
his assembly before me shall stand firm;  
I will punish all his oppressors.  
His leader shall be one of his own,  
and his rulers shall come from his kin.  
When I summon him, he shall approach me;  
how else should one take the deadly risk  
of approaching me? says the LORD.  
You shall be my people,  
and I will be your God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/102:16)

R. (17)**The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.**  
The nations shall revere your name, O LORD,  
and all the kings of the earth your glory,  
When the LORD has rebuilt Zion  
and appeared in his glory;  
When he has regarded the prayer of the destitute,  
and not despised their prayer.  
R. **The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.**  
Let this be written for the generation to come,  
and let his future creatures praise the LORD:  
“The LORD looked down from his holy height,  
from heaven he beheld the earth,  
To hear the groaning of the prisoners,  
to release those doomed to die.”  
R. **The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.**  
The children of your servants shall abide,  
and their posterity shall continue in your presence,  
That the name of the LORD may be declared on Zion;  
and his praise, in Jerusalem,  
When the peoples gather together  
and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.  
R. **The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.**

**Day 249**

# August 6, 2014

### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Lectionary: 614

#### Reading 1 [DN 7:9-10, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/7:9)

As I watched:  
  
Thrones were set up  
and the Ancient One took his throne.  
His clothing was bright as snow,  
and the hair on his head as white as wool;  
his throne was flames of fire,  
with wheels of burning fire.  
A surging stream of fire  
flowed out from where he sat;  
Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him,  
and myriads upon myriads attended him.  
The court was convened and the books were opened.  
  
As the visions during the night continued, I saw:  
  
One like a Son of man coming,  
on the clouds of heaven;  
When he reached the Ancient One  
and was presented before him,  
The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship;  
all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not be taken away,  
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

#### Reading 2 [2 PT 1:16-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2peter/1:16)

Beloved:  
We did not follow cleverly devised myths  
when we made known to you  
the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.  
For he received honor and glory from God the Father  
when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory,  
“This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”  
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven  
while we were with him on the holy mountain.  
Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable.  
You will do well to be attentive to it,  
as to a lamp shining in a dark place,  
until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/97:1)

R. (1a and 9a) **The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**  
The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many islands be glad.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.  
R. **The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**  
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. **The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**  
Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.   
R. **The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.**

**Day 250**

# August 7, 2014

### Thursday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 410

#### Reading 1 [JER 31:31-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/31:31)

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel   
and the house of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers:  
the day I took them by the hand   
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;   
for they broke my covenant,   
and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.  
But this is the covenant that I will make   
with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.  
I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts;   
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives  
how to know the LORD.  
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,   
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:12)

R. (12a) **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.**Create a clean heart in me, O God.**  
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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**  
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

**Day 251**

# August 8, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest Lectionary: 411

#### Reading 1 [NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/nahum/2:1)

See, upon the mountains there advances  
the bearer of good news,   
announcing peace!  
Celebrate your feasts, O Judah,  
fulfill your vows!  
For nevermore shall you be invaded  
by the scoundrel; he is completely destroyed.  
The LORD will restore the vine of Jacob,  
the pride of Israel,  
Though ravagers have ravaged them   
and ruined the tendrils.  
  
Woe to the bloody city, all lies,  
full of plunder, whose looting never stops!  
The crack of the whip, the rumbling sounds of wheels;  
horses a-gallop, chariots bounding,   
Cavalry charging, the flame of the sword, the flash of the spear,  
the many slain, the heaping corpses,  
the endless bodies to stumble upon!  
I will cast filth upon you,  
disgrace you and put you to shame;  
Till everyone who sees you runs from you, saying,  
“Nineveh is destroyed; who can pity her?  
Where can one find any to console her?”

#### Responsorial Psalm [DT 32:35CD-36AB, 39ABCD, 41](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/32:35)

R. (39c) **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
Close at hand is the day of their disaster,  
and their doom is rushing upon them!  
Surely, the LORD shall do justice for his people;  
on his servants he shall have pity.  
R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
“Learn then that I, I alone, am God,  
and there is no god besides me.  
It is I who bring both death and life,  
I who inflict wounds and heal them.”  
R.**It is I who deal death and give life.**  
I will sharpen my flashing sword,  
and my hand shall lay hold of my quiver,  
“With vengeance I will repay my foes  
and requite those who hate me.”  
R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**

**Day 252**

# August 9, 2014

### Saturday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 412

#### Reading 1 [HB 1:12-2:4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/habakkuk/1:12)

Are you not from eternity, O LORD,  
my holy God, immortal?  
O LORD, you have marked him for judgment,  
O Rock, you have readied him punishment!  
Too pure are your eyes to look upon evil,  
and the sight of misery you cannot endure.  
Why, then, do you gaze on the faithless in silence  
while the wicked man devours  
one more just than himself?  
You have made man like the fish of the sea,  
like creeping things without a ruler.  
He brings them all up with his hook,  
he hauls them away with his net,  
He gathers them in his seine;  
and so he rejoices and exults.  
Therefore he sacrifices to his net,  
and burns incense to his seine;  
for thanks to them his portion is generous,  
and his repast sumptuous.  
Shall he, then, keep on brandishing his sword  
to slay peoples without mercy?  
  
I will stand at my guard post,  
and station myself upon the rampart,  
And keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what answer he will give to my complaint.  
  
Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write down the vision  
Clearly upon the tablets,  
so that one can read it readily.  
For the vision still has its time,  
presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;  
If it delays, wait for it,  
it will surely come, it will not be late.  
The rash man has no integrity;  
but the just man, because of his faith, shall live.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/9:8)

R. (11b) **You forsake not those who seek you, O Lord.**  
The LORD sits enthroned forever;  
he has set up his throne for judgment.  
He judges the world with justice;  
he governs the peoples with equity.  
R. **You forsake not those who seek you, O Lord.**  
The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of distress.  
They trust in you who cherish your name,  
for you forsake not those who seek you, O LORD.  
R. **You forsake not those who seek you, O Lord.**  
Sing praise to the LORD enthroned in Zion;  
proclaim among the nations his deeds;  
For the avenger of blood has remembered;  
he has not forgotten the cry of the poor.  
R. **You forsake not those who seek you, O Lord.**

**Day 253**

# August 10, 2014

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 115

#### Reading 1 [1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1kings/19:9)

At the mountain of God, Horeb,  
Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.   
Then the LORD said to him,  
“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;  
the LORD will be passing by.”   
A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains  
and crushing rocks before the LORD—  
but the LORD was not in the wind.   
After the wind there was an earthquake—  
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.   
After the earthquake there was fire—  
but the LORD was not in the fire.   
After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.   
When he heard this,  
Elijah hid his face in his cloak  
and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

#### Reading 2 [ROM 9:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/9:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;  
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness  
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart.   
For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ  
for the sake of my own people,  
my kindred according to the flesh.   
They are Israelites;  
theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants,  
the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;  
theirs the patriarchs, and from them,  
according to the flesh, is the Christ,  
who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/85:9)

R/ (8) **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**  
I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD — for he proclaims peace.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.  
R/ **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**  
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/ **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**  
The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps.  
R/**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

**Day 254**

# August 11, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin Lectionary: 413

#### Reading 1 [EZ 1:2-5, 24-28C](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/1:2)

On the fifth day of the fourth month of the fifth year,  
that is, of King Jehoiachin’s exile,  
The word of the LORD came to the priest Ezekiel,  
the son of Buzi,  
in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar.—  
There the hand of the LORD came upon me.  
  
As I looked, a stormwind came from the North,  
a huge cloud with flashing fire enveloped in brightness,  
from the midst of which (the midst of the fire)  
something gleamed like electrum.  
Within it were figures resembling four living creatures  
that looked like this: their form was human.  
  
Then I heard the sound of their wings,  
like the roaring of mighty waters,   
like the voice of the Almighty.  
When they moved, the sound of the tumult was like the din of an army.  
And when they stood still, they lowered their wings.  
  
Above the firmament over their heads  
something like a throne could be seen,   
looking like sapphire.  
Upon it was seated, up above, one who had the appearance of a man.  
Upward from what resembled his waist I saw what gleamed like electrum;  
downward from what resembled his waist I saw what looked like fire;  
he was surrounded with splendor.  
Like the bow which appears in the clouds on a rainy day  
was the splendor that surrounded him.  
Such was the vision of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/148:1)

R. **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights;  
Praise him, all you his angels;  
praise him, all you his hosts.  
R. **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Let the kings of the earth and all peoples,  
the princes and all the judges of the earth,  
Young men too, and maidens,   
old men and boys,  
R. **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**Praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;   
His majesty is above earth and heaven.  
R. **Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
And he has lifted up the horn of his people.  
Be this his praise from all his faithful ones,  
from the children of Israel, the people close to him.   
Alleluia.  
R.**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 255**

# August 12, 2014

### Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 414

#### Reading 1 [EZ 2:8-3:4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/2:8)

The Lord GOD said to me:  
As for you, son of man, obey me when I speak to you:  
be not rebellious like this house of rebellion,  
but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you.  
  
It was then I saw a hand stretched out to me,  
in which was a written scroll which he unrolled before me.  
It was covered with writing front and back,  
and written on it was:   
Lamentation and wailing and woe!  
  
He said to me: Son of man, eat what is before you;  
eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel.  
So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat.  
Son of man, he then said to me,  
feed your belly and fill your stomach  
with this scroll I am giving you.  
I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.  
He said: Son of man, go now to the house of Israel,  
and speak my words to them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:14)

R. (103a) How sweet to my taste is your promise!  
In the way of your decrees I rejoice,  
as much as in all riches.  
R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!  
Yes, your decrees are my delight;  
they are my counselors.  
R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.  
R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!  
How sweet to my palate are your promises,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!  
Your decrees are my inheritance forever;  
the joy of my heart they are.  
R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!  
I gasp with open mouth,  
in my yearning for your commands.  
R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

**Day 256**

# August 13, 2014

### Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 415

#### Reading 1 [EZ 9:1-7; 10:18-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/9:1)

The LORD cried loud for me to hear: Come, you scourges of the city!  
With that I saw six men coming from the direction  
of the upper gate which faces the north,  
each with a destroying weapon in his hand.  
In their midst was a man dressed in linen,  
with a writer’s case at his waist.  
They entered and stood beside the bronze altar.  
Then he called to the man dressed in linen  
with the writer’s case at his waist, saying to him:  
Pass through the city, through Jerusalem,  
and mark a “Thau” on the foreheads of those who moan and groan  
over all the abominations that are practiced within it.  
To the others I heard the LORD say:  
Pass through the city after him and strike!  
Do not look on them with pity nor show any mercy!  
Old men, youths and maidens, women and children–wipe them out!  
But do not touch any marked with the “Thau”; begin at my sanctuary.  
So they began with the men, the elders, who were in front of the temple.  
Defile the temple, he said to them, and fill the courts with the slain;  
then go out and strike in the city.  
  
Then the glory of the LORD left the threshold of the temple  
and rested upon the cherubim.  
These lifted their wings, and I saw them rise from the earth,  
the wheels rising along with them.  
They stood at the entrance of the eastern gate of the LORD’s house,  
and the glory of the God of Israel was up above them.  
Then the cherubim lifted their wings, and the wheels went along with them,  
while up above them was the glory of the God of Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/113:1)

R. (4b) **The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever.  
R. **The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory.  
R. **The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high,  
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?  
R.**The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 257**

# August 14, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr Lectionary: 416

#### Reading 1 [EZ 12:1-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/12:1)

The word of the LORD came to me:   
Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house;  
they have eyes to see but do not see,  
and ears to hear but do not hear,  
for they are a rebellious house.  
Now, son of man, during the day while they are looking on,  
prepare your baggage as though for exile,   
and again while they are looking on,  
migrate from where you live to another place;  
perhaps they will see that they are a rebellious house.  
You shall bring out your baggage like an exile in the daytime   
while they are looking on;  
in the evening, again while they are looking on,  
you shall go out like one of those driven into exile;  
while they look on, dig a hole in the wall and pass through it;  
while they look on, shoulder the burden and set out in the darkness;  
cover your face that you may not see the land,  
for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel.  
  
I did as I was told.  
During the day I brought out my baggage  
as though it were that of an exile,  
and at evening I dug a hole through the wall with my hand  
and, while they looked on, set out in the darkness,  
shouldering my burden.  
  
Then, in the morning, the word of the LORD came to me:  
Son of man, did not the house of Israel, that rebellious house,  
ask you what you were doing?  
Tell them: Thus says the Lord GOD:  
This oracle concerns Jerusalem  
and the whole house of Israel within it.  
I am a sign for you:   
as I have done, so shall it be done to them;  
as captives they shall go into exile.  
The prince who is among them shall shoulder his burden  
and set out in darkness,  
going through a hole he has dug out in the wall,  
and covering his face lest he be seen by anyone.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/78:56)

R. (see 7b) **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
They tempted and rebelled against God the Most High,  
and kept not his decrees.  
They turned back and were faithless like their fathers;  
they recoiled like a treacherous bow.  
R.**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
They angered him with their high places  
and with their idols roused his jealousy.  
God heard and was enraged  
and utterly rejected Israel.  
R. **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
And he surrendered his strength into captivity,  
his glory in the hands of the foe.  
He abandoned his people to the sword  
and was enraged against his inheritance.  
R. **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

**Day 258**

# August 15, 2014 | Mass During The Day

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass during the Day Lectionary: 622

#### Reading 1 [RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/11:19)

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 One.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/45:10)

R. (10bc) **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**  
The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.  
R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.  
Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,  
forget your people and your father’s house.  
R.**The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**  
So shall the king desire your beauty;  
for he is your lord.  
R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**  
They are borne in with gladness and joy;  
they enter the palace of the king.  
R. **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

#### Reading 2[1 COR 15:20-27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:20)

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since death came through man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the firstfruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,  
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,  
when he has destroyed every sovereignty  
and every authority and power.  
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.  
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,  
for “he subjected everything under his feet.”

**Day 259**

# August 16, 2014

### Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 418

#### Reading 1 [EZ 18:1-10, 13B, 30-32](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/18:1)

The word of the LORD came to me:  
Son of man, what is the meaning of this proverb  
that you recite in the land of Israel:  
  
“Fathers have eaten green grapes,  
thus their children’s teeth are on edge”?  
  
As I live, says the Lord GOD:  
I swear that there shall no longer be anyone among you  
who will repeat this proverb in Israel.  
For all lives are mine;  
the life of the father is like the life of the son, both are mine;  
only the one who sins shall die.  
  
If a man is virtuous—if he does what is right and just,  
if he does not eat on the mountains,  
nor raise his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel;  
if he does not defile his neighbor’s wife,  
nor have relations with a woman in her menstrual period;  
if he oppresses no one,   
gives back the pledge received for a debt,  
commits no robbery;  
if he gives food to the hungry and clothes the naked;  
if he does not lend at interest nor exact usury;  
if he holds off from evildoing,  
judges fairly between a man and his opponent;  
if he lives by my statutes and is careful to observe my ordinances,  
that man is virtuous—he shall surely live, says the Lord GOD.  
  
