**Year B**

**Day 1**

# November 30, 2014

### First Sunday of Advent Lectionary: 2

#### Reading 1 [IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/63:16)

You, LORD, are our father,  
our redeemer you are named forever.  
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,  
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?  
Return for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your heritage.  
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
with the mountains quaking before you,  
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,  
such as they had not heard of from of old.  
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you  
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.  
Would that you might meet us doing right,  
that we were mindful of you in our ways!  
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;  
all of us have become like unclean people,  
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;  
we have all withered like leaves,  
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.  
There is none who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to cling to you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have delivered us up to our guilt.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 1:3-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:3)

Brothers and sisters:  
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 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/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,  
and come to save us.  
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 2**

# December 1, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [IS 2:1-5](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/isaiah/11:1)

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!

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/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 2, 2014

### Tuesday of the First Week of Advent  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/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 3, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Lectionary: 177

#### Reading 1 [IS 25:6-10A](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 4, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [IS 26:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 5, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [IS 29:17-24](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 6, 2014

### Saturday of the First Week of Advent Lectionary: 180

#### Reading 1 [IS 30:19-21, 23-26](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 7, 2014

### Second Sunday of Advent Lectionary: 5

#### Reading 1 [IS 40:1-5, 9-11](http://www.usccb.org/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.  
  
Go up on to 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.

#### Reading 2 [2 PT 3:8-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2peter/3:8)

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,  
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years  
and a thousand years like one day.  
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,”  
but he is patient with you,  
not wishing that any should perish  
but that all should come to repentance.  
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,  
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar  
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,  
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.  
  
Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,  
what sort of persons ought you to be,  
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,  
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,  
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames  
and the elements melted by fire.  
But according to his promise  
we await new heavens and a new earth  
in which righteousness dwells.  
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,  
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

#### 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 to his people.  
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 9**

# December 8, 2014

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

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

#### Reading 2 [EPH 1:3-6, 11-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/1:3)

Brothers and sisters:  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.   
In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,  
in accord with the favor of his will,  
for the praise of the glory of his grace  
that he granted us in the beloved.  
  
In him we were also chosen,  
destined in accord with the purpose of the One  
who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will,  
so that we might exist for the praise of his glory,  
we who first hoped in Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4](http://www.usccb.org/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 9, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [IS 40:1-11](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 10, 2014

### Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent Lectionary: 183

#### Reading 1 [IS 40:25-31](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 11, 2014

### Thursday of the Second Week of Advent Lectionary: 184

#### Reading 1 [IS 41:13-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/41:13)

I am the LORD, your God,  
who grasp your right hand;  
It is I who say to you, “Fear not,  
I will help you.”  
Fear not, O worm Jacob,  
O maggot Israel;  
I will help you, says the LORD;  
your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.  
I will make of you a threshing sledge,  
sharp, new, and double-edged,  
To thresh the mountains and crush them,  
to make the hills like chaff.  
When you winnow them, the wind shall carry them off  
and the storm shall scatter them.  
But you shall rejoice in the LORD,  
and glory in the Holy One of Israel.  
  
The afflicted and the needy seek water in vain,  
their tongues are parched with thirst.  
I, the LORD, will answer them;  
I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.  
I will open up rivers on the bare heights,  
and fountains in the broad valleys;  
I will turn the desert into a marshland,  
and the dry ground into springs of water.  
I will plant in the desert the cedar,  
acacia, myrtle, and olive;  
I will set in the wasteland the cypress,  
together with the plane tree and the pine,  
That all may see and know,  
observe and understand,  
That the hand of the LORD has done this,  
the Holy One of Israel has created it.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 145:1 AND 9, 10-11, 12-13AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:1)

R. (8) **The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness.**  
I will extol you, O my God and King,  
and I will bless your name forever and ever.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R.**The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness.**  
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 gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness.**  
Let them make known to men your might  
and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.  
Your Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.  
R. **The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness.**

**Day 13**

# December 12, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [ZEC 2:14-17](http://www.usccb.org/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/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/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 14**

# December 13, 2014

### Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Lectionary: 186

#### Reading 1 [SIR 48:1-4, 9-11](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 14, 2014

### Third Sunday of Advent Lectionary: 8

#### Reading 1 [IS 61:1-2A, 10-11](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 poor,  
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.  
  
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,  
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

#### Reading 2 [1 THES 5:16-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1thessalonians/5:16)

Brothers and sisters:  
Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.  
Do not quench the Spirit.  
Do not despise prophetic utterances.  
Test everything; retain what is good.  
Refrain from every kind of evil.  
  
May the God of peace make you perfectly holy  
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,  
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The one who calls you is faithful,  
and he will also accomplish it.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1:46)

R/ (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**  
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
R/ **My soul rejoices in my God.**  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
R/ **My soul rejoices in my God.**  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
R/ **My soul rejoices in my God.**

**Day 16**

# December 15, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [NM 24:2-7, 15-17A](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 16, 2014

### Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent Lectionary: 188

#### Reading 1 [ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/zephaniah/3:1)

Thus says the LORD:  
Woe to the city, rebellious and polluted,  
to the tyrannical city!  
She hears no voice,  
accepts no correction;  
In the LORD she has not trusted,  
to her God she has not drawn near.  
  
For then I will change and purify  
the lips of the peoples,  
That they all may call upon the name of the LORD,  
to serve him with one accord;  
From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia  
and as far as the recesses of the North,  
they shall bring me offerings.  
  
On that day  
You need not be ashamed   
of all your deeds,  
your rebellious actions against me;  
For then will I remove from your midst  
the proud braggarts,  
And you shall no longer exalt yourself  
on my holy mountain.  
But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly,  
Who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD:  
the remnant of Israel.  
They shall do no wrong  
and speak no lies;  
Nor shall there be found in their mouths  
a deceitful tongue;  
They shall pasture and couch their flocks  
with none to disturb them.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 AND 23](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.**  
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.**  
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.**  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.  
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;  
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.  
R. **The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

**Day 18**

# December 17, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [GN 49:2, 8-10](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 19**

# December 18, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [JER 23:5-8](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 20**

# December 19, 2014

### Friday of the Third Week of Advent Lectionary: 195

#### Reading 1 [JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 21**

# December 20, 2014

### Saturday of the Third Week of Advent Lectionary: 196

#### Reading 1 [IS 7:10-14](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 22**

# December 21, 2014

### Fourth Sunday of Advent Lectionary: 11

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

#### Reading 2 [ROM 16:25-27](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/16:25)

Brothers and sisters:  
To him who can strengthen you,  
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,  
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages  
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,  
according to the command of the eternal God,  
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,  
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ  
be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

R/ (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
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/ **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 23**

# December 22, 2014

### Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent Lectionary: 198

#### Reading 1 [1 SM 1:24-28](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1samuel/1:24)

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

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

R. (see 1a) **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 24**

# December 23, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [MAL 3:1-4, 23-24](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.  
  
