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SUNDAY

## VIGIL MASS

### Reading 1 Gn 11:1-9

The whole world spoke the same language, using the same words.

While the people were migrating in the east, they came upon a valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.

They said to one another, "Come, let us mold bricks and harden them with fire."

They used bricks for stone, and bitumen for mortar.

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and so make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered all over the earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built.

Then the LORD said: "If now, while they are one people,

all speaking the same language,

they have started to do this,

nothing will later stop them from doing whatever they presume to do.

Let us then go down there and confuse their language, so that one will not understand what another says."

Thus the LORD scattered them from there all over the earth,

and they stopped building the city.

That is why it was called Babel,

because there the LORD confused the speech of all the world.

It was from that place that he scattered them all over the earth.

### Or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b

Moses went up the mountain to God.

Then the LORD called to him and said,

"Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites:

You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians

and how I bore you up on eagle wings

and brought you here to myself.

Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant,

you shall be my special possession,

dearer to me than all other people,

though all the earth is mine.

You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.

That is what you must tell the Israelites."

So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people.

When he set before them

all that the LORD had ordered him to tell them, the people all answered together, "Everything the LORD has said, we will do."

On the morning of the third day

there were peals of thunder and lightning,

and a heavy cloud over the mountain,

and a very loud trumpet blast,

so that all the people in the camp trembled.

But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain.

Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke,

for the LORD came down upon it in fire.

The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace,

and the whole mountain trembled violently.

The trumpet blast grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking,

and God answering him with thunder.

When the LORD came down to the top of Mount Sinai, he summoned Moses to the top of the mountain.

### Or Ez 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me,

and he led me out in the spirit of the LORD

and set me in the center of the plain,

which was now filled with bones.

He made me walk among the bones in every direction

so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain.

How dry they were!

He asked me:

Son of man, can these bones come to life?

I answered, "Lord GOD, you alone know that."

Then he said to me:

Prophesy over these bones, and say to them:

Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you,

cover you with skin, and put spirit in you

so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.

I, Ezekiel, prophesied as I had been told,

and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise;

it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone.

I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them,

and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them.

Then the LORD said to me:

Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man,

and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord GOD:

From the four winds come, O spirit,

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and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.  
I prophesied as he told me, and the spirit came into them;

they came alive and stood upright, a vast army.

Then he said to me:

Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

They have been saying,

“Our bones are dried up,

our hope is lost, and we are cut off.”

Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD:

O my people, I will open your graves

and have you rise from them,

and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD,

when I open your graves and have you rise from them,

O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,

and I will settle you upon your land;

thus you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

**Or Jl 3:1-5**

Thus says the LORD:

I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

your young men shall see visions;

even upon the servants and the handmaids,

in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth,

blood, fire, and columns of smoke;

the sun will be turned to darkness,

and the moon to blood,

at the coming of the day of the LORD,

the great and terrible day.

Then everyone shall be rescued

who calls on the name of the LORD;

for on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant,

as the LORD has said,

and in Jerusalem survivors

whom the LORD shall call.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30**

R. (cf. 30) **Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and glory,

robed in light as with a cloak.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have wrought them all—

the earth is full of your creatures;

bless the LORD, O my soul! Alleluia.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Creatures all 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. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

**Reading 2 Rom 8:22-27**

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now;

and not only that, but we ourselves,

who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

we also groan within ourselves

as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that sees is not hope.

For who hopes for what one sees?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance.

In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness;

for we do not know how to pray as we ought,

but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

And the one who searches hearts

knows what is the intention of the Spirit,

because he intercedes for the holy ones

according to God's will.

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**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 7:37-39**

On the last and greatest day of the feast,  
Jesus stood up and exclaimed,  
“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.

As Scripture says:

*Rivers of living water will flow from within him who  
believes in me.”*

He said this in reference to the Spirit  
that those who came to believe in him were to receive.  
There was, of course, no Spirit yet,  
because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

### **MASS DURING THE DAY**

#### **Reading 1 Acts 2:1-11**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under  
heaven staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his own  
language.

They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his native  
language?”

We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,  
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues  
of the mighty acts of God.”

#### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34**

**R. (cf. 30) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the  
face of the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

the earth is full of your creatures;

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of  
the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;

I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of  
the earth.**

or:

**R. Alleluia.**

If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of  
the earth.**

or:

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#### **Reading 2 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13**

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy  
Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same  
Spirit;

there are different forms of service but the same Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

#### **Or Gal 5:16-25**

Brothers and sisters, live by the Spirit

and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.

For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,

and the Spirit against the flesh;

these are opposed to each other,

so that you may not do what you want.

But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the  
law.

Now the works of the flesh are obvious:

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immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry,  
sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy,  
outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness,  
dissensions, factions, occasions of envy,  
drinking bouts, orgies, and the like.

I warn you, as I warned you before,  
that those who do such things will not inherit the  
kingdom of God.

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law.

Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified  
their flesh

with its passions and desires.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

**Sequence — Veni, Sancte Spiritus**

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

And from your celestial home

Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!

Come, source of all our store!

Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, of comforters the best;

You, the soul's most welcome guest;

Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labor, rest most sweet;

Grateful coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,

Shine within these hearts of yours,

And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,

Nothing good in deed or thought,

Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour your dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore

And confess you, evermore

In your sevenfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;

Give them your salvation, Lord;

Give them joys that never end. Amen.