But if he begets a son who is a thief, a murderer,  
or lends at interest and exacts usury–  
this son certainly shall not live.  
Because he practiced all these abominations, he shall surely die;  
his death shall be his own fault.  
  
Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel,  
each one according to his ways, says the Lord GOD.  
Turn and be converted from all your crimes,  
that they may be no cause of guilt for you.  
Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed,  
and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.  
Why should you die, O house of Israel?  
For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,  
says the Lord GOD. Return and live!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:12)

R. (12a) **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. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**  
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.**Create a clean heart in me, O God.**  
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

**Day 260**

# August 17, 2014

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 118

#### Reading 1 [IS 56:1, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/56:1)

Thus says the LORD:  
Observe what is right, do what is just;  
for my salvation is about to come,  
my justice, about to be revealed.  
  
The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
ministering to him,  
loving the name of the LORD,  
and becoming his servants—  
all who keep the sabbath free from profanation  
and hold to my covenant,  
them I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and sacrifices  
will be acceptable on my altar,  
for my house shall be called  
a house of prayer for all peoples.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/67:2)

R/ (4)**O God, let all the nations praise you!**  
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/**O God, let all the nations praise you!**  
May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.  
R/**O God, let all the nations praise you!**  
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/**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

**Day 261**

# August 18, 2014

### Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 419

#### Reading 1 [EZ 24:15-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/24:15)

The word of the LORD came to me:   
Son of man, by a sudden blow  
I am taking away from you the delight of your eyes,  
but do not mourn or weep or shed any tears.  
Groan in silence, make no lament for the dead,  
bind on your turban, put your sandals on your feet,  
do not cover your beard, and do not eat the customary bread.  
That evening my wife died,  
and the next morning I did as I had been commanded.  
Then the people asked me, “Will you not tell us what all these things  
that you are doing mean for us?”  
I therefore spoke to the people that morning, saying to them:  
Thus the word of the LORD came to me:  
Say to the house of Israel:   
Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I will now desecrate my sanctuary, the stronghold of your pride,  
the delight of your eyes, the desire of your soul.  
The sons and daughters you left behind shall fall by the sword.  
Ezekiel shall be a sign for you:  
all that he did you shall do when it happens.  
Thus you shall know that I am the LORD.  
You shall do as I have done,  
not covering your beards nor eating the customary bread.  
Your turbans shall remain on your heads, your sandals on your feet.  
You shall not mourn or weep,  
but you shall rot away because of your sins and groan one to another.

#### Responsorial Psalm [DT 32:18-19, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/32:18)

R. (see 18a) **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you.  
You forgot the God who gave you birth.  
When the LORD saw this, he was filled with loathing  
and anger toward his sons and daughters.  
R. **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
“I will hide my face from them,” he said,  
“and see what will then become of them.  
What a fickle race they are,  
sons with no loyalty in them!”  
R.**You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
“Since they have provoked me with their ‘no-god’  
and angered me with their vain idols,  
I will provoke them with a ‘no-people’;  
with a foolish nation I will anger them.”  
R. **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

**Day 262**

# August 19, 2014

### Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 420

#### Reading 1 [EZ 28:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/28:1)

The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man,  
say to the prince of Tyre:   
Thus says the Lord GOD:  
  
Because you are haughty of heart,  
you say, “A god am I!  
I occupy a godly throne  
in the heart of the sea!”—  
And yet you are a man, and not a god,  
however you may think yourself like a god.  
Oh yes, you are wiser than Daniel,  
there is no secret that is beyond you.  
By your wisdom and your intelligence  
you have made riches for yourself;  
You have put gold and silver  
into your treasuries.  
By your great wisdom applied to your trading  
you have heaped up your riches;  
your heart has grown haughty from your riches–  
therefore thus says the Lord GOD:  
Because you have thought yourself  
to have the mind of a god,  
Therefore I will bring against you  
foreigners, the most barbarous of nations.  
They shall draw their swords  
against your beauteous wisdom,  
they shall run them through your splendid apparel.  
They shall thrust you down to the pit, there to die  
a bloodied corpse, in the heart of the sea.  
Will you then say, “I am a god!”  
when you face your murderers?  
No, you are man, not a god,  
handed over to those who will slay you.  
You shall die the death of the uncircumcised  
at the hands of foreigners,  
for I have spoken, says the Lord GOD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [DT 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/32:26)

R. (39c) **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
“I would have said, ‘I will make an end of them  
and blot out their name from men’s memories,’  
Had I not feared the insolence of their enemies,  
feared that these foes would mistakenly boast.”  
R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
“‘Our own hand won the victory;  
the LORD had nothing to do with it.’”  
For they are a people devoid of reason,  
having no understanding.  
R.**It is I who deal death and give life.**  
“How could one man rout a thousand,  
or two men put ten thousand to flight,  
Unless it was because their Rock sold them  
and the LORD delivered them up?”  
R.**It is I who deal death and give life.**  
Close at hand is the day of their disaster,  
and their doom is rushing upon them!  
Surely, the LORD shall do justice for his people;  
on his servants he shall have pity.  
R.**It is I who deal death and give life.**

**Day 263**

# August 20, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 421

#### Reading 1 [EZ 34:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/34:1)

The word of the Lord came to me:  
Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel,  
in these words prophesy to them to the shepherds:  
Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the shepherds of Israel  
who have been pasturing themselves!  
Should not shepherds, rather, pasture sheep?  
You have fed off their milk, worn their wool,  
and slaughtered the fatlings,  
but the sheep you have not pastured.  
You did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick  
nor bind up the injured.  
You did not bring back the strayed nor seek the lost,  
but you lorded it over them harshly and brutally.  
So they were scattered for the lack of a shepherd,  
and became food for all the wild beasts.  
My sheep were scattered  
and wandered over all the mountains and high hills;  
my sheep were scattered over the whole earth,  
with no one to look after them or to search for them.  
  
Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:  
As I live, says the Lord GOD,  
because my sheep have been given over to pillage,  
and because my sheep have become food for every wild beast,  
for lack of a shepherd;  
because my shepherds did not look after my sheep,  
but pastured themselves and did not pasture my sheep;  
because of this, shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:  
Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I swear I am coming against these shepherds.  
I will claim my sheep from them  
and put a stop to their shepherding my sheep  
so that they may no longer pasture themselves.  
I will save my sheep,   
that they may no longer be food for their mouths.  
  
For thus says the Lord GOD:   
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R. (1) **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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R.**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
Only goodness and kindness will follow me  
all the days of my life;   
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.  
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Day 264**

# August 21, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Lectionary: 422

#### Reading 1 [EZ 36:23-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/36:23)

Thus says the LORD:  
I will prove the holiness of my great name,   
profaned among the nations,   
in whose midst you have profaned it.  
Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD,  
when in their sight I prove my holiness through you.  
For I will take you away from among the nations,  
gather you from all the foreign lands,  
and bring you back to your own land.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you  
to cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.  
I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you,  
taking from your bodies your stony hearts  
and giving you natural hearts.  
I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes,  
careful to observe my decrees.  
You shall live in the land I gave your ancestors;  
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:12)

R. (Ezekiel 36:25)**I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**  
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. **I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**  
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.**I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**  
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
R.**I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**

**Day 265**

# August 22, 2014

### Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lectionary: 423

#### Reading 1 [EZ 37:1-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/37:1)

The hand of the LORD came upon me,  
and led me out in the Spirit of the LORD  
and set me in the center of the plain,  
which was now filled with bones.  
He made me walk among the bones in every direction  
so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain.  
How dry they were!  
He asked me:  
Son of man, can these bones come to life?  
I answered, “Lord GOD, you alone know that.”  
Then he said to me:  
Prophesy over these bones, and say to them:  
Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!  
Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:  
See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you,  
cover you with skin, and put spirit in you  
so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.  
I prophesied as I had been told,  
and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise;  
it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone.  
I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them,  
and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them.  
Then the LORD said to me:  
Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man,  
and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord GOD:  
From the four winds come, O spirit,  
and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.  
I prophesied as he told me, and the spirit came into them;  
they came alive and stood upright, a vast army.  
Then he said to me:  
Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.  
They have been saying,  
“Our bones are dried up,  
our hope is lost, and we are cut off.”  
Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD:  
O my people, I will open your graves  
and have you rise from them,  
and bring you back to the land of Israel.  
Then you shall know that I am the LORD,  
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,  
O my people!  
I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.  
I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/107:2)

R. (1) **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say,  
those whom he has redeemed from the hand of the foe  
And gathered from the lands,  
from the east and the west, from the north and the south.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
They went astray in the desert wilderness;   
the way to an inhabited city they did not find.  
Hungry and thirsty,  
their life was wasting away within them.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
They cried to the LORD in their distress;  
from their straits he rescued them.  
And he led them by a direct way  
to reach an inhabited city.  
R.**Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy  
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men,  
Because he satisfied the longing soul  
and filled the hungry soul with good things.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**

**Day 266**

# August 23, 2014

### Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 424

#### Reading 1 [EZ 43:1-7AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/43:1)

The angel led me to the gate which faces the east,  
and there I saw the glory of the God of Israel  
coming from the east.  
I heard a sound like the roaring of many waters,  
and the earth shone with his glory.  
The vision was like that which I had seen  
when he came to destroy the city,  
and like that which I had seen by the river Chebar.  
I fell prone as the glory of the LORD entered the temple  
by way of the gate which faces the east,  
but spirit lifted me up and brought me to the inner court.  
And I saw that the temple was filled with the glory of the LORD.  
Then I heard someone speaking to me from the temple,  
while the man stood beside me.  
The voice said to me:   
Son of man, this is where my throne shall be,  
this is where I will set the soles of my feet;  
here I will dwell among the children of Israel forever.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 85:9AB AND 10, 11-12, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/85:9)

R. (see 10b) **The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.**  
I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD –for he proclaims peace.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.  
R. **The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.**  
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 glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.**  
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. **The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.**

**Day 267**

# August 24, 2014

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 121

#### Reading 1 [IS 22:19-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/22:19)

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:  
“I will thrust you from your office  
and pull you down from your station.  
On that day I will summon my servant  
Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;  
I will clothe him with your robe,  
and gird him with your sash,  
and give over to him your authority.  
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
and to the house of Judah.  
I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder;  
when he opens, no one shall shut  
when he shuts, no one shall open.  
I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,  
to be a place of honor for his family.”

#### Reading 2 [ROM 11:33-36](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/11:33)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!   
How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!  
For who has known the mind of the Lordor who has been his counselor?Or who has given the Lord anythingthat he may be repaid?  
For from him and through him and for him are all things.   
To him be glory forever. Amen.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/138:1)

R/ (8bc) **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**  
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.  
R/**Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**  
I will give thanks to your name,  
because of your kindness and your truth:  
When I called, you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.  
R/ **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**  
The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,  
and the proud he knows from afar.  
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.  
R/ **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Day 268**

# August 25, 2014

### Monday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 425

#### Reading 1 [2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2thessalonians/1:1)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the Church of the Thessalonians  
in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
We ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters,  
as is fitting, because your faith flourishes ever more,  
and the love of every one of you for one another grows ever greater.  
Accordingly, we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God  
regarding your endurance and faith in all your persecutions  
and the afflictions you endure.  
  
This is evidence of the just judgment of God,  
so that you may be considered worthy of the Kingdom of God  
for which you are suffering.  
  
We always pray for you,  
that our God may make you worthy of his calling  
and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose  
and every effort of faith,  
that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you,  
and you in him,  
in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 4-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/96:1)

R. (3) **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. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
R. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
R. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

**Day 269**

# August 26, 2014

### Tuesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 426

#### Reading 1[2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2thessalonians/2:1)

We ask you, brothers and sisters,  
with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and our assembling with him,  
not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly,  
or to be alarmed either by a “spirit,” or by an oral statement,  
or by a letter allegedly from us  
to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.  
Let no one deceive you in any way.  
  
To this end he has also called you through our Gospel  
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, brothers and sisters, stand firm  
and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught,  
either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours.  
  
May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,  
who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement  
and good hope through his grace,  
encourage your hearts and strengthen them  
in every good deed and word.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:10, 11-12, 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/96:10)

R. (13b) **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**  
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. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**  
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. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**  
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. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

**Day 270**

# August 27, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Monica Lectionary: 427

#### Reading 1 [2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2thessalonians/3:6)

We instruct you, brothers and sisters,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to shun any brother  
who walks in a disorderly way  
and not according to the tradition they received from us.  
For you know how one must imitate us.  
For we did not act in a disorderly way among you,  
nor did we eat food received free from anyone.  
On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked,  
so as not to burden any of you.  
Not that we do not have the right.  
Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,  
so that you might imitate us.  
In fact, when we were with you, we instructed you that  
if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat.  
  
May the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with all of you.  
  
This greeting is in my own hand, Paul’s.  
This is the sign in every letter; this is how I write.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 128:1-2, 4-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/128:1)

R. (1) **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**  
Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.  
R.**Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**  
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. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**Day 271**

# August 28, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 428

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 1:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:1)

Paul, called to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Sosthenes our brother,  
to the Church of God that is in Corinth,  
to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy,  
with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
I give thanks to my God always on your account  
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,  
that in him you were enriched in every way,  
with all discourse and all knowledge,  
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,  
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift  
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will keep you firm to the end,  
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful,  
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:2)

R. (1) **I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.  
R.**I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**  
Generation after generation praises your works  
and proclaims your might.  
They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty  
and tell of your wondrous works.  
R. **I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**  
They discourse of the power of your terrible deeds  
and declare your greatness.  
They publish the fame of your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your justice.  
R. **I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**

**Day 272**

# August 29, 2014

### Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist Lectionary: 429/634

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 1:17-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:17)

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel,  
and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,  
so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.  
  
The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
For it is written:  
I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,and the learning of the learned I will set aside.  
  
Where is the wise one?  
Where is the scribe?  
Where is the debater of this age?  
Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?  
For since in the wisdom of God  
the world did not come to know God through wisdom,  
it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation  
to save those who have faith.  
For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,  
but we proclaim Christ crucified,  
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,  
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:1)

R. (5) **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten stringed lyre chant his praises.  
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
For upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R.**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
The LORD brings to nought the plans of nations;  
he foils the designs of peoples.  
But the plan of the LORD stands forever;  
the design of his heart, through all generations.  
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

**Day 273**

# August 30, 2014

### Saturday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 430

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 1:26-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:26)

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.  
Not many of you were wise by human standards,  
not many were powerful,  
not many were of noble birth.  
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong,  
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,  
those who count for nothing,  
to reduce to nothing those who are something,  
so that no human being might boast before God.  
It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus,  
who became for us wisdom from God,  
as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,  
so that, as it is written,  
Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:12)

R. (12) **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
From heaven the LORD looks down;  
he sees all mankind.  
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
But see, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.  
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
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. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Day 274**

# August 31, 2014

### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 124

#### Reading 1 [JER 20:7-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jeremiah/20:7)

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped;  
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.  
All the day I am an object of laughter;  
everyone mocks me.  
  
Whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
violence and outrage is my message;  
the word of the LORD has brought me  
derision and reproach all the day.  
  
I say to myself, I will not mention him,  
I will speak in his name no more.  
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,  
imprisoned in my bones;  
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

#### Reading 2 [ROM 12:1-2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/12:1)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.   
Do not conform yourselves to this age  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,  
that you may discern what is the will of God,  
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/63:2)

R/ (2b) **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**  
O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.  
R/ **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**  
Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
For your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you.  
R/ **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**  
Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.   
R/ **My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**  
You are my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me.  
R/**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

**Day 275**

# September 1, 2014

### Monday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 431

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 2:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/2:1)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,  
proclaiming the mystery of God,  
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.  
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you  
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.  
I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,  
and my message and my proclamation  
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,  
but with a demonstration of spirit and power,  
so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom  
but on the power of God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:97)

R. (97) **Lord, I love your commands.**  
How I love your law, O LORD!  
It is my meditation all the day.  
R. Lord, I love your commands.  
Your command has made me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is ever with me.  
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**  
I have more understanding than all my teachers  
when your decrees are my meditation.  
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**  
I have more discernment than the elders,  
because I observe your precepts.  
R.**Lord, I love your commands.**  
From every evil way I withhold my feet,  
that I may keep your words.  
R.**Lord, I love your commands.**  
From your ordinances I turn not away,  
for you have instructed me.  
R.**Lord, I love your commands.**

**Day 276**

# September 2, 2014

### Tuesday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 432

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 2:10B-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/2:10)

Brothers and sisters:  
The Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.  
Among men, who knows what pertains to the man  
except his spirit that is within?  
Similarly, no one knows what pertains to God except the Spirit of God.  
We have not received the spirit of the world  
but the Spirit who is from God,  
so that we may understand the things freely given us by God.  
And we speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom,  
but with words taught by the Spirit,  
describing spiritual realities in spiritual terms.  
  
Now the natural man does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God,  
for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it,  
because it is judged spiritually.  
The one who is spiritual, however, can judge everything  
but is not subject to judgment by anyone.  
  
For “who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to counsel him?”  
But we have the mind of Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:8)

R. (17) **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
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. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
Making 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. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
R. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**

**Day 277**

# September 3, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 433

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 3:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/3:1)

Brothers and sisters,   
I could not talk to you as spiritual people,  
but as fleshly people, as infants in Christ.  
I fed you milk, not solid food,  
because you were unable to take it.  
Indeed, you are still not able, even now,  
for you are still of the flesh.  
While there is jealousy and rivalry among you,  
are you not of the flesh, and walking   
according to the manner of man?  
Whenever someone says, “I belong to Paul,” and another,  
“I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely men?  
  
What is Apollos, after all, and what is Paul?  
Ministers through whom you became believers,  
just as the Lord assigned each one.  
I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.  
Therefore, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,  
but only God, who causes the growth.  
He who plants and he who waters are one,  
and each will receive wages in proportion to his labor.  
For we are God’s co-workers;   
you are God’s field, God’s building.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:12)

R. (12) **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
From heaven the LORD looks down;  
he sees all mankind.  
R.**Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
From his fixed throne he beholds  
all who dwell on the earth,  
He who fashioned the heart of each,  
he who knows all their works.  
R.**Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
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.**Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Day 278**

# September 4, 2014

### Thursday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 434

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 3:18-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/3:18)

Brothers and sisters:  
Let no one deceive himself.  
If anyone among you considers himself wise in this age,  
let him become a fool, so as to become wise.  
For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God,  
for it is written:  
  
God catches the wise in their own ruses,  
  
and again:  
  
The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.  
  
So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you,  
Paul or Apollos or Cephas,  
or the world or life or death,  
or the present or the future:  
all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24:1)

R. (1) **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**  
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. **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**  
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. **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**  
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. **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**

**Day 279**

# September 5, 2014

### Friday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 435

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 4:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/4:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ  
and stewards of the mysteries of God.   
Now it is of course required of stewards  
that they be found trustworthy.  
It does not concern me in the least  
that I be judged by you or any human tribunal;  
I do not even pass judgment on myself;  
I am not conscious of anything against me,  
but I do not thereby stand acquitted;  
the one who judges me is the Lord.  
Therefore, do not make any judgment before the appointed time,  
until the Lord comes,  
for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness  
and will manifest the motives of our hearts,  
and then everyone will receive praise from God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/37:3)

R. (39a) **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
Trust in the LORD and do good,  
that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.  
Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will grant you your heart’s requests.  
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
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 salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
Turn from evil and do good,  
that you may abide forever;  
For the LORD loves what is right,  
and forsakes not his faithful ones.  
Criminals are destroyed   
and the posterity of the wicked is cut off.  
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
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. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

**Day 280**

# September 6, 2014

### Saturday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 436

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 4:6B-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/4:6)

Brothers and sisters:  
Learn from myself and Apollos not to go beyond what is written,  
so that none of you will be inflated with pride  
in favor of one person over against another.  
Who confers distinction upon you?  
What do you possess that you have not received?  
But if you have received it,  
why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?  
You are already satisfied; you have already grown rich;  
you have become kings without us!  
Indeed, I wish that you had become kings,  
so that we also might become kings with you.  
  
For as I see it, God has exhibited us Apostles as the last of all,  
like people sentenced to death,  
since we have become a spectacle to the world,  
to angels and men alike.  
We are fools on Christ’s account, but you are wise in Christ;  
we are weak, but you are strong;  
you are held in honor, but we in disrepute.  
To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty,  
we are poorly clad and roughly treated,  
we wander about homeless and we toil, working with our own hands.  
When ridiculed, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;  
when slandered, we respond gently.  
We have become like the world’s rubbish, the scum of all,  
to this very moment.  
  
I am writing you this not to shame you,  
but to admonish you as my beloved children.  
Even if you should have countless guides to Christ,  
yet you do not have many fathers,  
for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:17-18, 19-20, 21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:17)

R. (18) **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**  
The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.  
R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**  
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him,  
he hears their cry and saves them.  
The LORD keeps all who love him,  
but all the wicked he will destroy.  
R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**  
May my mouth speak the praise of the LORD,  
and may all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.  
R. **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

**Day 281**

# September 7, 2014

 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 127

#### Reading 1 [EZ 33:7-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/33:7)

Thus says the LORD:  
You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel;  
when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.  
If I tell the wicked, “O wicked one, you shall surely die, ”  
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way,  
the wicked shall die for his guilt,  
but I will hold you responsible for his death.  
But if you warn the wicked,  
trying to turn him from his way,  
and he refuses to turn from his way,  
he shall die for his guilt,  
but you shall save yourself.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/95:1)

R/ (8) **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
R/ **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.  
R/**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**  
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works.”  
R/ **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Day 282**

# September 8, 2014

### Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lectionary: 636

#### Reading 1 [MI 5:1-4A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/micah/5:1)

The LORD says:  
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 brethren 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.

#### Or [ROM 8:28-30](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:28)

Brothers and sisters:  
We know that all things work for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to his purpose.   
For those he foreknew he also predestined  
to be conformed to the image of his Son,  
so that he might be the firstborn  
among many brothers.  
And those he predestined he also called;  
and those he called he also justified;  
and those he justified he also glorified.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 13:6AB, 6C](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/13:6)

R. (Isaiah 61:10) **With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**  
Though I trusted in your mercy,  
let my heart rejoice in your salvation.  
R. **With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**  
Let me sing of the LORD, “He has been good to me.”  
R. **With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**

**Day 283**

# September 9, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Lectionary: 438

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 6:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/6:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
How can any one of you with a case against another  
dare to bring it to the unjust for judgment  
instead of to the holy ones?  
Do you not know that the holy ones will judge the world?  
If the world is to be judged by you,  
are you unqualified for the lowest law courts?  
Do you not know that we will judge angels?  
Then why not everyday matters?  
If, therefore, you have courts for everyday matters,  
do you seat as judges people of no standing in the Church?  
I say this to shame you.  
Can it be that there is not one among you wise enough  
to be able to settle a case between brothers?  
But rather brother goes to court against brother,  
and that before unbelievers?  
  
Now indeed then it is, in any case,  
a failure on your part that you have lawsuits against one another.  
Why not rather put up with injustice?  
Why not rather let yourselves be cheated?  
Instead, you inflict injustice and cheat, and this to brothers.  
Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the Kingdom of God?  
Do not be deceived;  
neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers  
nor boy prostitutes nor sodomites nor thieves  
nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers  
will inherit the Kingdom of God.  
That is what some of you used to be;  
but now you have had yourselves washed, you were sanctified,  
you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and in the Spirit of our God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/149:1)

R. (see 4) **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
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. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
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.**The Lord takes delight in his people.**

**Day 284**

# September 10, 2014

### Wednesday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 439

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 7:25-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/7:25)

Brothers and sisters:  
In regard to virgins, I have no commandment from the Lord,  
but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord’s mercy is trustworthy.  
So this is what I think best because of the present distress:  
that it is a good thing for a person to remain as he is.  
Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek a separation.  
Are you free of a wife? Then do not look for a wife.  
If you marry, however, you do not sin,  
nor does an unmarried woman sin if she marries;  
but such people will experience affliction in their earthly life,  
and I would like to spare you that.  
  
I tell you, brothers, the time is running out.  
From now on, let those having wives act as not having them,  
those weeping as not weeping,   
those rejoicing as not rejoicing,  
those buying as not owning,  
those using the world as not using it fully.  
For the world in its present form is passing away.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/45:11)

R. (11)**Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.**  
Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,  
forget your people and your father’s house.  
So shall the king desire your beauty;  
for he is your lord, and you must worship him.  
R. **Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.**  
All glorious is the king’s daughter as she enters;  
her raiment is threaded with spun gold.  
In embroidered apparel she is borne in to the king;  
behind her the virgins of her train are brought to you.  
R.**Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.**  
They are borne in with gladness and joy;  
they enter the palace of the king.  
The place of your fathers your sons shall have;  
you shall make them princes through all the land.  
R.**Listen to me, daughter; see and bend your ear.**

**Day 285**

# September 11, 2014

### Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 440

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/8:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Knowledge inflates with pride, but love builds up.  
If anyone supposes he knows something,  
he does not yet know as he ought to know.  
But if one loves God, one is known by him.  
  
So about the eating of meat sacrificed to idols:  
we know that there is no idol in the world,  
and that there is no God but one.  
Indeed, even though there are so-called gods in heaven and on earth  
(there are, to be sure, many “gods” and many “lords”),  
yet for us there is   
  
one God, the Father,  
from whom all things are and for whom we exist,  
and one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
through whom all things are and through whom we exist.  
  
But not all have this knowledge.  
There are some who have been so used to idolatry up until now  
that, when they eat meat sacrificed to idols,  
their conscience, which is weak, is defiled.  
  
Thus, through your knowledge, the weak person is brought to destruction,  
the brother for whom Christ died.  
When you sin in this way against your brothers  
and wound their consciences, weak as they are,  
you are sinning against Christ.  
Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin,  
I will never eat meat again,  
so that I may not cause my brother to sin.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 23-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139:1)

R. (24b) **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
O LORD, you have probed me and you know me;  
you know when I sit and when I stand;  
you understand my thoughts from afar.  
My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,  
with all my ways you are familiar.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
Truly you have formed my inmost being;  
you knit me in my mother’s womb.  
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made;  
wonderful are your works.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
Probe me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me, and know my thoughts;  
See if my way is crooked,  
and lead me in the way of old.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**

**Day 286**

# September 12, 2014

### Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 441

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/9:16)

Brothers and sisters:  
If I preach the Gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,  
for an obligation has been imposed on me,  
and woe to me if I do not preach it!  
If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,  
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.  
What then is my recompense?  
That, when I preach, I offer the Gospel free of charge  
so as not to make full use of my right in the Gospel.  
  
Although I am free in regard to all,  
I have made myself a slave to all  
so as to win over as many as possible.  
I have become all things to all, to save at least some.  
All this I do for the sake of the Gospel,  
so that I too may have a share in it.  
  
Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race,  
but only one wins the prize?  
Run so as to win.  
Every athlete exercises discipline in every way.  
They do it to win a perishable crown,  
but we an imperishable one.  
Thus I do not run aimlessly;  
I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing.  
No, I drive my body and train it,  
for fear that, after having preached to others,  
I myself should be disqualified.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/84:3)

R. (2) **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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
Blessed they who dwell in your house!  
continually they praise you.  
Blessed the men whose strength you are!  
their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.  
R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
For a sun and a shield is the LORD God;  
grace and glory he bestows;  
The LORD withholds no good thing  
from those who walk in sincerity.   
R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**

**Day 287**

# September 13, 2014

### Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 442

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 10:14-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/10:14)

My beloved ones, avoid idolatry.  
I am speaking as to sensible people;  
judge for yourselves what I am saying.  
The cup of blessing that we bless,  
is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?  
The bread that we break,  
is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?  
Because the loaf of bread is one,  
we, though many, are one Body,  
for we all partake of the one loaf.  
  
Look at Israel according to the flesh;  
are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?  
So what am I saying?  
That meat sacrificed to idols is anything?  
Or that an idol is anything?  
No, I mean that what they sacrifice,  
they sacrifice to demons, not to God,  
and I do not want you to become participants with demons.  
You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and also the cup of demons.  
You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and of the table of demons.  
Or are we provoking the Lord to jealous anger?  
Are we stronger than him?

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 116:12-13, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/116:12)

R. (17) **To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**  
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. **To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**  
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.  
My vows to the LORD I will pay  
in the presence of all his people.  
R. **To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.**

**Day 288**

# September 14, 2014

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Lectionary: 638

#### Reading 1 [NM 21:4B-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/numbers/21:4)

With their patience worn out by the journey,  
the people complained against God and Moses,  
“Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert,  
where there is no food or water?  
We are disgusted with this wretched food!”  
  
In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents,  
which bit the people so that many of them died.  
Then the people came to Moses and said,  
“We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you.  
Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us.”  
So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses,  
“Make a saraph and mount it on a pole,  
and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live.”  
Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole,  
and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent   
looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/78:1)

R. (see 7b) **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
Hearken, my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable,  
I will utter mysteries from of old.  
R.**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
While he slew them they sought him  
and inquired after God again,  
Remembering that God was their rock  
and the Most High God, their redeemer.  
R.**Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
But they flattered him with their mouths  
and lied to him with their tongues,  
Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him,  
nor were they faithful to his covenant.  
R. **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
But he, being merciful, forgave their sin  
and destroyed them not;  
Often he turned back his anger  
and let none of his wrath be roused.  
R. **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

#### Reading 2[PHIL 2:6-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2:6)

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to death,  
even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
that is above every name,  
that 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.