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/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 25**

# December 24, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 26**

# December 25, 2014 Mass During The Night

### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Mass During the Night Lectionary: 14

#### Reading 1 [IS 9:1-6](http://www.usccb.org/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!

#### Reading 2 [TI 2:11-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/titus/2:11)

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

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13](http://www.usccb.org/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 27**

December 26, 2014

### Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Lectionary: 696

#### Reading 1 [ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59](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,  
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/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 28**

December 27, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 1:1-4](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 29**

December 28, 2014

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

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

#### Or  [GN 15:1-6; 21:1-3](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/15:1)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying:  
“Fear not, Abram!  
I am your shield;  
I will make your reward very great.”  
But Abram said,  
“O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be,  
if I keep on being childless  
and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?”  
Abram continued,  
“See, you have given me no offspring,  
and so one of my servants will be my heir.”  
Then the word of the LORD came to him:  
“No, that one shall not be your heir;  
your own issue shall be your heir.”  
The Lord took Abram outside and said,  
“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.  
Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.”  
Abram put his faith in the LORD,  
who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.  
  
The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would;  
he did for her as he had promised.  
Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age,  
at the set time that God had stated.  
Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his  
whom Sarah bore him.

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

#### Or[COL 3:12-17](http://www.usccb.org/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.  
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And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,   
the peace into which you were also called in one body.  
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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.

#### Or  [HEB 11:8, 11-12, 17-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/11:8)

Brothers and sisters:  
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place  
that he was to receive as an inheritance;  
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.  
By faith he received power to generate,  
even though he was past the normal age  
Cand Sarah herself was sterileC  
for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.  
So it was that there came forth from one man,  
himself as good as dead,  
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky  
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.  
  
By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac,   
and he who had received the promises was ready to offer  
his only son,  
of whom it was said,  
“Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.”  
He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead,  
and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

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

#### Or  [PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105:1)

R/ (7a , 8a) **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
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/ **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
Glory in his holy name;  
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!  
Look to the LORD in his strength;  
constantly seek his face.  
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 30**

December 29, 2014

### The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas Lectionary: 202

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 2:3-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/2:3)

Beloved:  
The way we may be sure that we know Jesus   
is to keep his commandments.   
Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not keep his commandments  
is a liar, and the truth is not in him.  
But whoever keeps his word,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.   
This is the way we may know that we are in union with him:  
whoever claims to abide in him ought to walk just as he walked.  
  
Beloved, I am writing no new commandment to you  
but an old commandment that you had from the beginning.   
The old commandment is the word that you have heard.   
And yet I do write a new commandment to you,  
which holds true in him and among you,  
for the darkness is passing away,  
and the true light is already shining.   
Whoever says he is in the light,  
yet hates his brother, is still in the darkness.   
Whoever loves his brother remains in the light,  
and there is nothing in him to cause a fall.   
Whoever hates his brother is in darkness;  
he walks in darkness  
and does not know where he is going  
because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 5B-6](http://www.usccb.org/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.   
R.**Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**  
Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
R.**Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**  
The LORD made the heavens.  
Splendor and majesty go before him;  
praise and grandeur are in his sanctuary.  
R.**Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

**Day 31**

December 30, 2014

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

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 2:12-17](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 32**

December 31, 2014

### The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas Lectionary: 204

#### Reading 1 [1 JN 2:18-21](http://www.usccb.org/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/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 33**

January 1, 2015

### The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the 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.”

#### Reading 2 [GAL 4:4-7](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/4:4)

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

#### 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 34**

January 2, 2015

### 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 35**

January 3, 2015

### 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 36**

January 4, 2015

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 5, 2015

### Memorial of St. John Neumann 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 6, 2015

### 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 7, 2015

### 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 8, 2015

### 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 9, 2015

### 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 10, 2015

### 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 11, 2015

### 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.

#### Or [IS 55:1-11](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.  
As I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander of nations,  
so shall you summon a nation you knew not,  
and nations that knew you not shall run to you,  
because of the LORD, your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.  
  
Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man 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.  
  
For 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 [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.”

#### Or [1 JN 5:1-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1john/5:1)

Beloved:  
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.  
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 that 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.

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

#### Or [IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6.](http://www.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/12:2)

R. (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 44**

January 12, 2015

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

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

Brothers and sisters:  
In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways   
to our ancestors through the prophets;   
in these last days, he spoke to us through the Son,   
whom he made heir of all things   
and through whom he created the universe,  
  
who is the refulgence of his glory,the very imprint of his being,and who sustains all things by his mighty word.When he had accomplished purification from sins,he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,as far superior to the angelsas the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.  
  
For to which of the angels did God ever say:  
  
You are my Son; this day I have begotten you?  
  
Or again:  
  
I will be a father to him, and he shall be a Son to me?  
  
And again, when he leads the first born into the world, he says:  
  
Let all the angels of God worship him.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 97:1 AND 2B, 6 AND 7C, 9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/97:1)

R. (see 7c) **Let all his angels worship him.**  
The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many isles be glad.  
Justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.   
R. **Let all his angels worship him.**  
The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.  
Let all his angels worship him.  
R. **Let all his angels worship him.**  
Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods.  
R. **Let all his angels worship him.**

**Day 45**

January 13, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [HEB 2:5-12](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/2:5)

It was not to angels that God subjected the world to come,  
of which we are speaking.  
Instead, someone has testified somewhere:  
  
What is man that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man that you care for him?  
You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you crowned him with glory and honor,  
subjecting all things under his feet.  
  