**Day 289**

# September 15, 2014

### Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows Lectionary: 443/639

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 11:17-26, 33](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/11:17)

Brothers and sisters:  
In giving this instruction, I do not praise the fact  
that your meetings are doing more harm than good.  
First of all, I hear that when you meet as a Church  
there are divisions among you,  
and to a degree I believe it;  
there have to be factions among you  
in order that also those who are approved among you  
may become known.  
When you meet in one place, then,  
it is not to eat the Lord’s supper,  
for in eating, each one goes ahead with his own supper,  
and one goes hungry while another gets drunk.  
Do you not have houses in which you can eat and drink?  
Or do you show contempt for the Church of God  
and make those who have nothing feel ashamed?  
What can I say to you? Shall I praise you?  
In this matter I do not praise you.  
  
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,  
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,  
took bread and, after he had given thanks,  
broke it and said, “This is my Body that is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,  
“This cup is the new covenant in my Blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.  
  
Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/40:7)

R. (1 Cor 11:26b) **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
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.**Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
“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. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.  
R. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
May all who seek you  
exult and be glad in you  
And may those who love your salvation  
say ever, “The LORD be glorified.”  
R. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**

**Day 290**

# September 16, 2014

### Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Lectionary: 444

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/12:12)

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.  
  
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?  
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 10:1B-2, 3, 4, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/10:1)

R. (3) **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.  
R. **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**  
Know that the LORD is God;  
he made us, his we are;  
his people, the flock he tends.  
R. **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
his courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.  
R. **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**  
For he is good, the LORD, whose kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations.   
R. **We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

**Day 291**

# September 17, 2014

### Wednesday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 445

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 12:31-13:13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/12:31)

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, love 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 AND 22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:2)

R. (12) **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
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. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
For upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.  
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Day 292**

# September 18, 2014

### Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 446

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 15:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:1)

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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 118:1B-2, 16AB-17, 28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/118:1)

R. (1)**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
R.**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**  
“The right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD has struck with power.”  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**  
You are my God, and I give thanks to you;  
O my God, I extol you.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

**Day 293**

# September 19, 2014

### Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 447

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 15:12-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:12)

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 there is no resurrection of the dead,  
then neither has Christ been raised.  
And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching;  
empty, too, your faith.  
Then we are also false witnesses to God,  
because we testified against God that he raised Christ,  
whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised.  
For 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B AND 15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/17:1)

R. (15b) **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**  
Hear, O LORD, a just suit;  
attend to my outcry;  
hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.   
R. **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**  
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;   
incline your ear to me; hear my word.  
Show your wondrous mercies,  
O savior of those who flee   
from their foes to refuge at your right hand.  
R.**Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings,  
But I in justice shall behold your face;  
on waking, I shall be content in your presence.  
R. **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

**Day 294**

# September 20, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs Lectionary: 448

#### Reading 1 [1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:35)

Brothers and sisters:  
Someone may say, “How are the dead raised?   
With what kind of body will they come back?”  
  
You fool!  
What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies.  
And what you sow is not the body that is to be  
but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind.  
  
So also is the resurrection of the dead.  
It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible.  
It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious.  
It is sown weak; it is raised powerful.  
It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.  
If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one.  
  
So, too, 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 56:10C-12, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/56:10)

R. (14) **I will walk in the presence of God, in the light of the living.**  
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 will walk in the presence of God, in the light of the living.**  
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. **I will walk in the presence of God, in the light of the living.**

**Day 295**

# September 21, 2014

### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 133

#### Reading 1 [IS 55:6-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/55:6)

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:2)

R/ (18a) **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.  
R/ **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R/ **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**  
The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.  
R/ **The Lord is near to all who call upon him.**

#### Reading 2 [PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/1:20)

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.   
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.   
If I go on living in the flesh,  
that means fruitful labor for me.   
And I do not know which I shall choose.   
I am caught between the two.   
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,  
for that is far better.   
Yet that I remain in the flesh  
is more necessary for your benefit.  
  
Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Day 296**

# September 22, 2014

### Monday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 449

#### Reading 1 [PRV 3:27-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/proverbs/3:27)

Refuse no one the good on which he has a claim  
when it is in your power to do it for him.  
Say not to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,  
tomorrow I will give,” when you can give at once.  
  
Plot no evil against your neighbor,  
against one who lives at peace with you.  
Quarrel not with a man without cause,  
with one who has done you no harm.  
  
Envy not the lawless man  
and choose none of his ways:  
To the LORD the perverse one is an abomination,  
but with the upright is his friendship.  
  
The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,  
but the dwelling of the just he blesses;  
When dealing with the arrogant, he is stern,  
but to the humble he shows kindness.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 15:2-3A, 3-BC-4AB, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/15:2)

R. (1) **The just one 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. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**  
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. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**  
Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.  
R. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**

**Day 297**

# September 23, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Lectionary: 450

#### Reading 1 [PRV 21:1-6, 10-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/proverbs/21:1)

Like a stream is the king’s heart in the hand of the LORD;  
wherever it pleases him, he directs it.  
  
All the ways of a man may be right in his own eyes,  
but it is the LORD who proves hearts.  
  
To do what is right and just  
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.  
  
Haughty eyes and a proud heart–  
the tillage of the wicked is sin.  
  
The plans of the diligent are sure of profit,  
but all rash haste leads certainly to poverty.  
  
Whoever makes a fortune by a lying tongue  
is chasing a bubble over deadly snares.  
  
The soul of the wicked man desires evil;  
his neighbor finds no pity in his eyes.  
  
When the arrogant man is punished, the simple are the wiser;  
when the wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.  
  
The just man appraises the house of the wicked:  
there is one who brings down the wicked to ruin.  
  
He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor  
will himself also call and not be heard.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:1)

R. (35) **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous deeds.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
The way of truth I have chosen;  
I have set your ordinances before me.  
R.**Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Lead me in the path of your commands,  
for in it I delight.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
And I will keep your law continually,  
forever and ever.  
R.**Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

**Day 298**

# September 24, 2014

### Wednesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 451

#### Reading 1 [PRV 30:5-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/proverbs/30:5)

Every word of God is tested;  
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.  
Add nothing to his words,  
lest he reprove you, and you will be exposed as a deceiver.  
  
Two things I ask of you,  
deny them not to me before I die:  
Put falsehood and lying far from me,  
give me neither poverty nor riches;  
provide me only with the food I need;  
Lest, being full, I deny you,  
saying, “Who is the LORD?”  
Or, being in want, I steal,  
and profane the name of my God.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:29)

R. (105) **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**  
Remove from me the way of falsehood,  
and favor me with your law.  
R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.  
R.**Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**  
Your word, O LORD, endures forever;  
it is firm as the heavens.  
R.**Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**  
From every evil way I withhold my feet,  
that I may keep your words.  
R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**  
Through your precepts I gain discernment;  
therefore I hate every false way.  
R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**  
Falsehood I hate and abhor;  
your law I love.  
R. **Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.**

**Day 299**

# September 25, 2014

### Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 452

#### Reading 1 [ECCL 1:2-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ecclesiastes/1:2)

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,  
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!  
What profit has man from all the labor  
which he toils at under the sun?  
One generation passes and another comes,  
but the world forever stays.  
The sun rises and the sun goes down;  
then it presses on to the place where it rises.  
Blowing now toward the south, then toward the north,  
the wind turns again and again, resuming its rounds.  
All rivers go to the sea,  
yet never does the sea become full.  
To the place where they go,  
the rivers keep on going.  
All speech is labored;  
there is nothing one can say.  
The eye is not satisfied with seeing  
nor is the ear satisfied with hearing.  
  
What has been, that will be;  
what has been done, that will be done.  
Nothing is new under the sun.  
Even the thing of which we say, “See, this is new!”  
has already existed in the ages that preceded us.  
There is no remembrance of the men of old;  
nor of those to come will there be any remembrance  
among those who come after them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17BC](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/90:3)

R. (1)**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
You turn man back to dust,  
saying, “Return, O children of men.”  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
Prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**Day 300**

# September 26, 2014

### Friday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 453

#### Reading 1 [ECCL 3:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ecclesiastes/3:1)

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every thing under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.  
  
What advantage has the worker from his toil?  
I have considered the task that God has appointed  
for the sons of men to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without man’s ever discovering,  
from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 144:1B AND 2ABC, 3-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/144:1)

R. (1) **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
my mercy and my fortress,  
my stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield, in whom I trust.  
R.**Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
LORD, what is man, that you notice him;  
the son of man, that you take thought of him?  
Man is like a breath;  
his days, like a passing shadow.  
R.**Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

**Day 301**

# September 27, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Lectionary: 454

#### Reading 1 [ECCL 11:9-12:8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ecclesiastes/11:9)

Rejoice, O young man, while you are young   
and let your heart be glad in the days of your youth.  
Follow the ways of your heart,  
the vision of your eyes;  
Yet understand that as regards all this  
God will bring you to judgment.  
Ward off grief from your heart  
and put away trouble from your presence,  
though the dawn of youth is fleeting.  
  
Remember your Creator in the days of your youth,  
before the evil days come  
And the years approach of which you will say,  
I have no pleasure in them;  
Before the sun is darkened,  
and the light, and the moon, and the stars,  
while the clouds return after the rain;  
When the guardians of the house tremble,  
and the strong men are bent,  
And the grinders are idle because they are few,  
and they who look through the windows grow blind;  
When the doors to the street are shut,  
and the sound of the mill is low;  
When one waits for the chirp of a bird,  
but all the daughters of song are suppressed;  
And one fears heights,  
and perils in the street;  
When the almond tree blooms,  
and the locust grows sluggish  
and the caper berry is without effect,  
Because man goes to his lasting home,  
and mourners go about the streets;  
Before the silver cord is snapped  
and the golden bowl is broken,  
And the pitcher is shattered at the spring,  
and the broken pulley falls into the well,  
And the dust returns to the earth as it once was,  
and the life breath returns to God who gave it.  
  
Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,  
all things are vanity!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/90:3)

R. (1) **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
You turn man back to dust,  
saying, “Return, O children of men.”  
For a thousand years in your sight   
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!  
R.**In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours;  
prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**Day 302**

# September 28, 2014

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 136

#### Reading 1 [EZ 18:25-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/18:25)

Thus says the LORD:  
You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"  
Hear now, house of Israel:  
Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?  
When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies,  
it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.  
But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,  
he does what is right and just,  
he shall preserve his life;  
since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed,  
he shall surely live, he shall not die.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/25:4)

R/ (6a) **Remember your mercies, 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 your mercies, O Lord.**  
Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;  
in your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.  
R/ **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**  
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/ **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

#### Reading 2[PHIL 2:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
If there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any solace in love,  
any participation in the Spirit,  
any compassion and mercy,  
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,  
united in heart, thinking one thing.  
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;  
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not for his own interests,  
but also for those of others.  
  
Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus,  
Who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name,  
that 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.

#### Or [PHIL 2:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
If there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any solace in love,  
any participation in the Spirit,  
any compassion and mercy,  
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,  
united in heart, thinking one thing.  
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;  
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not for his own interests,  
but also for those of others.  
  
Have in you the same attitude  
that is also in Christ Jesus.

**Day 303**

# September 29, 2014

### Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Lectionary: 647

#### Reading 1 [DN 7:9-10, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/7:9)

As I watched:  
  
Thrones were set up  
and the Ancient One took his throne.  
His clothing was bright as snow,  
and the hair on his head as white as wool;  
His throne was flames of fire,  
with wheels of burning fire.  
A surging stream of fire  
flowed out from where he sat;  
Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him,  
and myriads upon myriads attended him.  
  
The court was convened, and the books were opened.  
As the visions during the night continued, I saw  
  
One like a son of man coming,  
on the clouds of heaven;  
When he reached the Ancient One  
and was presented before him,  
He received dominion, glory, and kingship;  
nations and peoples of every language serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not be taken away,  
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

#### Or [RV 12:7-12AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/12:7)

War broke out in heaven;  
Michael and his angels battled against the dragon.  
The dragon and its angels fought back,  
but they did not prevail  
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.  
The huge dragon, the ancient serpent,  
who is called the Devil and Satan,  
who deceived the whole world,  
was thrown down to earth,  
and its angels were thrown down with it.  
  
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.  
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,  
who accuses them before our God day and night.  
They conquered him by the Blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
love for life did not deter them from death.  
Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,  
and you who dwell in them.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/138:1)

R. (1) **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
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. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
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. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
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. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

**Day 304**

# September 30, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 456

#### Reading 1 [JB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/3:1)

Job opened his mouth and cursed his day.  
Job spoke out and said:  
  
Perish the day on which I was born,  
the night when they said, “The child is a boy!”  
  
Why did I not perish at birth,  
come forth from the womb and expire?  
Or why was I not buried away like an untimely birth,  
like babes that have never seen the light?  
Wherefore did the knees receive me?  
or why did I suck at the breasts?  
  
For then I should have lain down and been tranquil;  
had I slept, I should then have been at rest  
With kings and counselors of the earth  
who built where now there are ruins  
Or with princes who had gold  
and filled their houses with silver.  
  
There the wicked cease from troubling,  
there the weary are at rest.  
  
Why is light given to the toilers,  
and life to the bitter in spirit?  
They wait for death and it comes not;  
they search for it rather than for hidden treasures,  
Rejoice in it exultingly,  
and are glad when they reach the grave:  
Those whose path is hidden from them,  
and whom God has hemmed in!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/88:2)

R. (3) **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
O LORD, my God, by day I cry out;  
at night I clamor in your presence.  
Let my prayer come before you;  
incline your ear to my call for help.  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
For my soul is surfeited with troubles  
and my life draws near to the nether world.  
I am numbered with those who go down into the pit;  
I am a man without strength.  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
My couch is among the dead,  
like the slain who lie in the grave,  
Whom you remember no longer  
and who are cut off from your care.  
R.**Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
You have plunged me into the bottom of the pit,  
into the dark abyss.  
Upon me your wrath lies heavy,  
and with all your billows you overwhelm me.  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

**Day 305**

# October 1, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 457

#### Reading 1 [JB 9:1-12, 14-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/9:1)

Job answered his friends and said:  
  
I know well that it is so;  
but how can a man be justified before God?  
Should one wish to contend with him,  
he could not answer him once in a thousand times.  
God is wise in heart and mighty in strength;  
who has withstood him and remained unscathed?  
  
He removes the mountains before they know it;  
he overturns them in his anger.  
He shakes the earth out of its place,  
and the pillars beneath it tremble.  
He commands the sun, and it rises not;  
he seals up the stars.  
  