In “subjecting” all things to him,  
he left nothing not “subject to him.”  
Yet at present we do not see “all things subject to him,”   
but we do see Jesus “crowned with glory and honor”  
because he suffered death,  
he who “for a little while” was made “lower than the angels,”  
that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.  
  
For it was fitting that he,  
for whom and through whom all things exist,  
in bringing many children to glory,  
should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering.  
He who consecrates  
and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.  
Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them “brothers” saying:   
  
I will proclaim your name to my brethren,  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

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

R. (see 7) **You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.**  
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. **You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.**  
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. **You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.**  
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. **You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.**

**Day 46**

January 14, 2015

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

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

R. (8a) **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
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. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**  
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. **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.**  
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.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 47**

January 15, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [HEB 3:7-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/3:7)

The Holy Spirit says:  
Oh, that today you would hear his voice,“Harden not your hearts as at the rebellionin the day of testing in the desert,where your ancestors tested and tried meand saw my works for forty years.Because of this I was provoked with that generationand I said, ‘They have always been of erring heart,and they do not know my ways.’As I swore in my wrath,‘They shall not enter into my rest.’”  
Take care, brothers and sisters,  
that none of you may have an evil and unfaithful heart,  
so as to forsake the living God.  
Encourage yourselves daily while it is still “today,”  
so that none of you may grow hardened by the deceit of sin.  
We have become partners of Christ  
if only we hold the beginning of the reality firm until the end.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 95:6-7C, 8-9, 10-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/95:6)

R. (8) **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.**  
Forty years I was wearied of that generation;  
I said: “This people’s heart goes astray,  
they do not know my ways.”  
Therefore I swore in my anger:  
“They shall never enter my rest.”  
R. **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Day 48**

January 16, 2015

### Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 309

#### Reading 1 [HEB 4:1-5, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/4:1)

Let us be on our guard  
while the promise of entering into his rest remains,  
that none of you seem to have failed.  
For in fact we have received the Good News just as our ancestors did.  
But the word that they heard did not profit them,  
for they were not united in faith with those who listened.  
For we who believed enter into that rest,  
just as he has said:  
  
As I swore in my wrath,“They shall not enter into my rest,”  
  
and yet his works were accomplished  
at the foundation of the world.  
For he has spoken somewhere about the seventh day in this manner,  
And God rested on the seventh day from all his works;  
and again, in the previously mentioned place,  
They shall not enter into my rest.   
  
Therefore, let us strive to enter into that rest,  
so that no one may fall after the same example of disobedience.

#### Responsorial Psalm  [PS 78:3 AND 4BC, 6C-7, 8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/78:3)

R. (see 7b) **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
What we have heard and know,  
and what our fathers have declared to us,  
we will declare to the generation to come  
The glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength.  
R. **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
That they too may rise and declare to their sons  
that they should put their hope in God,  
And not forget the deeds of God  
but keep his commands.  
R. **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**  
And not be like their fathers,  
a generation wayward and rebellious,  
A generation that kept not its heart steadfast  
nor its spirit faithful toward God.  
R. **Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

**Day 49**

January 17, 2015

### Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot Lectionary: 310

#### Reading 1 [HEB 4:12-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/4:12)

The word of God is living and effective,  
sharper than any two-edged sword,  
penetrating even between soul and spirit,  
joints and marrow,  
and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.  
No creature is concealed from him,  
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him  
to whom we must render an account.  
  
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.

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

R. (see John 6:63c) **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 50**

January 18, 2015

### Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Lectionary: 65

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

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 he 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.

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/6:13)

Brothers and sisters:  
The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord,  
and the Lord is for the body;  
God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.  
  
Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?  
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.  
Avoid immorality.  
Every other sin a person commits is outside the body,  
but the immoral person sins against his own body.  
Do you not know that your body  
is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,  
whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?  
For you have been purchased at a price.  
Therefore glorify God in your body.

#### 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 19, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [HEB 5:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/5:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Every high priest is taken from among men  
and made their representative before God,  
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.  
He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,  
for he himself is beset by weakness  
and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself  
as well as for the people.  
No one takes this honor upon himself  
but only when called by God,  
just as Aaron was.  
In the same way,  
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest,  
but rather the one who said to him:  
You are my Son:this day I have begotten you;  
just as he says in another place,  
You are a priest foreveraccording to the order of Melchizedek.  
In the days when he 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 110:1, 2, 3, 4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/110:1)

R. (4b) **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The LORD said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand  
till I make your enemies your footstool.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:  
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
“Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;  
before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:  
“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

**Day 52**

January 20, 2015

### Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 312

#### Reading 1 [HEB 6:10-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/6:10)

Brothers and sisters:  
God is not unjust so as to overlook your work  
and the love you have demonstrated for his name  
by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones.  
We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness  
for the fulfillment of hope until the end,  
so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who,  
through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises.  
  
When God made the promise to Abraham,  
since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself,  
and said, I will indeed bless you and multiply you.  
And so, after patient waiting, Abraham obtained the promise.  
Now, men swear by someone greater than themselves;  
for them an oath serves as a guarantee  
and puts an end to all argument.  
So when God wanted to give the heirs of his promise  
an even clearer demonstration of the immutability of his purpose,  
he intervened with an oath,  
so that by two immutable things,  
in which it was impossible for God to lie,  
we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged  
to hold fast to the hope that lies before us.  
This we have as an anchor of the soul,  
sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil,  
where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner,  
becoming high priest forever  
according to the order of Melchizedek.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 111:1-2, 4-5, 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 won renown for his wondrous deeds;  
gracious and merciful is the LORD.  
He has given food to those who fear him;  
he will forever be mindful of his covenant.  
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 53**

January 21, 2015

### Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Lectionary: 313

#### Reading 1 [HEB 7:1-3, 15-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/7:1)

Melchizedek, king of Salem and priest of God Most High,met Abraham as he returned from his defeat of the kingsand blessed him.  
And Abraham apportioned to him a tenth of everything.  
His name first means righteous king,  
and he was also “king of Salem,” that is, king of peace.  
Without father, mother, or ancestry,  
without beginning of days or end of life,  
thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.  
  