He alone stretches out the heavens  
and treads upon the crests of the sea.  
He made the Bear and Orion,  
the Pleiades and the constellations of the south;  
He does great things past finding out,  
marvelous things beyond reckoning.  
  
Should he come near me, I see him not;  
should he pass by, I am not aware of him;  
Should he seize me forcibly, who can say him nay?  
Who can say to him, “What are you doing?”  
  
How much less shall I give him any answer,  
or choose out arguments against him!  
Even though I were right, I could not answer him,  
but should rather beg for what was due me.  
If I appealed to him and he answered my call,  
I could not believe that he would hearken to my words.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 88:10BC-11, 12-13, 14-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/88:10)

R. (3) **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
Daily I call upon you, O LORD;  
to you I stretch out my hands.  
Will you work wonders for the dead?  
Will the shades arise to give you thanks?  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
Do they declare your mercy in the grave,  
your faithfulness among those who have perished?  
Are your wonders made known in the darkness,  
or your justice in the land of oblivion?  
R.**Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
But I, O LORD, cry out to you;  
with my morning prayer I wait upon you.  
Why, O LORD, do you reject me;  
why hide from me your face?  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

**Day 306**

# October 2, 2014

### Memorial of the Guardian Angels  Lectionary: 458/650

#### Reading 1 [JB 19:21-27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/19:21)

Job said:  
  
Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,  
for the hand of God has struck me!  
Why do you hound me as though you were divine,  
and insatiably prey upon me?  
  
Oh, would that my words were written down!  
Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead  
they were cut in the rock forever!  
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see:  
my own eyes, not another’s, shall behold him,  
And from my flesh I shall see God;  
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:7)

R. (13) **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.  
R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
Your presence, O LORD, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me;  
do not in anger repel your servant.  
You are my helper: cast me not off.  
R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
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. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Day 307**

# October 3, 2014

Friday of the Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 459

#### Reading 1 [JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/38:1)

The LORD addressed Job out of the storm and said:  
  
Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning  
and shown the dawn its place  
For taking hold of the ends of the earth,  
till the wicked are shaken from its surface?  
The earth is changed as is clay by the seal,  
and dyed as though it were a garment;  
But from the wicked the light is withheld,  
and the arm of pride is shattered.  
  
Have you entered into the sources of the sea,  
or walked about in the depths of the abyss?  
Have the gates of death been shown to you,  
or have you seen the gates of darkness?  
Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?  
Tell me, if you know all:  
Which is the way to the dwelling place of light,  
and where is the abode of darkness,  
That you may take them to their boundaries  
and set them on their homeward paths?  
You know, because you were born before them,  
and the number of your years is great!  
  
Then Job answered the LORD and said:  
  
Behold, I am of little account; what can I answer you?  
I put my hand over my mouth.  
Though I have spoken once, I will not do so again;  
though twice, I will do so no more.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139:1)

R. (24b) **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
O LORD, you have probed me and you know me;  
you know when I sit and when I stand;  
you understand my thoughts from afar.  
My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,  
with all my ways you are familiar.  
R.**Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
Where can I go from your spirit?  
From your presence where can I flee?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I sink to the nether world, you are present there.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
If I take the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall guide me,  
and your right hand hold me fast.  
R.**Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
Truly you have formed my inmost being;  
you knit me in my mother’s womb.  
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made;   
wonderful are your works.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**

**Day 308**

# October 4, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi Lectionary: 460

#### Reading 1 [JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/42:1)

Job answered the LORD and said:  
  
I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be hindered.  
I have dealt with great things that I do not understand;  
things too wonderful for me, which I cannot know.  
I had heard of you by word of mouth,  
but now my eye has seen you.  
Therefore I disown what I have said,  
and repent in dust and ashes.  
  
Thus the LORD blessed the latter days of Job  
more than his earlier ones.  
For he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels,  
a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.  
And he had seven sons and three daughters,  
of whom he called the first Jemimah,  
the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch.  
In all the land no other women were as beautiful  
as the daughters of Job;  
and their father gave them an inheritance  
along with their brothers.  
After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years;  
and he saw his children, his grandchildren,  
and even his great-grandchildren.  
Then Job died, old and full of years.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:66)

R. (135) **Lord, let your face shine on me.**  
Teach me wisdom and knowledge,  
for in your commands I trust.  
R.**Lord, let your face shine on me.**  
It is good for me that I have been afflicted,  
that I may learn your statutes.  
R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**  
I know, O LORD, that your ordinances are just,  
and in your faithfulness you have afflicted me.  
R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**  
According to your ordinances they still stand firm:  
all things serve you.  
R.**Lord, let your face shine on me.**  
I am your servant; give me discernment  
that I may know your decrees.  
R. **Lord, let your face shine on me.**  
The revelation of your words sheds light,  
giving understanding to the simple.  
R.**Lord, let your face shine on me.**

**Day 309**

# October 5, 2014

### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 139

#### Reading 1 [IS 5:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/5:1)

Let me now sing of my friend,  
my friend's song concerning his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside;  
he spaded it, cleared it of stones,  
and planted the choicest vines;  
within it he built a watchtower,  
and hewed out a wine press.  
Then he looked for the crop of grapes,  
but what it yielded was wild grapes.  
  
Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard:  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I had not done?  
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,  
did it bring forth wild grapes?  
Now, I will let you know  
what I mean to do with my vineyard:  
take away its hedge, give it to grazing,  
break through its wall, let it be trampled!  
Yes, I will make it a ruin:  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
but overgrown with thorns and briers;  
I will command the clouds  
not to send rain upon it.  
The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his cherished plant;  
he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed!  
for justice, but hark, the outcry!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/80:9)

R/ (Is 5:7a) **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**  
A vine from Egypt you transplanted;  
you drove away the nations and planted it.  
It put forth its foliage to the Sea,  
its shoots as far as the River.  
R/ **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**  
Why have you broken down its walls,  
so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,  
The boar from the forest lays it waste,  
and the beasts of the field feed upon it?  
R/ **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**  
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/ **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.  
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us;  
if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.  
R/**The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

#### Reading 2[PHIL 4:6-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/4:6)

Brothers and sisters:  
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.  
  
Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.  
Keep on doing what you have learned and received  
and heard and seen in me.  
Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Day 310**

# October 6, 2014

« [October 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/100514.cfm)  |  [October 7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/100714.cfm) »

### Monday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 461

#### Reading 1[GAL 1:6-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/1:6)

Brothers and sisters:  
I am amazed that you are so quickly forsaking  
the one who called you by the grace of Christ  
for a different gospel (not that there is another).  
But there are some who are disturbing you  
and wish to pervert the Gospel of Christ.  
But even if we or an angel from heaven  
should preach to you a gospel   
other than the one that we preached to you,  
let that one be accursed!  
As we have said before, and now I say again,  
if anyone preaches to you a gospel  
other than the one that you received,  
let that one be accursed!  
  
Am I now currying favor with human beings or God?  
Or am I seeking to please people?  
If I were still trying to please people,  
I would not be a slave of Christ.  
  
Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,  
that the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin.  
For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it,  
but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 AND 10C](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/111:1)

R. (5) **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:   
R.**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. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:   
R. **Alleluia.**  
The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
sure are all his precepts,  
Reliable forever and ever,  
wrought in truth and equity.  
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:   
R. **Alleluia.**  
He has sent deliverance to his people;  
he has ratified his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his name.  
His praise endures forever.  
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
or:   
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 311**

# October 7, 2014

### Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary Lectionary: 462

#### Reading 1 [GAL 1:13-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/1:13)

Brothers and sisters:  
You heard of my former way of life in Judaism,  
how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure  
and tried to destroy it,   
and progressed in Judaism  
beyond many of my contemporaries among my race,  
since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions.  
But when he, who from my mother’s womb had set me apart  
and called me through his grace,  
was pleased to reveal his Son to me,  
so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles,  
I did not immediately consult flesh and blood,  
nor did I go up to Jerusalem  
to those who were Apostles before me;  
rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus.  
  
Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas  
and remained with him for fifteen days.  
But I did not see any other of the Apostles,  
only James the brother of the Lord.  
(As to what I am writing to you, behold,  
before God, I am not lying.)  
Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.  
And I was unknown personally to the churches of Judea  
that are in Christ;  
they only kept hearing that “the one who once was persecuting us  
is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.”  
So they glorified God because of me.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139:1)

R. (24b) **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
O LORD, you have probed me and you know me;  
you know when I sit and when I stand;  
you understand my thoughts from afar.  
My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,  
with all my ways you are familiar.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
Truly you have formed my inmost being;  
you knit me in my mother’s womb.  
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made;  
wonderful are your works.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
My soul also you knew full well;  
nor was my frame unknown to you  
When I was made in secret,  
when I was fashioned in the depths of the earth.  
R.**Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**

**Day 312**

# October 8, 2014

### Wednesday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 463

#### Reading 1 [GAL 2:1-2, 7-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/2:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
After fourteen years I again went up to Jerusalem with Barnabas,  
taking Titus along also.  
I went up in accord with a revelation,  
and I presented to them the Gospel that I preach to the Gentiles–  
but privately to those of repute–  
so that I might not be running, or have run, in vain.  
On the contrary,   
when they saw that I had been entrusted with the Gospel to the uncircumcised,  
just as Peter to the circumcised,  
for the one who worked in Peter for an apostolate to the circumcised  
worked also in me for the Gentiles,  
and when they recognized the grace bestowed upon me,  
James and Cephas and John,  
who were reputed to be pillars,  
gave me and Barnabas their right hands in partnership,  
that we should go to the Gentiles  
and they to the circumcised.  
Only, we were to be mindful of the poor,  
which is the very thing I was eager to do.  
  
And when Cephas came to Antioch,  
I opposed him to his face because he clearly was wrong.  
For, until some people came from James,  
he used to eat with the Gentiles;  
but when they came, he began to draw back and separated himself,  
because he was afraid of the circumcised.  
And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him,  
with the result that even Barnabas  
was carried away by their hypocrisy.  
But when I saw that they were not on the right road  
in line with the truth of the Gospel,  
I said to Cephas in front of all,  
“If you, though a Jew,  
are living like a Gentile and not like a Jew,  
how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 117:1BC, 2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/117:1)

R. **Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.**  
Praise the LORD, all you nations,  
glorify him, all you peoples!  
R. **Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.**  
For steadfast is his kindness toward us,  
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.  
R. **Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.**

**Day 313**

# October 9, 2014

### Thursday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 464

#### Reading 1 [GAL 3:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/3:1)

O stupid Galatians!  
Who has bewitched you,  
before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?  
I want to learn only this from you:  
did you receive the Spirit from works of the law,  
or from faith in what you heard?  
Are you so stupid?  
After beginning with the Spirit,  
are you now ending with the flesh?  
Did you experience so many things in vain?–  
if indeed it was in vain.  
Does, then, the one who supplies the Spirit to you  
and works mighty deeds among you  
do so from works of the law  
or from faith in what you heard?

#### Responsorial Psalm [LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1:69)

R. (68) **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,  
born of the house of his servant David.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old  
that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to his people.**

**Day 314**

# October 10, 2014

### Friday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 465

#### Reading 1 [GAL 3:7-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/3:7)

Brothers and sisters:  
Realize that it is those who have faith  
who are children of Abraham.  
Scripture, which saw in advance that God  
would justify the Gentiles by faith,  
foretold the good news to Abraham, saying,  
Through you shall all the nations be blessed.  
Consequently, those who have faith are blessed  
along with Abraham who had faith.  
For all who depend on works of the law are under a curse;  
for it is written, Cursed be everyonewho does not persevere in doing all the thingswritten in the book of the law.  
And that no one is justified before God by the law is clear,  
for the one who is righteous by faith will live.  
But the law does not depend on faith;  
rather, the one who does these things will live by them.  
Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,  
for it is written, Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree,  
that the blessing of Abraham might be extended  
to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus,  
so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/111:1)

R. (5) **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
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. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
Majesty and glory are his work,  
and his justice endures forever.  
He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;  
gracious and merciful is the LORD.  
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**  
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. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

**Day 315**

# October 11, 2014

### Saturday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 466

#### Reading 1 [GAL 3:22-29](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/3:22)

Brothers and sisters:  
Scripture confined all things under the power of sin,  
that through faith in Jesus Christ  
the promise might be given to those who believe.  
  
Before faith came, we were held in custody under law,  
confined for the faith that was to be revealed.  
Consequently, the law was our disciplinarian for Christ,  
that we might be justified by faith.  
But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a disciplinarian.  
For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus.  
For all of you who were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.  
There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
there is neither slave nor free person,  
there is not male and female;  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants,  
heirs according to the promise.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:2)

R. (8a) **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.  
Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought,  
his portents, and the judgments he has uttered.  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 316**

# October 11, 2014

### Saturday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 466

#### Reading 1 [GAL 3:22-29](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/3:22)

Brothers and sisters:  
Scripture confined all things under the power of sin,  
that through faith in Jesus Christ  
the promise might be given to those who believe.  
  
Before faith came, we were held in custody under law,  
confined for the faith that was to be revealed.  
Consequently, the law was our disciplinarian for Christ,  
that we might be justified by faith.  
But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a disciplinarian.  
For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus.  
For all of you who were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.  
There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
there is neither slave nor free person,  
there is not male and female;  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants,  
heirs according to the promise.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:2)

R. (8a) **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.  
Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought,  
his portents, and the judgments he has uttered.  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 317**

# October 13, 2014

### Monday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 467

#### Reading 1 [GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/4:22)

Brothers and sisters:  
It is written that Abraham had two sons,  
one by the slave woman and the other by the freeborn woman.  
The son of the slave woman was born naturally,  
the son of the freeborn through a promise.  
Now this is an allegory.  
These women represent two covenants.  
One was from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery;  
this is Hagar.  
But the Jerusalem above is freeborn, and she is our mother.  
For it is written:  
Rejoice, you barren one who bore no children;break forth and shout, you who were not in labor;for more numerous are the children of the deserted onethan of her who has a husband.  
Therefore, brothers and sisters,  
we are children not of the slave woman  
but of the freeborn woman.  
  
For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm  
and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 113:1B-2, 3-4, 5A AND 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/113:1)

R. (see 2) **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Praise, you servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.  
Blessed be the name of the LORD  
both now and forever.  
R. **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
From the rising to the setting of the sun  
is the name of the LORD to be praised.  
High above all nations is the LORD;  
above the heavens is his glory.  
R. **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Who is like the LORD, our God,  
who looks upon the heavens and the earth below?   
He raises up the lowly from the dust;  
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor.  
R. **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Day 318**

# October 14, 2014

### Tuesday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 468

#### Reading 1 [GAL 5:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/5:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
For freedom Christ set us free;  
so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.  
  