It is even more obvious if another priest is raised up  
after the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become so,  
not by a law expressed in a commandment concerning physical descent  
but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed.  
For it is testified:  
You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/110:1)

R. (4b) **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The LORD said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand  
till I make your enemies your footstool.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:  
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
“Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;  
before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:  
“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

**Day 54**

January 22, 2015

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Lectionary: 314

#### Reading 1 [HEB 7:25—8:6](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/7:25)

Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him,  
since he lives forever to make intercession for them.  
  
It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:   
holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,   
higher than the heavens.  
He has no need, as did the high priests,   
to offer sacrifice day after day,  
first for his own sins and then for those of the people;   
he did that once for all when he offered himself.  
For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests,   
but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law,   
appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.  
  
The main point of what has been said is this:   
we have such a high priest,   
who has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne  
of the Majesty in heaven, a minister of the sanctuary   
and of the true tabernacle that the Lord, not man, set up.  
Now every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices;   
thus the necessity for this one also to have something to offer.  
If then he were on earth, he would not be a priest,   
since there are those who offer gifts according to the law.  
They worship in a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary,  
as Moses was warned when he was about to erect the tabernacle.  
For God says, “See that you make everything   
according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”  
Now he has obtained so much more excellent a ministry   
as he is mediator of a better covenant,   
enacted on better promises.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/40:7)

R. (8a and 9a) **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.**  
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. **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Day 55**

January 23, 2015

### Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 315

#### Reading 1 [HEB 8:6-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/8:6)

Brothers and sisters:  
Now our high priest has obtained so much more excellent a ministry  
as he is mediator of a better covenant,   
enacted on better promises.  
  
For if that first covenant had been faultless,   
no place would have been sought for a second one.  
But he finds fault with them and says:  
Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord,when I will conclude a new covenant with the house ofIsrael and the house of Judah.It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathersthe day I took them by the hand to leadthem forth from the land of Egypt;for they did not stand by my covenantand I ignored them, says the Lord.But this is the covenant I will establish with the house of Israelafter those days, says the Lord:I will put my laws in their mindsand I will write them upon their hearts.I will be their God,and they shall be my people.And they shall not teach, each one his fellow citizen and kin, saying,“Know the Lord,”for all shall know me, from least to greatest.For I will forgive their evildoingand remember their sins no more.  
  
When he speaks of a “new” covenant,   
he declares the first one obsolete.  
And what has become obsolete   
and has grown old is close to disappearing.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 85:8 AND 10, 11-12, 13-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/85:8)

R. (11a) **Kindness and truth shall meet.**  
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.  
R. **Kindness and truth shall meet.**  
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. **Kindness and truth shall meet.**  
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. **Kindness and truth shall meet.**

**Day 56**

January 24, 2015

### Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 316

#### Reading 1 [HEB 9:2-3, 11-14](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/9:2)

A tabernacle was constructed, the outer one,  
in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of offering;   
this is called the Holy Place.  
Behind the second veil was the tabernacle called the Holy of Holies.   
  
But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be,   
passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands,   
that is, not belonging to this creation,   
he entered once for all into the sanctuary,   
not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own Blood,   
thus obtaining eternal redemption.  
For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer’s ashes   
can sanctify those who are defiled   
so that their flesh is cleansed,   
how much more will the Blood of Christ,   
who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God,  
cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

#### 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.**  
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.**  
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.**  
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.**

**Day 57**

January 25, 2015

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 68

#### Reading 1 [JON 3:1-5, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/jonah/3:1)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:  
“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 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.

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 7:29-31](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/7:29)

I tell you, brothers and sisters, 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 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/25:4)

R. (4a) **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 love 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  
and teaches the humble his way.  
R. **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

**Day 58**

January 26, 2015

### Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops Lectionary: 520/317

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

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God  
for the promise of life in Christ Jesus,  
to Timothy, my dear child:  
grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father  
and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
  
I am grateful to God,  
whom I worship with a clear conscience as my ancestors did,  
as I remember you constantly in my prayers, night and day.  
I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears,  
so that I may be filled with joy,   
as I recall your sincere faith  
that first lived in your grandmother Lois  
and in your mother Eunice  
and that I am confident lives also in you.  
  
For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame  
the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.  
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather of power and love and self-control.  
So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord,  
nor of me, a prisoner for his sake;  
but bear your share of hardship for the Gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.

#### Or [TI 1:1-5](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.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 7-8A, 10](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.**  
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. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
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.**

**Day 60**

January 27, 2015

### Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 318

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

Brothers and sisters:  
Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come,   
and not the very image of them, it can never make perfect   
those who come to worship by the same sacrifices   
that they offer continually each year.  
Otherwise, would not the sacrifices have ceased to be offered,   
since the worshipers, once cleansed, would no longer   
have had any consciousness of sins?  
But in those sacrifices there is only a yearly remembrance of sins,   
for it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats   
take away sins.  
For this reason, when he came into the world, he said:  
  
Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,but a body you prepared for me;in burnt offerings 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,burnt offerings 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 40:2 AND 4AB, 7-8A, 10, 11](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 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 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.**  
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.**  
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 am I Lord; I come to do your will.**

**Day 61**

January 28, 2015

### Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church Lectionary: 319

#### Reading 1 [HEB 10:11-18](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/10:11)

Every priest stands daily at his ministry,   
offering frequently those same sacrifices   
that can never take away sins.  
But this one offered one sacrifice for sins,   
and took his seat forever at the right hand of God;   
now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool.  
For by one offering he has made perfect forever   
those who are being consecrated.  
The Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying:  
  
This is the covenant I will establish with themafter those days, says the Lord:“I will put my laws in their hearts,and I will write them upon their minds,”  
  
he also says:  
  
Their sins and their evildoingI will remember no more.  
  
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/110:1)

R. (4b) **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The LORD said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand  
till I make your enemies your footstool.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion:  
“Rule in the midst of your enemies.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
“Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor;  
before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**  
The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent:  
“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”  
R. **You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

**Day 62**

January 29, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [HEB 10:19-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/10:19)

Brothers and sisters:   
Since through the Blood of Jesus   
we have confidence of entrance into the sanctuary   
by the new and living way he opened for us through the veil,   
that is, his flesh,  
and since we have “a great priest over the house of God,”   
let us approach with a sincere heart and in absolute trust,   
with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience   
and our bodies washed in pure water.  
Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope,   
for he who made the promise is trustworthy.  
We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works.  
We should not stay away from our assembly,   
as is the custom of some, but encourage one another,   
and this all the more as you see the day drawing near.

#### 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 63**

January 30, 2015

### Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 321

#### Reading 1 [HEB 10:32-39](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/10:32)

Remember the days past when, after you had been enlightened,   
you endured a great contest of suffering.  
At times you were publicly exposed to abuse and affliction;   
at other times you associated yourselves with those so treated.  
You even joined in the sufferings of those in prison   
and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property,   
knowing that you had a better and lasting possession.  
Therefore, do not throw away your confidence;   
it will have great recompense.  
You need endurance to do the will of God and receive what he has promised.  
  
For, after just a brief moment,he who is to come shall come;he shall not delay.But my just one shall live by faith,and if he draws back I take no pleasure in him.  
  
We are not among those who draw back and perish,   
but among those who have faith and will possess life.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 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.**  
By the LORD are the steps of a man made firm,   
and he approves his way.  
Though he fall, he does not lie prostrate,  
for the hand of the LORD sustains him.  
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 64**

January 31, 2015

### Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest Lectionary: 322

#### Reading 1 [HEB 11:1-2, 8-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/11:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Faith is the realization of what is hoped for   
and evidence of things not seen.  
Because of it the ancients were well attested.   
  
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place  
that he was to receive as an inheritance;   
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.  
By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country,  
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise;   
for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,   
whose architect and maker is God.  
By faith he received power to generate,   
even though he was past the normal age  
Band Sarah herself was sterileB   
for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy.  
So it was that there came forth from one man,  
himself as good as dead,   
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky   
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.  
  
All these died in faith.  
They did not receive what had been promised   
but saw it and greeted it from afar   
and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth,   
for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.  
If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come,   
they would have had opportunity to return.  
But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.  
Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God,   
for he has prepared a city for them.  
  
By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac,   
and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son,   
of whom it was said,  
Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.  
He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead,   
and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

#### Responsorial Psalm [LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1:69)

R. (see 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 sins  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
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 bonds 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 65**

February 1, 2015

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 71

#### Reading 1 [DT 18:15-20](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/18:15)

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:  
“A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you  
from among your own kin;  
to him you shall listen.  
This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb  
on the day of the assembly, when you said,  
‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God,  
nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’  
And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said.  
I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin,  
and will put my words into his mouth;  
he shall tell them all that I command him.  
Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name,  
I myself will make him answer for it.  
But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name  
an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak,  
or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 7:32-35](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/7:32)

Brothers and sisters:  
I should like you to be free of anxieties.  
An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord,  
how he may please the Lord.  
But a married man is anxious about the things of the world,  
how he may please his wife, and he is divided.  
An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,  
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit.  
A married woman, on the other hand,  
is anxious about the things of the world,  
how she may please her husband.   
I am telling you this for your own benefit,  
not to impose a restraint upon you,  
but for the sake of propriety  
and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9](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 66**

February 2, 2015

### 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 67**

February 3, 2015

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

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

Brothers and sisters:  
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us  
and persevere in running the race that lies before us  
while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,  
the leader and perfecter of faith.  
For the sake of the joy that lay before him  
Jesus endured the cross, despising its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.  
Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners,  
in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.  
In your struggle against sin  
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 22:26B-27, 28 AND 30, 31-32](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalm/22:26)

R. (see 27b) **They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.**  
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. **They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.**  
All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
All the families of the nations  
shall bow down before him.  
To him alone shall bow down  
all who sleep in the earth;  
Before him shall bend  
all who go down into the dust.  
R. **They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.**  
And 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. **They will praise you, Lord, who long for you.**

**Day 68**

February 4, 2015

Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 325

#### Reading 1 [HEB 12:4-7, 11-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/12:4)

Brothers and sisters:  
In your struggle against sin  
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.  
You have also forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children:  
My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lordor lose heart when reproved by him;for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines;he scourges every son he acknowledges.  
Endure your trials as “discipline”;  
God treats you as his sons.  
For what Ason” is there whom his father does not discipline?  
At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain,  
yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness  
to those who are trained by it.  
  
So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed.  
  
Strive for peace with everyone,  
and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord.  
See to it that no one be deprived of the grace of God,  
that no bitter root spring up and cause trouble,  
through which many may become defiled.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/103:1)

R. (see 17) **The Lord’s kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**  
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’s kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him,  
For he knows how we are formed;  
he remembers that we are dust.  
R. **The Lord’s kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**  
But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity  
to eternity toward those who fear him,  
And his justice toward children’s children  
among those who keep his covenant.  
R. **The Lord’s kindness is everlasting to those who fear him.**

**Day 69**

February 5, 2015

### Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr Lectionary: 326

#### Reading 1 [HEB 12:18-19, 21-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/12:18)

Brothers and sisters:  
You have not approached that which could be touched  
and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness  
and storm and a trumpet blast  
and a voice speaking words such that those who heard  
begged that no message be further addressed to them.  
Indeed, so fearful was the spectacle that Moses said,  
“I am terrified and trembling.”  
No, you have approached Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,  
and countless angels in festal gathering,  
and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven,  
and God the judge of all,  
and the spirits of the just made perfect,  
and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,  
and the sprinkled Blood that speaks more eloquently  
than that of Abel.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 48:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 9, 10-11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/48:2)

R. (see 10) **O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.**  
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. **O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.**  
Mount Zion, “the recesses of the North,”  
the city of the great King.  
God is with her castles;  
renowned is he as a stronghold.  
R. **O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.**  
As we had heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the LORD of hosts,  
In the city of our God;  
God makes it firm forever.  
R. **O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.**  
O God, we ponder your mercy  
within your temple.  
As your name, O God, so also your praise  
reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Of justice your right hand is full.  
R. **O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.**

**Day 70**

February 6, 2015

### Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs Lectionary: 327

#### Reading 1 [HEB 13:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/13:1)

Let brotherly love continue.  
Do not neglect hospitality,  
for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.  
Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment,  
and of the ill-treated as of yourselves,  
for you also are in the body.  
Let marriage be honored among all  
and the marriage bed be kept undefiled,  
for God will judge the immoral and adulterers.  
Let your life be free from love of money  
but be content with what you have,  
for he has said, I will never forsake you or abandon you.  
Thus we may say with confidence:  
  
The Lord is my helper,and I will not be afraid.What can anyone do to me?  
  
Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you.  
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.  
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 27:1, 3, 5, 8B-9ABC](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.**  
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.**  
For he will hide me in his abode  
in the day of trouble;  
He will conceal me in the shelter of his tent,  
he will set me high upon a rock.  
R. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
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. **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Day 71**

February 7, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [HEB 13:15-17, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/hebrews/13:15)

Brothers and sisters:  
Through Jesus, let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise,  
that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.  
Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have;  
God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.  
  
Obey your leaders and defer to them,  
for they keep watch over you and will have to give an account,  
that they may fulfill their task with joy and not with sorrow,  
for that would be of no advantage to you.  
  
May the God of peace, who brought up from the dead  
the great shepherd of the sheep  
by the Blood of the eternal covenant,   
furnish you with all that is good, that you may do his will.  
May he carry out in you what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### 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 72**

February 8, 2015

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 74

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

Job spoke, saying:  
Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?  
Are not his days those of hirelings?  
He is a slave who longs for the shade,  
a hireling who waits for his wages.  
So I have been assigned months of misery,  
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.  
If in bed I say, “When shall I arise?”  
then the night drags on;  
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.  
My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle;  
they come to an end without hope.  
Remember that my life is like the wind;  
I shall not see happiness again.

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23](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.  
To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.  
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.

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

R. (cf. 3a) **Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.  
He tells the number of the stars;  
he calls each by name.  
R. **Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**  
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. **Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.**  
or:  
R. **Alleluia.**

**Day 73**

February 9, 2015

### Monday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 329

#### Reading 1 [GN 1:1-19](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.

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

R. (31b) **May the Lord be glad in his works.**  
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. **May the Lord be glad in his works.**  
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. **May the Lord be glad in his works.**  
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. **May the Lord be glad in his works.**  
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. **May the Lord be glad in his works.**

**Day 74**

### February 10, 2015 Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin Lectionary: 330

#### Reading 1 [GN 1:20—2:4A](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/1:20)

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 divine image 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.  
So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy,  
because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation.  
  
Such is the story of the heavens and the earth at their creation.

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

R. (2ab) **O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**  
When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you set in place—  
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!**  
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!**  
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!**

**Day 75**

February 11, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [GN 2:4B-9, 15-17](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/2:4)

At the time when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens   
while as yet there was no field shrub on earth  
and no grass of the field had sprouted,  
for the LORD God had sent no rain upon the earth  
and there was no man to till the soil,   
but a stream was welling up out of the earth  
and was watering all the surface of the ground  
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 he 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.  
  
The LORD God then took the man  
and settled him in the garden of Eden,  
to cultivate and care for it.  
The LORD God gave man this order:  
“You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden  
except the tree of knowledge of good and evil.   
From that tree you shall not eat;  
the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 104:1-2A, 27-28, 29BC-30](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/104:1)

R. (1a) **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
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. **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
All creatures look to you  
to give them food in due time.  
When you give it to them, they gather it;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
R. **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
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. **O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**Day 76**

February 12, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [GN 2:18-25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/2:18)

The LORD God said:   
“It is not good for the man to be alone.  
I will make a suitable partner for him.”  
So the LORD God formed out of the ground  
various wild animals and various birds of the air,  
and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them;  
whatever the man called each of them would be its name.  
The man gave names to all the cattle,  
all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals;  
but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.  
  
So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man,  
and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs  
and closed up its place with flesh.  
The LORD God then built up into a woman  
the rib that he had taken from the man.  
When he brought her to the man, the man said:  
  
“This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called ‘woman,’  
for out of ‘her man’ this one has been taken.”  
  
That is why a man leaves his father and mother  
and clings to his wife,  
and the two of them become one flesh.  
  
The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame.

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

R. (see 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 77**

February 13, 2015

### Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 333

#### Reading 1 [GN 3:1-8](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/3:1)

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.  
  
When they heard the sound of the LORD God moving about in the garden  
at the breezy time of the day,  
the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God  
among the trees of the garden.

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

R. (1a) **Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**  
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. **Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**  
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. **Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**  
For this shall every faithful man pray to you   
in time of stress.  
Though deep waters overflow,  
they shall not reach him.   
R. **Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**  
You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me;  
with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.   
R. **Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.**

**Day 78**

February 14, 2015

### Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop Lectionary: 334

#### Reading 1 [GN 3:9-24](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/3:9)

The LORD God called to Adam 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 meB   
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.”   
  
To the woman he said:  
  
“I will intensify the pangs of your childbearing;  
in pain shall you bring forth children.  
Yet your urge shall be for your husband,  
and he shall be your master.”  
  
To the man he said: “Because you listened to your wife  
and ate from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat,  
  
“Cursed be the ground because of you!  
In toil shall you eat its yield  
all the days of your life.  
Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to you,  
as you eat of the plants of the field.  
By the sweat of your face  
shall you get bread to eat,  
Until you return to the ground,  
from which you were taken;  
For you are dirt,  
and to dirt you shall return.”  
  
The man called his wife Eve,  
because she became the mother of all the living.  
  
For the man and his wife the LORD God made leather garments,  
with which he clothed them.  
Then the LORD God said: “See! The man has become like one of us,  
knowing what is good and what is evil!  
Therefore, he must not be allowed to put out his hand  
to take fruit from the tree of life also,  
and thus eat of it and live forever.”  
The LORD God therefore banished him from the garden of Eden,  
to till the ground from which he had been taken.  
When he expelled the man,  
he settled him east of the garden of Eden;  
and he stationed the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword,  
to guard the way to the tree of life.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 90:2, 3-4ABC, 5-6, 12-13](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/90:2)

R. (1) **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
Before the mountains were begotten  
and the earth and the world were brought forth,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.   
R. **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.**

**Day 79**

February 15, 2015

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 77

#### Reading 1 [LV 13:1-2, 44-46](http://www.usccb.org/bible/leviticus/13:1)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron,  
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch  
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,  
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,  
or to one of the priests among his descendants.  
If the man is leprous and unclean,  
the priest shall declare him unclean  
by reason of the sore on his head.  
  