It is I, Paul, who am telling you  
that if you have yourselves circumcised,  
Christ will be of no benefit to you.  
Once again I declare to every man who has himself circumcised  
that he is bound to observe the entire law.  
You are separated from Christ,  
you who are trying to be justified by law;  
you have fallen from grace.  
For through the Spirit, by faith, we await the hope of righteousness.  
For in Christ Jesus,  
neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything,  
but only faith working through love.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:41)

R. (41a) **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord**.  
Let your mercy come to me, O LORD,  
your salvation according to your promise.  
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**  
Take not the word of truth from my mouth,  
for in your ordinances is my hope.  
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**  
And I will keep your law continually,  
forever and ever.  
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**  
And I will walk at liberty,  
because I seek your precepts.  
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**  
And I will delight in your commands,   
which I love.  
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**  
And I will lift up my hands to your commands  
and meditate on your statutes.  
R.**Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**

**Day 319**

# October 15, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 469

#### Reading 1 [GAL 5:18-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/5:18)

Brothers and sisters:  
If you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.  
Now the works of the flesh are obvious:  
immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry,  
sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy,  
outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness,  
dissensions, factions, occasions of envy,  
drinking bouts, orgies, and the like.  
I warn you, as I warned you before,  
that those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.  
In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.  
Against such there is no law.  
Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh  
with its passions and desires.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/1:1)

R. (see Jn 8:12)**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.**Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**  
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. **Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**  
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. **Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**

**Day 320**

# October 16, 2014

### Thursday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 470

#### Reading 1 [EPH 1:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/1:1)

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
to the holy ones who are in Ephesus  
and faithful in Christ Jesus:  
grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
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 Christ we have redemption by his Blood,  
the forgiveness of transgressions,  
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.  
In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us  
the mystery of his will in accord with his favor  
that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times,  
to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (2a) **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 known his salvation.**  
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.**The Lord has made known his salvation.**  
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. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**  
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. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**

**Day 321**

# October 17, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Lectionary: 471

#### Reading 1 [EPH 1:11-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/1:11)

Brothers and sisters:  
In Christ 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.  
In him you also, who have heard the word of truth,  
the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him,  
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,  
which is the first installment of our inheritance  
toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:1)

R. (12) **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten stringed lyre chant his praises.  
R.**Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
For upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**  
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
From heaven the LORD looks down;  
he sees all mankind.  
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**Day 322**

# October 18, 2014

 Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist  
Lectionary: 661

#### Reading 1 [2 TM 4:10-17B](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2timothy/4:10)

Beloved:  
Demas, enamored of the present world,  
deserted me and went to Thessalonica,  
Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.  
Luke is the only one with me.  
Get Mark and bring him with you,  
for he is helpful to me in the ministry.  
I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.  
When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus in Troas,  
the papyrus rolls, and especially the parchments.  
  
Alexander the coppersmith did me a great deal of harm;  
the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.  
You too be on guard against him,  
for he has strongly resisted our preaching.  
  
At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf,  
but everyone deserted me.  
May it not be held against them!  
But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:10)

R. (12) **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.**  
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. **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.**  
Making 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. **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.**  
The LORD is just in all his ways  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.  
R. **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.**

**Day 323**

# October 19, 2014

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 145

#### Reading 1 [IS 45:1, 4-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/45:1)

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,  
whose right hand I grasp,  
subduing nations before him,  
and making kings run in his service,  
opening doors before him  
and leaving the gates unbarred:  
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,  
of Israel, my chosen one,  
I have called you by your name,  
giving you a title, though you knew me not.  
I am the LORD and there is no other,  
there is no God besides me.  
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,  
so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun  
people may know that there is none besides me.  
I am the LORD, there is no other.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/96:1)

R/ (7b)**Give the Lord glory and honor.**  
Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
R/ **Give the Lord glory and honor.**  
For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
R/ **Give the Lord glory and honor.**  
Give to the LORD, you families of nations,  
give to the LORD glory and praise;  
give to the LORD the glory due his name!  
Bring gifts, and enter his courts.  
R/ **Give the Lord glory and honor.**  
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/**Give the Lord glory and honor.**

**Day 324**

# October 20, 2014

### Monday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 473

#### Reading 1 [EPH 2:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
You were dead in your transgressions and sins  
in which you once lived following the age of this world,  
following the ruler of the power of the air,  
the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient.  
All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh,  
following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses,  
and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest.  
But God, who is rich in mercy,  
because of the great love he had for us,  
even when we were dead in our transgressions,  
brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved),  
raised us up with him,  
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,  
that in the ages to come  
he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace  
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.  
For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;  
it is not from works, so no one may boast.  
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works  
that God has prepared in advance,  
that we should live in them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4AB, 4C-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/100:1)

R. (3b) **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**  
Sing joyfully to the LORD all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.  
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**  
Know that the LORD is God;  
he made us, his we are;  
his people, the flock he tends.  
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
his courts with praise.  
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**  
Give thanks to him; bless his name, for he is good:  
the LORD, whose kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations.  
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**

**Day 325**

# October 21, 2014

### Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 474

#### Reading 1 [EPH 2:12-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2:12)

Brothers and sisters:  
You were at that time without Christ,  
alienated from the community of Israel  
and strangers to the covenants of promise,  
without hope and without God in the world.  
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off  
have become near by the Blood of Christ.  
  
For he is our peace, he made both one  
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his Flesh,  
abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims,  
that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two,  
thus establishing peace,  
and might reconcile both with God,  
in one Body, through the cross,  
putting that enmity to death by it.  
He came and preached peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near,  
for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.  
  
So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners,  
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones  
and members of the household of God,   
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.  
Through him the whole structure is held together  
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;  
in him you also are being built together  
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 85:9AB-10, 11-12, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/85:9)

R. (see 9)**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**  
I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD–for he proclaims peace.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.  
R.**The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**  
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 speaks of peace to his people.**  
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. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

**Day 326**

# October 22, 2014

### Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 475

#### Reading 1 [EPH 3:2-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/3:2)

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,  
as I have written briefly earlier.  
When you read this  
you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,  
which was not made known to human beings 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.  
  
Of this I became a minister by the gift of God’s grace  
that was granted me in accord with the exercise of his power.  
To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given,  
to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ,  
and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the mystery  
hidden from ages past in God who created all things,  
so that the manifold wisdom of God  
might now be made known through the Church  
to the principalities and authorities in the heavens.  
This was according to the eternal purpose  
that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
in whom we have boldness of speech  
and confidence of access through faith in him.

#### Responsorial Psalm [IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/12:2)

R. (see 3)**You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**  
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.**You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;  
among the nations make known his deeds,  
proclaim how exalted is his name.  
R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**  
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. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

**Day 327**

# October 23, 2014

### Thursday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 476

#### Reading 1 [EPH 3:14-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/3:14)

Brothers and sisters:  
I kneel before the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory  
to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self,  
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;  
that you, rooted and grounded in love,  
may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones  
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,  
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,  
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.  
  
Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine,  
by the power at work within us,  
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:1)

R. (5b) **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten stringed lyre chant his praises.  
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
For upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
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. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**  
But see, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.  
R.**The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

**Day 328**

# October 24, 2014

### Friday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 477

#### Reading 1 [EPH 4:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/4:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
I, a prisoner for the Lord,  
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,  
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,  
bearing with one another through love,  
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit  
through the bond of peace;   
one Body and one Spirit,   
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24:1)

R. (see 6)**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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.**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

**Day 329**

# October 25, 2014

### Saturday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 478

#### Reading 1 [EPH 4:7-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/4:7)

Brothers and sisters:  
Grace was given to each of us  
according to the measure of Christ’s gift.  
Therefore, it says:  
  
He ascended on high and took prisoners captive;he gave gifts to men.  
  
What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended  
into the lower regions of the earth?  
The one who descended is also the one who ascended  
far above all the heavens,  
that he might fill all things.  
  
And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets,  
others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers,  
to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry,  
for building up the Body of Christ,  
until we all attain to the unity of faith  
and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood  
to the extent of the full stature of Christ,  
so that we may no longer be infants,  
tossed by waves and swept along by every wind of teaching  
arising from human trickery,  
from their cunning in the interests of deceitful scheming.  
Rather, living the truth in love,  
we should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ,  
from whom the whole Body,  
joined and held together by every supporting ligament,  
with the proper functioning of each part,  
brings about the Body’s growth and builds itself up in love.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/122:1)

R. (1)**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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD.  
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Day 330**

# October 26, 2014

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 148

#### Reading 1 [EX 22:20-26](http://www.usccb.org/bible/exodus/22:20)

Thus says the LORD:  
"You shall not molest or oppress an alien,  
for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.   
You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.   
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,  
I will surely hear their cry.   
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;  
then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.  
  
"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people,  
you shall not act like an extortioner toward him  
by demanding interest from him.   
If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge,  
you shall return it to him before sunset;  
for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body.   
What else has he to sleep in?  
If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/18:2)

R/ (2) **I love you, Lord, my strength.**  
I love you, O LORD, my strength,  
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.  
R/**I love you, Lord, my strength.**  
My God, my rock of refuge,  
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!  
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,  
and I am safe from my enemies.  
R/**I love you, Lord, my strength.**  
The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!  
Extolled be God my savior.  
You who gave great victories to your king  
and showed kindness to your anointed.  
R/**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

#### Reading 2[1 THES 1:5C-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1thessalonians/1:5)

Brothers and sisters:  
You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake.   
And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,  
receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit,  
so that you became a model for all the believers  
in Macedonia and in Achaia.  
For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth  
not only in Macedonia and in Achaia,  
but in every place your faith in God has gone forth,  
so that we have no need to say anything.   
For they themselves openly declare about us  
what sort of reception we had among you,  
and how you turned to God from idols  
to serve the living and true God  
and to await his Son from heaven,  
whom he raised from the dead,  
Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

**Day 331**

# October 27, 2014

### Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 479

#### Reading 1 [EPH 4:32-5:8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/4:32)

Brothers and sisters:  
Be kind to one another, compassionate,  
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.  
  
Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,  
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us  
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.  
Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you,  
as is fitting among holy ones,  
no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place,  
but instead, thanksgiving.  
Be sure of this, that no immoral or impure or greedy person,  
that is, an idolater,  
has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.  
  
Let no one deceive you with empty arguments,  
for because of these things  
the wrath of God is coming upon the disobedient.  
So do not be associated with them.  
For you were once darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/1:1)

R. (see Eph. 5:1) **Behave like God as his very dear children.**  
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. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**  
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. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**  
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. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**

**Day 332**

# October 28, 2014

### Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Lectionary: 666

#### Reading 1 [EPH 2:19-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2:19)

Brothers and sisters:  
You are no longer strangers and sojourners,  
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones  
and members of the household of God,   
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.  
Through him the whole structure is held together  
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;  
in him you also are being built together  
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 19:2-3, 4-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/19:2)

R. (5a) **Their message goes out through all the earth.**  
The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
Day pours out the word to day,  
and night to night imparts knowledge.  
R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**  
Not a word nor a discourse  
whose voice is not heard;  
Through all the earth their voice resounds,  
and to the ends of the world, their message.  
R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**

**Day 333**

# October 29, 2014

### Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 471

#### Reading 1 [EPH 6:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/6:1)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.  
Honor your father and mother.  
This is the first commandment with a promise,  
that it may go well with youand that you may have a long life on earth.  
Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,  
but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.  
  
Slaves, be obedient to your human masters with fear and trembling,  
in sincerity of heart, as to Christ,  
not only when being watched, as currying favor,  
but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,  
willingly serving the Lord and not men,  
knowing that each will be requited from the Lord  
for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.   
Masters, act in the same way towards them, and stop bullying,  
knowing that both they and you have a Master in heaven  
and that with him there is no partiality.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 13CD-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:10)

R. (13c) **The Lord is faithful in all his words.**  
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. **The Lord is faithful in all his words.**  
Making 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. **The Lord is faithful in all his words.**  
The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
R. **The Lord is faithful in all his words.**

**Day 334**

# October 30, 2014

 Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 482

#### Reading 1 [EPH 6:10-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/6:10)

Brothers and sisters:  
Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power.  
Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm  
against the tactics of the Devil.  
For our struggle is not with flesh and blood  
but with the principalities, with the powers,  
with the world rulers of this present darkness,  
with the evil spirits in the heavens.  
Therefore, put on the armor of God,  
that you may be able to resist on the evil day  
and, having done everything, to hold your ground.  
So stand fast with your loins girded in truth,  
clothed with righteousness as a breastplate,  
and your feet shod in readiness for the Gospel of peace.  
In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield,  
to quench all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.  
And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.  
  
With all prayer and supplication,  
pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.  
To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication  
for all the holy ones and also for me,  
that speech may be given me to open my mouth,  
to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel  
for which I am an ambassador in chains,  
so that I may have the courage to speak as I must.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/144:1)

R. (1b) **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
My mercy and my fortress,  
my stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield, in whom I trust,  
who subdues my people under me.  
R.**Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
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.**Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

**Day 335**

# October 31, 2014

### Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 483

#### Reading 1 [PHIL 1:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/1:1)

Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus,  
to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,  
with the bishops and deacons:  
grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you,  
praying 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.  
It is right that I should think this way about all of you,  
because I hold you in my heart,  
you who are all partners with me in grace,  
both in my imprisonment  
and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel.  
For 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/111:1)

R. (2) **How great are the works of the Lord!**  
or:  
R. **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. **How great are the works of the Lord!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Majesty and glory are his work,  
and his justice endures forever.  
He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;  
gracious and merciful is the LORD.  
R. **How great are the works of the Lord!**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
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. **How great are the works of the Lord!**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 336**

# November 1, 2014

### Solemnity of All Saints Lectionary: 667

#### Reading 1 [RV 7:2-4, 9-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/7:2)

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East,  
holding the seal of the living God.  
He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels  
who were given power to damage the land and the sea,  
“Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees  
until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”  
I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal,  
one hundred and forty-four thousand marked  
from every tribe of the children of Israel.  
  
After this I had a vision of a great multitude,  
which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.  
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.  
They cried out in a loud voice:  
  
“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,  
and from the Lamb.”  
  
All the angels stood around the throne  
and around the elders and the four living creatures.  
They prostrated themselves before the throne,  
worshiped God, and exclaimed:  
  
“Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,  
honor, power, and might  
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”  
  
Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me,  
“Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?”  
I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.”  
He said to me,  
“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;  
they have washed their robes  
and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24:1)

R. (see 6)**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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.**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.  
R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.  
R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

#### Reading 2[1 JN 3:1-3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/3:1)

Beloved:  
See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.  
Yet 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.  
Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure,  
as he is pure.

**Day 337**

# November 2, 2014

### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Lectionary: 668

#### Reading 1 [WIS 3:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/wisdom/3:1)

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,  
and no torment shall touch them.  
They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;  
and their passing away was thought an affliction  
and their going forth from us, utter destruction.  
But they are in peace.  
For if before men, indeed, they be punished,  
yet is their hope full of immortality;  
chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,  
because God tried them  
and found them worthy of himself.  
As gold in the furnace, he proved them,  
and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.  
In the time of their visitation they shall shine,  
and shall dart about as sparks through stubble;  
they shall judge nations and rule over peoples,  
and the LORD shall be their King forever.  
Those who trust in him shall understand truth,  
and the faithful shall abide with him in love:  
because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,  
and his care is with his elect.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R. (1) **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R. **Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**  
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.**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R.**Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**  
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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R. **Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R. **Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**  
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.**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
or:  
R. **Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

#### Reading 2[ROM 5:5-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/5:5)

Brothers and sisters:  
Hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
For Christ, while we were still helpless,  
died at the appointed time for the ungodly.  
Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person,  
though perhaps for a good person  
one might even find courage to die.  
But God proves his love for us  
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.  
How much more then, since we are now justified by his Blood,  
will we be saved through him from the wrath.  
Indeed, if, while we were enemies,  
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life.  
Not only that,  
but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

#### Or [ROM 6:3-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/6:3)

Brothers and sisters:  
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus   
were baptized into his death?  
We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,   
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead   
by the glory of the Father,   
we too might live in newness of life.  
  
For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,   
we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.  
We know that our old self was crucified with him,   
so that our sinful body might be done away with,   
that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.  
For a dead person has been absolved from sin.  
If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.  
We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him.

**Day 338**

# November 3, 2014

### Monday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 485

#### Reading 1 [Phil 2:1-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
If there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any solace in love,  
any participation in the Spirit,  
any compassion and mercy,  
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,  
united in heart, thinking one thing.  
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;  
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not for his own interests,   
but also everyone for those of others.

#### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/131:1)

R. **In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.**  
O LORD, my heart is not proud,  
nor are my eyes haughty;  
I busy not myself with great things,  
nor with things too sublime for me.  
R. **In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.**  
Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted  
my soul like a weaned child.  
Like a weaned child on its mother’s lap,  
so is my soul within me.  
R. **In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.**  
O Israel, hope in the LORD,  
both now and forever.  
R. **In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.**

**Day 339**

# November 4, 2014

 Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
Lectionary: 486

#### Reading 1 [PHIL 2:5-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2:5)

Brothers and sisters:  
Have among yourselves the same attitude   
that is also yours in Christ Jesus,  
  
Who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
something to be grasped.  
Rather, he emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
coming in human likeness;  
and, found human in appearance,  
he humbled himself,  
becoming obedient to death,  
even death on a cross.  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name  
that is above every name,  
that 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 22:26B-27, 28-30AB, 30E, 31-32](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/22:26)

R. (26a) **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**  
I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.  
The lowly shall eat their fill;   
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:  
“May your hearts be ever merry!”  
R.**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**  
All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
All the families of the nations  
shall bow down before him.  
R. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**  
For dominion is the LORD’s,  
and he rules the nations.  
To him alone shall bow down  
all who sleep in the earth.  
R.**I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**  
To him my soul shall live;  
my descendants shall serve him.  
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD  
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born  
the justice he has shown.  
R. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

**Day 340**

# November 5, 2014

### Wednesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 487

#### Reading 1 [PHIL 2:12-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2:12)

My beloved, obedient as you have always been,  
not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent,  
work out your salvation with fear and trembling.  
For God is the one who, for his good purpose,  
works in you both to desire and to work.  
Do everything without grumbling or questioning,  
that you may be blameless and innocent,  
children of God without blemish  
in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,  
among whom you shine like lights in the world,  
as you hold on to the word of life,  
so that my boast for the day of Christ may be  
that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.  
But, even if I am poured out as a libation  
upon the sacrificial service of your faith,  
I rejoice and share my joy with all of you.  
In the same way you also should rejoice and share your joy with me.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:1, 4, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:1)

R. (1a) **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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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.**The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Day 341**

# November 6, 2014

### Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 488

#### Reading 1 [PHIL 3:3-8A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/3:3)

Brothers and sisters:  
We are the circumcision,   
we who worship through the Spirit of God,  
who boast in Christ Jesus and do not put our confidence in flesh,  
although I myself have grounds for confidence even in the flesh.  
  
If anyone else thinks he can be confident in flesh, all the more can I.   
Circumcised on the eighth day,  
of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,  
a Hebrew of Hebrew parentage,  
in observance of the law a Pharisee,  
in zeal I persecuted the Church,  
in righteousness based on the law I was blameless.  
  
But whatever gains I had,  
these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ.  
More than that, I even consider everything as a loss  
because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:2)

R. (3b)**Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Sing to him, sing his praise,  
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
R. **Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
seek to serve him constantly.  
Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought,  
his portents, and the judgments he has uttered.  
R.**Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,  
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
He, the LORD, is our God;  
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.  
R. **Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 342**

# November 7, 2014

### Friday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 489

#### Reading 1 [PHIL 3:17-4:1](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/3:17)

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters,   
and observe those who thus conduct themselves   
according to the model you have in us.  
For many, as I have often told you   
and now tell you even in tears,   
conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.  
Their end is destruction.  
Their God is their stomach;   
their glory is in their “shame.”  
Their minds are occupied with earthly things.  
But our citizenship is in heaven,   
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified Body   
by the power that enables him also   
to bring all things into subjection to himself.  
  
Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,   
in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/122:1)

R. (1)**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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD.  
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**  
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. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**Day 343**

# November 8, 2014

### Saturday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 490

#### Reading 1 [PHIL 4:10-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/4:10)

Brothers and sisters:  
I rejoice greatly in the Lord  
that now at last you revived your concern for me.  
You were, of course, concerned about me but lacked an opportunity.  
Not that I say this because of need,  
for I have learned, in whatever situation I find myself,  
to be self-sufficient.  
I know indeed how to live in humble circumstances;  
I know also how to live with abundance.  
In every circumstance and in all things  
I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,  
of living in abundance and of being in need.  
I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.  
Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.  
  
You Philippians indeed know that at the beginning of the Gospel,  
when I left Macedonia,  
not a single church shared with me  
in an account of giving and receiving, except you alone.  
For even when I was at Thessalonica  
you sent me something for my needs,  
not only once but more than once.  
It is not that I am eager for the gift;  
rather, I am eager for the profit that accrues to your account.  
I have received full payment and I abound.  
I am very well supplied because of what I received from you  
through Epaphroditus,  
“a fragrant aroma,” an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.  
My God will fully supply whatever you need,  
in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 112:1B-2, 5-6, 8A AND 9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/112:1)

R. **Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**  
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice;  
He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
R. **Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.  
Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
his generosity shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.  
R. **Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**

**Day 344**

# November 9, 2014

### Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Lectionary: 671

#### Reading 1 [EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/47:1)

The angel brought me  
back to the entrance of the temple,  
and I saw water flowing out  
from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east,  
for the façade of the temple was toward the east;  
the water flowed down from the southern side of the temple,  
south of the altar.  
He led me outside by the north gate,  
and around to the outer gate facing the east,  
where I saw water trickling from the southern side.  
He said to me,  
“This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah,  
and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh.  
Wherever the river flows,  
every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live,  
and there shall be abundant fish,  
for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh.  
Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow;  
their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail.  
Every month they shall bear fresh fruit,  
for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary.  
Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/46:2)

R. (5) **The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!**  
God is our refuge and our strength,  
an ever-present help in distress.  
Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken  
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.  
R. **The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!**  
There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God,  
the holy dwelling of the Most High.  
God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed;  
God will help it at the break of dawn.  
R. **The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!**  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.  
Come! behold the deeds of the LORD,  
the astounding things he has wrought on earth.   
R. **The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!**

#### Reading 2[1 COR 3:9C-11, 16-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/3:9)

Brothers and sisters:  
You are God’s building.  
According to the grace of God given to me,  
like a wise master builder I laid a foundation,  
and another is building upon it.  
But each one must be careful how he builds upon it,  
for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there,  
namely, Jesus Christ.  
  
Do you not know that you are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?  
If anyone destroys God’s temple,  
God will destroy that person;  
for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

**Day 345**

# November 10, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 491

#### Reading 1 [TI 1:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/titus/1:1)

Paul, a slave of God and Apostle of Jesus Christ  
for the sake of the faith of God’s chosen ones  
and the recognition of religious truth,  
in the hope of eternal life   
that God, who does not lie, promised before time began,  
who indeed at the proper time revealed his word  
in the proclamation with which I was entrusted  
by the command of God our savior,  
to Titus, my true child in our common faith:  
grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our savior.  
  
For this reason I left you in Crete  
so that you might set right what remains to be done  
and appoint presbyters in every town, as I directed you,  
on condition that a man be blameless,  
married only once, with believing children  
who are not accused of licentiousness or rebellious.  
For a bishop as God’s steward must be blameless, not arrogant,  
not irritable, not a drunkard, not aggressive,  
not greedy for sordid gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness,  
temperate, just, holy, and self-controlled,  
holding fast to the true message as taught  
so that he will be able both to exhort with sound doctrine  
and to refute opponents.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 24:1B-2, 3-4AB, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24:1)

R. (see 6) **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

**Day 346**

# November 11, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop Lectionary: 492

#### Reading 1 [TI 2:1-8, 11-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/titus/2:1)

Beloved:  
You must say what is consistent with sound doctrine,  
namely, that older men should be temperate, dignified,  
self-controlled, sound in faith, love, and endurance.  
Similarly, older women should be reverent in their behavior,  
not slanderers, not addicted to drink,   
teaching what is good, so that they may train younger women  
to love their husbands and children,  
to be self-controlled, chaste, good homemakers,  
under the control of their husbands,  
so that the word of God may not be discredited.  
  
Urge the younger men, similarly, to control themselves,  
showing yourself as a model of good deeds in every respect,  
with integrity in your teaching, dignity, and sound speech   
that cannot be criticized,  
so that the opponent will be put to shame  
without anything bad to say about us.  
  
For 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 the great God  
and of our 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 37:3-4, 18 AND 23, 27 AND 29](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/37:3)

R. (39a)**The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
Trust in the LORD and do good,  
that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.  
Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will grant you your heart’s requests.  
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
The LORD watches over the lives of the wholehearted;  
their inheritance lasts forever.  
By the LORD are the steps of a man made firm,  
and he approves his way.  
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
Turn from evil and do good,  
that you may abide forever;  
The just shall possess the land  
and dwell in it forever.  
R.**The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

**Day 347**

# November 12, 2014

 Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
Lectionary: 493

#### Reading 1 [TI 3:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/titus/3:1)

Beloved:  
Remind them to be under the control of magistrates and authorities,  
to be obedient, to be open to every good enterprise.  
They are to slander no one, to be peaceable, considerate,  
exercising all graciousness toward everyone.  
For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, deluded,  
slaves to various desires and pleasures,  
living in malice and envy,  
hateful ourselves and hating one another.  
  
But 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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1B-3A, 3BC-4, 5, 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R. (1) **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.**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
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. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Day 348**

# November 13, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Lectionary: 494

#### Reading 1 [PHLM 7-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philemon/1:7)

Beloved:  
I have experienced much joy and encouragement from your love,  
because the hearts of the holy ones  
have been refreshed by you, brother.  
Therefore, although I have the full right in Christ  
to order you to do what is proper,  
I rather urge you out of love,  
being as I am, Paul, an old man,  
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.  
I urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,  
whose father I have become in my imprisonment,  
who was once useless to you but is now useful to both you and me.  
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.  
I should have liked to retain him for myself,  
so that he might serve me on your behalf  
in my imprisonment for the Gospel,  
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,  
so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.  
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,  
that you might have him back forever,  
no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother,  
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,  
as a man and in the Lord.  
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.  
And if he has done you any injustice  
or owes you anything, charge it to me.  
I, Paul, write this in my own hand: I will pay.  
May I not tell you that you owe me your very self.  
Yes, brother, may I profit from you in the Lord.  
Refresh my heart in Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/146:7)

R. (5a)**Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.  
R.**Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The LORD gives sight to the blind.  
The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;  
the LORD loves the just.  
The LORD protects strangers.  
R. **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
The fatherless and the widow he sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.  
R. **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 349**

# November 14, 2014

 Friday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 495

#### Reading 1 [2 JN 4-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2john/1:4)

[Chosen Lady:]  
I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth  
just as we were commanded by the Father.  
But now, Lady, I ask you,  
not as though I were writing a new commandment  
but the one we have had from the beginning:  
let us love one another.  
For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments;  
this is the commandment, as you heard from the beginning,  
in which you should walk.  
  
Many deceivers have gone out into the world,  
those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh;  
such is the deceitful one and the antichrist.  
Look to yourselves that you do not lose what we worked for  
but may receive a full recompense.  
Anyone who is so “progressive”  
as not to remain in the teaching of the Christ does not have God;  
whoever remains in the teaching has the Father and the Son.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:1)

R. (1b) **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
With all my heart I seek you;  
let me not stray from your commands.  
R.**Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Within my heart I treasure your promise,  
that I may not sin against you.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Be good to your servant, that I may live  
and keep your words.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**  
Open my eyes, that I may consider  
the wonders of your law.  
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

**Day 350**

# November 15, 2014

### Saturday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 496

#### Reading 1 [3 JN 5-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/3john/1:5)

Beloved, you are faithful in all you do for the brothers and sisters,  
especially for strangers;  
they have testified to your love before the Church.  
Please help them in a way worthy of God to continue their journey.  
For they have set out for the sake of the Name  
and are accepting nothing from the pagans.  
Therefore, we ought to support such persons,  
so that we may be co-workers in the truth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/112:1)

R. **Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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.**Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice;  
He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
R.**Blessed the man who fears the Lord.**  
or:  
R.**Alleluia.**

**Day 351**

# November 16, 2014

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 157

#### Reading 1 [PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/proverbs/31:10)

When one finds a worthy wife,  
her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and works with loving hands.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a reward for her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/128:1)

R/ (cf. 1a) **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**  
Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.  
R/ **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**  
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
around your table.  
R/ **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**  
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/ **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

**Day 352**

# November 17, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Lectionary: 497

#### Reading 1 [RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/1:1)

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him,  
to show his servants what must happen soon.  
He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,  
who gives witness to the word of God  
and to the testimony of Jesus Christ by reporting what he saw.  
Blessed is the one who reads aloud  
and blessed are those who listen to this prophetic message  
and heed what is written in it, for the appointed time is near.  
  
John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace to you and peace  
from him who is and who was and who is to come,  
and from the seven spirits before his throne.  
  