“The one who bears the sore of leprosy  
shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,  
and shall muffle his beard;  
he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’  
As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean,  
since he is in fact unclean.  
He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

#### Reading 2 [1 COR 10:31—11:1](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/10:31)

Brothers and sisters,  
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.  
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or   
the church of God,  
just as I try to please everyone in every way,  
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,  
that they may be saved.  
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 32:1-2, 5, 11](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/32:1)

R. (7) **I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**  
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. **I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**  
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. **I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**  
Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;  
exult, all you upright of heart.  
R. **I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**Day 80**

February 16, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [GN 4:1-15, 25](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/4:1)

The man had relations with his wife Eve,  
and she conceived and bore Cain, saying,  
“I have produced a man with the help of the LORD.”  
Next she bore his brother Abel.  
Abel became a keeper of flocks, and Cain a tiller of the soil.  
In the course of time Cain brought an offering to the LORD  
from the fruit of the soil,  
while Abel, for his part,  
brought one of the best firstlings of his flock.  
The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,  
but on Cain and his offering he did not.  
Cain greatly resented this and was crestfallen.  
So the LORD said to Cain:  
“Why are you so resentful and crestfallen.  
If you do well, you can hold up your head;  
but if not, sin is a demon lurking at the door:  
his urge is toward you, yet you can be his master.”  
  
Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out in the field.”  
When they were in the field,  
Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.  
Then the LORD asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”  
He answered, “I do not know.   
Am I my brother’s keeper?”  
The LORD then said: “What have you done!  
Listen: your brother’s blood cries out to me from the soil!  
Therefore you shall be banned from the soil  
that opened its mouth to receive  
your brother’s blood from your hand.  
If you till the soil, it shall no longer give you its produce.  
You shall become a restless wanderer on the earth.”  
Cain said to the LORD: “My punishment is too great to bear.  
Since you have now banished me from the soil,  
and I must avoid your presence  
and become a restless wanderer on the earth,  
anyone may kill me at sight.”  
“Not so!” the LORD said to him.  
“If anyone kills Cain, Cain shall be avenged sevenfold.”  
So the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest anyone should kill him at sight.  
  
Adam again had relations with his wife,  
and she gave birth to a son whom she called Seth.  
“God has granted me more offspring in place of Abel,” she said,  
“because Cain slew him.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 50:1 AND 8, 16BC-17, 20-21](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/50:1)

R. (14a) **Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.**  
God the LORD has spoken and summoned the earth,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
“Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you,  
for your burnt offerings are before me always.”  
R. **Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.**  
“Why do you recite my statutes,  
and profess my covenant with your mouth  
Though you hate discipline  
and cast my words behind you?”  
R. **Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.**  
“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. **Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.**

**Day 81**

February 17, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/6:5)

When the LORD saw how great was man’s wickedness on earth,  
and how no desire that his heart conceived  
was ever anything but evil,  
he regretted that he had made man on the earth,  
and his heart was grieved.  
  
So the LORD said:  
“I will wipe out from the earth the men whom I have created,  
and not only the men,  
but also the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air,  
for I am sorry that I made them.”  
But Noah found favor with the LORD.  
  
Then the LORD said to Noah:  
“Go into the ark, you and all your household,  
for you alone in this age have I found to be truly just.  
Of every clean animal, take with you seven pairs,  
a male and its mate;  
and of the unclean animals, one pair,  
a male and its mate;  
likewise, of every clean bird of the air, seven pairs,  
a male and a female,  
and of all the unclean birds, one pair,  
a male and a female.  
Thus you will keep their issue alive over all the earth.  
Seven days from now I will bring rain down on the earth  
for forty days and forty nights,  
and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth  
every moving creature that I have made.”  
Noah did just as the LORD had commanded him.  
  
As soon as the seven days were over,  
the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 29:1A AND 2, 3AC-4, 3B AND 9C-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 82**

February 18, 2015

### Ash Wednesday Lectionary: 219

#### 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.

#### Reading 2 [2 COR 5:20—6:2](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2corinthians/5:20)

Brothers and sisters:  
We are ambassadors for Christ,  
as if God were appealing through us.  
We implore you on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.  
For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin,   
so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.  
  
Working together, then,  
we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.  
For he says:  
  
In an acceptable time I heard you,and on the day of salvation I helped you.  
  
Behold, now is a very acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation.

#### 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 83**

February 19, 2015

### 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 84**

February 20, 2015

### 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 85**

February 21, 2015

### 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 maliceB  
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 86**

February 22, 2015

### First Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 23

#### Reading 1 [GN 9:8-15](http://www.usccb.org/bible/genesis/9:8)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:   
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you   
and your descendants after you   
and with every living creature that was with you:   
all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals   
that were with you and came out of the ark.  
I will establish my covenant with you,   
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed  
by the waters of a flood;   
there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”  
God added:  
“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,   
of the covenant between me and you   
and every living creature with you:   
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign  
of the covenant between me and the earth.  
When I bring clouds over the earth,   
and the bow appears in the clouds,   
I will recall the covenant I have made  
between me and you and all living beings,   
so that the waters shall never again become a flood   
to destroy all mortal beings.”

#### Reading 2 [1 PT 3:18-22](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1peter/3:18)

Beloved:  
Christ 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.  
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,   
who had once been disobedient   
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah   
during the building of the ark,   
in which a few persons, eight in all,  
were saved through water.  
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.  
It is not a removal of dirt from the body   
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,   
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
who has gone into heaven  
and is at the right hand of God,   
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

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

R. (cf. 10) **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**  
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. **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**  
Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.  
R. **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**  
Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way.  
R. **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

**Day 87**

February 23, 2015

### 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 88**

February 24, 2015

### 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 89**

February 25, 2015

### 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 90**

February 26, 2015

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

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

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, 7C-8](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 91**

February 27, 2015

### 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 92**

February 28, 2015

### 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 93**

March 1, 2015

### Second Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 26

#### Reading 1 [GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18](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.”  
  
When they came to the place of which God had told him,   
Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.  
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.  
  
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.”

#### Reading 2 [ROM 8:31B-34](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:31)

Brothers and sisters:  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son   
but handed him over for us all,   
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?  
  
Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones?  
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?  
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—   
who also is at the right hand of God,   
who indeed intercedes for us.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/116:10)

R. (116:9) **I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**  
I believed, even when I said,  
“I am greatly afflicted.”  
Precious in the eyes of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.  
R. **I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**  
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. **I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**  
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. **I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.**

**Day 94**

March 2, 2015

### 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 95**

March 3, 2015

### 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/readings/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 96**

March 4, 2015

### Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent Lectionary: 232

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

The people of Judah and the citizens of Jerusalem said,  
“Come, let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah.  
It will not mean the loss of instruction from the priests,  
nor of counsel from the wise, nor of messages from the prophets.  
And so, let us destroy him by his own tongue;  
let us carefully note his every word.”  
  
Heed me, O LORD,  
and listen to what my adversaries say.  
Must good be repaid with evil  
that they should dig a pit to take my life?  
Remember that I stood before you  
to speak in their behalf,  
to turn away your wrath from them.

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 31:5-6, 14, 15-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/31:5)

R. (17b) **Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.**  
You will free me from the snare they set for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.  
R. **Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.**  
I hear the whispers of the crowd, that frighten me from every side,  
as they consult together against me, plotting to take my life.  
R. **Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.**  
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. **Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.**

**Day 97**

March 5, 2015

### 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 98**

March 6, 2015

### 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 99**

March 7, 2015

### 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 100**

March 8, 2015

### 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 101**

March 9, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [2 KGS 5:1-15AB](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/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 102**

March 10, 2015

### Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent Lectionary: 238

#### Reading 1 [DN 3:25, 34-43](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/3:25)

Azariah stood up in the fire and prayed aloud:  
  
“For your name’s sake, O Lord, do not deliver us up forever,  
or make void your covenant.  
Do not take away your mercy from us,  
for the sake of Abraham, your beloved,  
Isaac your servant, and Israel your holy one,  
To whom you promised to multiply their offspring  
like the stars of heaven,  
or the sand on the shore of the sea.  
For we are reduced, O Lord, beyond any other nation,  
brought low everywhere in the world this day  
because of our sins.  
We have in our day no prince, prophet, or leader,  
no burnt offering, sacrifice, oblation, or incense,  
no place to offer first fruits, to find favor with you.  
But with contrite heart and humble spirit  
let us be received;  
As though it were burnt offerings of rams and bullocks,  
or thousands of fat lambs,  
So let our sacrifice be in your presence today  
as we follow you unreservedly;  
for those who trust in you cannot be put to shame.  
And now we follow you with our whole heart,  
we fear you and we pray to you.  
Do not let us be put to shame,  
but deal with us in your kindness and great mercy.  
Deliver us by your wonders,  
and bring glory to your name, O Lord.”

#### Responsorial Psalm [PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9](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 kindness are from of old.  
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,  
he teaches the humble his way.  
R. **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

**Day 103**

March 11, 2015

### 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 104**

March 12, 2015

### 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 105**

March 13, 2015

### 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 106**

March 14, 2015

### 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 107**

March 15, 2015

### 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 108**

March 16, 2015

### 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 109**

March 17, 2015

### 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 110**

March 18, 2015

### 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 111**

March 19, 2015

### Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband 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 112**

March 20, 2015

### 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 113**

March 21, 2015

### 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 114**

March 22, 2015

### 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 115**

March 23, 2015

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

#### Reading 1 [DN 13:1-9, 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)

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and are aware of all things before they come to be:  
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though I have done none of the things  
with which these wicked men have charged me.”  
  
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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.  
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#### 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 116**

March 24, 2015

### 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.**

#### Verse Before The Gospel

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

#### Gospel[JN 8:21-30](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/8:21)

Jesus said to the Pharisees:  
“I am going away and you will look for me,  
but you will die in your sin.  
Where I am going you cannot come.”  
So the Jews said,  
“He is not going to kill himself, is he,  
because he said, ‘Where I am going you cannot come’?”  
He said to them, “You belong to what is below,  
I belong to what is above.  
You belong to this world,  
but I do not belong to this world.  
That is why I told you that you will die in your sins.  
For if you do not believe that I AM,  
you will die in your sins.”  
So they said to him, “Who are you?”  
Jesus said to them, “What I told you from the beginning.  
I have much to say about you in condemnation.  
But the one who sent me is true,  
and what I heard from him I tell the world.”  
They did not realize that he was speaking to them of the Father.  
So Jesus said to them,  
“When you lift up the Son of Man,  
then you will realize that I AM,  
and that I do nothing on my own,  
but I say only what the Father taught me.  
The one who sent me is with me.   
He has not left me alone,  
because I always do what is pleasing to him.”  
Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him.

**Day 117**

March 25, 2015

### 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 118**

March 26, 2015

### 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 119**

March 27, 2015

### 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 120**

March 28, 2015

### 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 121**

March 29, 2015

### Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion Lectionary: 36 and 38

#### At The Procession With Palms – Gospel [MK 11:1-10](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/11:1)

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem,  
to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives,   
he sent two of his disciples and said to them,   
“Go into the village opposite you,  
and immediately on entering it,   
you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat.  
Untie it and bring it here.  
If anyone should say to you,  
‘Why are you doing this?’ reply,  
‘The Master has need of it  
and will send it back here at once.’”  
So they went off   
and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street,   
and they untied it.  
Some of the bystanders said to them,   
“What are you doing, untying the colt?”  
They answered them just as Jesus had told them to,   
and they permitted them to do it.  
So they brought the colt to Jesus  
and put their cloaks over it.  
And he sat on it.  
Many people spread their cloaks on the road,   
and others spread leafy branches   
that they had cut from the fields.  
Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:  
“Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!  
Hosanna in the highest!”

#### Or [JN 12:12-16](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/12:12)

When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard   
that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,   
they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out:  
“Hosanna!  
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
the king of Israel.”  
Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written:  
Fear no more, O daughter Zion;  
see, your king comes, seated upon an ass’s colt.  
His disciples did not understand this at first,   
but when Jesus had been glorified   
they remembered that these things were written about him   
and that they had done this for him.

#### 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 122**

March 30, 2015

### 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 123**

March 31, 2015

### 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.**