I heard the Lord saying to me:  
“To the angel of the Church in Ephesus, write this:  
  
“‘The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand  
and walks in the midst of the seven gold lampstands says this:  
“I know your works, your labor, and your endurance,  
and that you cannot tolerate the wicked;  
you have tested those who call themselves Apostles but are not,  
and discovered that they are impostors.  
Moreover, you have endurance and have suffered for my name,  
and you have not grown weary.  
Yet I hold this against you:  
you have lost the love you had at first.  
Realize how far you have fallen.  
Repent, and do the works you did at first.  
Otherwise, I will come to you  
and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”’”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/1:1)

R. (Rev. 2:17) **Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree 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. **Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.**  
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.**Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.**  
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. **Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.**

**Day 353**

# November 18, 2014

### Tuesday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 498

#### Reading 1 [RV 3:1-6, 14-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/3:1)

I, John, heard the Lord saying to me:  
“To the angel of the Church in Sardis, write this:  
  
“‘The one who has the seven spirits of God  
and the seven stars says this: “I know your works,  
that you have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.  
Be watchful and strengthen what is left, which is going to die,  
for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.  
Remember then how you accepted and heard; keep it, and repent.  
If you are not watchful, I will come like a thief,  
and you will never know at what hour I will come upon you.  
However, you have a few people in Sardis  
who have not soiled their garments;  
they will walk with me dressed in white,  
because they are worthy.  
  
“‘The victor will thus be dressed in white,  
and I will never erase his name from the book of life  
but will acknowledge his name in the presence of my Father  
and of his angels.  
  
“‘Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”  
  
“To the angel of the Church in Laodicea, write this:  
  
“‘The Amen, the faithful and true witness,  
the source of God’s creation, says this:  
“I know your works;  
I know that you are neither cold nor hot.  
I wish you were either cold or hot.  
So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold,  
I will spit you out of my mouth.  
For you say, ‘I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,’  
and yet do not realize that you are wretched,  
pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.  
I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich,  
and white garments to put on  
so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed,  
and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see.  
Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise.  
Be earnest, therefore, and repent.  
  
“‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,  
then I will enter his house and dine with him,  
and he with me.  
I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne,  
as I myself first won the victory  
and sit with my Father on his throne.  
  
“‘Whoever has ears ought to hear  
what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/15:2)

R. (Rev. 3: 21) **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**  
He who walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.  
R. **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**  
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. **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**  
Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.  
R. **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**

**Day 354**

# November 19, 2014

### Wednesday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 499

#### Reading 1 [RV 4:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/4:1)

I, John, had a vision of an open door to heaven,  
and I heard the trumpetlike voice  
that had spoken to me before, saying,  
“Come up here and I will show you what must happen afterwards.”  
At once I was caught up in spirit.   
A throne was there in heaven, and on the throne sat one  
whose appearance sparkled like jasper and carnelian.  
Around the throne was a halo as brilliant as an emerald.  
Surrounding the throne I saw twenty-four other thrones  
on which twenty-four elders sat,  
dressed in white garments and with gold crowns on their heads.  
From the throne came flashes of lightning,  
rumblings, and peals of thunder.  
Seven flaming torches burned in front of the throne,  
which are the seven spirits of God.  
In front of the throne was something that resembled  
a sea of glass like crystal.  
  
In the center and around the throne,  
there were four living creatures  
covered with eyes in front and in back.  
The first creature resembled a lion, the second was like a calf,  
the third had a face like that of a man,  
and the fourth looked like an eagle in flight.  
The four living creatures, each of them with six wings,  
were covered with eyes inside and out.  
Day and night they do not stop exclaiming:  
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and who is, and who is to come.”  
Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks  
to the one who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,  
the twenty-four elders fall down  
before the one who sits on the throne  
and worship him, who lives forever and ever.  
They throw down their crowns before the throne, exclaiming:  
  
“Worthy are you, Lord our God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things;  
because of your will they came to be and were created.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 150:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/150:1)

R. (1b) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!**  
Praise the LORD in his sanctuary,  
praise him in the firmament of his strength.  
Praise him for his mighty deeds,  
praise him for his sovereign majesty.  
R. **Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!**  
Praise him with the blast of the trumpet,  
praise him with lyre and harp,  
Praise him with timbrel and dance,  
praise him with strings and pipe.  
R. **Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!**  
Praise him with sounding cymbals,  
praise him with clanging cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
praise the LORD! Alleluia.  
R. **Holy, holy, holy Lord, mighty God!**

**Day 355**

# November 20, 2014

### Thursday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 500

#### Reading 1 [RV 5:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/5:1)

I, John, saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne.  
It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals.  
Then I saw a mighty angel who proclaimed in a loud voice,  
“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”  
But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth  
was able to open the scroll or to examine it.  
I shed many tears because no one was found worthy  
to open the scroll or to examine it.  
One of the elders said to me, “Do not weep.  
The lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed,  
enabling him to open the scroll with its seven seals.”  
  
Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne  
and the four living creatures and the elders  
a Lamb that seemed to have been slain.  
He had seven horns and seven eyes;  
these are the seven spirits of God sent out into the whole world.  
He came and received the scroll from the right hand  
of the one who sat on the throne.  
When he took it,  
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders  
fell down before the Lamb.  
Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense,  
which are the prayers of the holy ones.  
They sang a new hymn:  
  
“Worthy are you to receive the scroll  
and break open its seals,  
for you were slain and with your Blood you purchased for God  
those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation.  
You made them a kingdom and priests for our God,  
and they will reign on earth.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/149:1)

R. (Rev. 5:10) **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
or:  
R. **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. **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 356**

# November 21, 2014

### Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lectionary: 501

#### Reading 1 [RV 10:8-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/10:8)

I, John, heard a voice from heaven speak to me.  
Then the voice spoke to me and said:  
“Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel  
who is standing on the sea and on the land.”  
So I went up to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll.  
He said to me, “Take and swallow it.  
It will turn your stomach sour,  
but in your mouth it will taste as sweet as honey.”  
I took the small scroll from the angel’s hand and swallowed it.  
In my mouth it was like sweet honey,  
but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.  
Then someone said to me, “You must prophesy again  
about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:14)

R. (103a) **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**  
In the way of your decrees I rejoice,  
as much as in all riches.  
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**  
Yes, your decrees are my delight;  
they are my counselors.  
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**  
The law of your mouth is to me more precious  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.  
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**  
How sweet to my palate are your promises,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**  
Your decrees are my inheritance forever;  
the joy of my heart they are.  
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**  
I gasp with open mouth  
in my yearning for your commands.  
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**

**Day 357**

# November 22, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Lectionary: 502

#### Reading 1 [RV 11:4-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/11:4)

I, John, heard a voice from heaven speak to me:  
Here are my two witnesses:  
These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands  
that stand before the Lord of the earth.  
If anyone wants to harm them, fire comes out of their mouths  
and devours their enemies.  
In this way, anyone wanting to harm them is sure to be slain.  
They have the power to close up the sky  
so that no rain can fall during the time of their prophesying.  
They also have power to turn water into blood  
and to afflict the earth with any plague as often as they wish.  
  
When they have finished their testimony,  
the beast that comes up from the abyss  
will wage war against them and conquer them and kill them.  
Their corpses will lie in the main street of the great city,  
which has the symbolic names “Sodom” and “Egypt,”  
where indeed their Lord was crucified.  
Those from every people, tribe, tongue, and nation  
will gaze on their corpses for three and a half days,  
and they will not allow their corpses to be buried.  
The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them  
and be glad and exchange gifts  
because these two prophets tormented the inhabitants of the earth.  
But after the three and a half days,  
a breath of life from God entered them.  
When they stood on their feet, great fear fell on those who saw them.  
Then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, “Come up here.”  
So they went up to heaven in a cloud as their enemies looked on.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 144:1, 2, 9-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/144:1)

R. (1b) **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war.   
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
My mercy and my fortress,  
my stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield, in whom I trust,  
who subdues my people under me.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
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. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

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# November 23, 2014

« [November 22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/112214.cfm)  |  [November 24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/112414.cfm) »

### The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Lectionary: 160

#### Reading 1[EZ 34:11-12, 15-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/34:11)

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.   
As a shepherd tends his flock  
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,  
so will I tend my sheep.  
I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered  
when it was cloudy and dark.   
I myself will pasture my sheep;  
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.   
The lost I will seek out,  
the strayed I will bring back,  
the injured I will bind up,  
the sick I will heal,  
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,  
shepherding them rightly.  
  
As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,  
I will judge between one sheep and another,  
between rams and goats.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/23:1)

R/ (1) **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.  
R/**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
Beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
R/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
R/**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**  
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/ **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

#### Reading 2[1 COR 15:20-26, 28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:20)

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.   
For since death came through man,  
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.  
For just as in Adam all die,  
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,  
but each one in proper order:  
Christ the firstfruits;  
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;  
then comes the end,  
when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,  
when he has destroyed every sovereignty  
and every authority and power.   
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.   
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.  
When everything is subjected to him,  
then the Son himself will also be subjected  
to the one who subjected everything to him,  
so that God may be all in all.

**Day 359**

# November 24, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Andrew Dŭng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Lectionary: 503

#### Reading 1 [RV 14:1-3, 4B-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/14:1)

I, John, looked and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion,  
and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand  
who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.  
I heard a sound from heaven  
like the sound of rushing water or a loud peal of thunder.  
The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.  
They were singing what seemed to be a new hymn before the throne,  
before the four living creatures and the elders.  
No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand  
who had been ransomed from the earth.  
These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.  
They have been ransomed as the first fruits  
of the human race for God and the Lamb.  
On their lips no deceit has been found; they are unblemished.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 42:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24:1)

R. (see 6) **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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.**Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
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. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

**Day 360**

# November 25, 2014

### Tuesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 504

#### Reading 1 [RV 14:14-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/14:14)

I, John, looked and there was a white cloud,  
and sitting on the cloud one who looked like a son of man,  
with a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.  
Another angel came out of the temple,  
crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud,  
“Use your sickle and reap the harvest,  
for the time to reap has come,  
because the earth’s harvest is fully ripe.”  
So the one who was sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth,  
and the earth was harvested.  
  
Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven  
who also had a sharp sickle.  
Then another angel came from the altar, who was in charge of the fire,  
and cried out in a loud voice  
to the one who had the sharp sickle,  
“Use your sharp sickle and cut the clusters from the earth’s vines,  
for its grapes are ripe.”  
So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and cut the earth’s vintage.  
He threw it into the great wine press of God’s fury.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:10, 11-12, 13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/96:10)

R. (13b) **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**  
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. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**  
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.**The Lord comes to judge the earth.**  
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.**The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

**Day 361**

# November 26, 2014

### Wednesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 505

#### Reading 1 [RV 15:1-4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/15:1)

I, John, saw in heaven another sign, great and awe-inspiring:  
seven angels with the seven last plagues,  
for through them God’s fury is accomplished.  
  
Then I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire.  
On the sea of glass were standing those  
who had won the victory over the beast  
and its image and the number that signified its name.  
They were holding God’s harps,  
and they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God,  
and the song of the Lamb:  
  
“Great and wonderful are your works,  
Lord God almighty.  
Just and true are your ways,  
O king of the nations.  
Who will not fear you, Lord,  
or glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All the nations will come  
and worship before you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98:1)

R. (Rev. 15: 3b) **Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**  
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.**Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**  
Let the sea and what fills it resound,  
the world and those who dwell in it;  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
the mountains shout with them for joy.  
R.**Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**  
Before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to rule the earth;  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with equity.  
R.**Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**

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### Thursday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 506

#### Reading 1 [RV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/18:1)

I, John, saw another angel coming down from heaven,  
having great authority,  
and the earth became illumined by his splendor.  
He cried out in a mighty voice:  
  
“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great.  
She has become a haunt for demons.  
She is a cage for every unclean spirit,  
a cage for every unclean bird,  
a cage for every unclean and disgusting beast.”  
  
A mighty angel picked up a stone like a huge millstone  
and threw it into the sea and said:  
  
“With such force will Babylon the great city be thrown down,  
and will never be found again.  
No melodies of harpists and musicians,  
flutists and trumpeters,  
will ever be heard in you again.  
No craftsmen in any trade  
will ever be found in you again.  
No sound of the millstone  
will ever be heard in you again.  
No light from a lamp  
will ever be seen in you again.  
No voices of bride and groom  
will ever be heard in you again.  
Because your merchants were the great ones of the world,  
all nations were led astray by your magic potion.”  
  
After this I heard what sounded like  
the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying:  
  
“Alleluia!  
Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God,  
for true and just are his judgments.  
He has condemned the great harlot   
who corrupted the earth with her harlotry.  
He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”  
  
They said a second time:  
  
“Alleluia! Smoke will rise from her forever and ever.”  
  
Then the angel said to me, “Write this:  
Blessed are those who have been called  
to the wedding feast of the Lamb.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/100:1)

R. (Rev. 19: 9a) **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.  
R.**Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**  
Know that the LORD is God;  
he made us, his we are;  
his people, the flock he tends.  
R. **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
his courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.  
R.**Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**  
For he is good:  
the LORD, whose kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations.  
R. **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**

**Day 363**

# November 28, 2014

### Friday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 507

#### Reading 1 [RV 20:1-4, 11-21:2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/20:1)

I, John, saw an angel come down from heaven,  
holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain.  
He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent,  
which is the Devil or Satan,  
and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss,  
which he locked over it and sealed,  
so that it could no longer lead the nations astray  
until the thousand years are completed.  
After this, it is to be released for a short time.  
  
Then I saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment.  
I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded  
for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God,  
and who had not worshiped the beast or its image  
nor had accepted its mark on their foreheads or hands.  
They came to life and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.  
  
Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.  
The earth and the sky fled from his presence  
and there was no place for them.  
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,  
and scrolls were opened.  
Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.  
The dead were judged according to their deeds,  
by what was written in the scrolls.  
The sea gave up its dead;  
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.  
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.  
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.  
(This pool of fire is the second death.)  
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life  
was thrown into the pool of fire.  
  
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.  
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/84:3)

R. (Rev. 21:3b)**Here God lives among his people.**  
My soul yearns and pines   
for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh  
cry out for the living God.  
R. **Here God lives among his people.**  
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.**Here God lives among his people.**  
Blessed they who dwell in your house!  
continually they praise you.  
Blessed the men whose strength you are!  
They go from strength to strength.  
R. **Here God lives among his people.**

**Day 364**

# November 29, 2014

### Saturday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 509

#### Reading 1 [RV 22:1-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/22:1)

John said:  
An angel showed me the river of life-giving water,  
sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God  
and of the Lamb down the middle of the street,  
On either side of the river grew the tree of life  
that produces fruit twelve times a year, once each month;  
the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations.  
Nothing accursed will be found anymore.  
The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,  
and his servants will worship him.  
They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.  
Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun,  
for the Lord God shall give them light,  
and they shall reign forever and ever.  
  
And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true,   
and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits,  
sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon.”  
“Behold, I am coming soon.”  
Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic message of this book.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/95:1)

R. (1 Cor 16: 22b, see Rev. 22: 20c) **Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**  
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
R. **Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great king above all gods;  
In his hands are the depths of the earth,  
and the tops of the mountains are his.  
His is the sea, for he has made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
R. **Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**  
Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.  
R. **Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**