Alleluia.

**Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Jn 20:19-23**

On the evening of that first day of the week,  
when the doors were locked, where the disciples were,  
for fear of the Jews,

Jesus came and stood in their midst  
and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and  
his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said  
to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained."

**Or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from  
the Father,

the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father,  
he will testify to me.

And you also testify,

because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it  
now.

But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,  
he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own,

but he will speak what he hears,

and will declare to you the things that are coming.

He will glorify me,

because he will take from what is mine and declare it to  
you.

Everything that the Father has is mine;

for this reason I told you that he will take from what is  
mine

and declare it to you."

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*MONDAY*

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**Reading 1 Sir 17:20-24**

To the penitent God provides a way back,  
he encourages those who are losing hope  
and has chosen for them the lot of truth.  
Return to him and give up sin,  
pray to the LORD and make your offenses few.  
Turn again to the Most High and away from your sin,  
hate intensely what he loathes,  
and know the justice and judgments of God,  
Stand firm in the way set before you,  
in prayer to the Most High God.

Who in the nether world can glorify the Most High  
in place of the living who offer their praise?  
Dwell no longer in the error of the ungodly,  
but offer your praise before death.  
No more can the dead give praise  
than those who have never lived;  
You who are alive and well  
shall praise and glorify God in his mercies.  
How great the mercy of the LORD,  
his forgiveness of those who return to him!

**Responsorial Psalm PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7**

**R. (11a) Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.**

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. Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.**

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. Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.**

For this shall every faithful man pray to you  
in time of stress.

Though deep waters overflow,  
they shall not reach him.

**R. Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.**

You are my shelter; from distress you will preserve me;  
with glad cries of freedom you will ring me round.

**R. Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.**

**Alleluia 2 Cor 8:9**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus Christ became poor although he was rich,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mk 10:17-27**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up,  
knelt down before him, and asked him,

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good?"

No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: *You shall not kill;*

*you shall not commit adultery;*  
*you shall not steal;*  
*you shall not bear false witness;*  
*you shall not defraud;*  
*honor your father and your mother."*

He replied and said to him,

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,

"You are lacking in one thing.

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor  
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow  
me."

At that statement, his face fell,

and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

"How hard it is for those who have wealth  
to enter the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words.

So Jesus again said to them in reply,

"Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a  
needle

than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among  
themselves,

"Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said,

"For men it is impossible, but not for God.

All things are possible for God."

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**TUESDAY**

**Reading 1 Sir 35:1-12**

To keep the law is a great oblation,  
and he who observes the  
commandments sacrifices a peace offering.

In works of charity one offers fine flour,  
and when he gives alms he presents his sacrifice of  
praise.

To refrain from evil pleases the LORD,  
and to avoid injustice is an atonement.

Appear not before the LORD empty-handed,  
for all that you offer is in fulfillment of the precepts.

The just one's offering enriches the altar  
and rises as a sweet odor before the Most High.

The just one's sacrifice is most pleasing,  
nor will it ever be forgotten.

In a generous spirit pay homage to the LORD,  
be not sparing of freewill gifts.

With each contribution show a cheerful countenance,  
and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.

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Give to the Most High as he has given to you,  
generously, according to your means.

For the LORD is one who always repays,  
and he will give back to you sevenfold.  
But offer no bribes, these he does not accept!  
Trust not in sacrifice of the fruits of extortion.  
For he is a God of justice,  
who knows no favorites.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23**

**R. (23b) To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

“Gather my faithful ones before me,  
those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”  
And the heavens proclaim his justice;  
for God himself is the judge.

**R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

“Hear, my people, and I will speak;  
Israel, I will testify against you;  
God, your God, am I.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you,  
for your burnt offerings are before me always.”

**R. To the upright I will show the saving power of God.**

“Offer to God praise as your sacrifice  
and fulfill your vows to the Most High.  
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.**

**Alleluia See Mt 11:25**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the  
Kingdom.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mk 10:28-31**

Peter began to say to Jesus,  
“We have given up everything and followed you.”  
Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you,  
there is no one who has given up house or brothers or  
sisters  
or mother or father or children or lands  
for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel  
who will not receive a hundred times more now in this  
present age:  
houses and brothers and sisters  
and mothers and children and lands,  
with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.  
But many that are first will be last, and the last will be  
first.”

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Reading 1 Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17**

Come to our aid, O God of the universe,  
look upon us, show us the light of your mercies,  
and put all the nations in dread of you!  
Thus they will know, as we know,  
that there is no God but you, O Lord.

Give new signs and work new wonders.

Gather all the tribes of Jacob,  
that they may inherit the land as of old,  
Show mercy to the people called by your name;  
Israel, whom you named your firstborn.  
Take pity on your holy city,  
Jerusalem, your dwelling place.  
Fill Zion with your majesty,  
your temple with your glory.

Give evidence of your deeds of old;  
fulfill the prophecies spoken in your name,  
Reward those who have hoped in you,  
and let your prophets be proved true.  
Hear the prayer of your servants,  
for you are ever gracious to your people;  
and lead us in the way of justice.  
Thus it will be known to the very ends of the earth  
that you are the eternal God.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 79:8, 9, 11 and 13**

**R. (Sirach 36:1b) Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness.**

Remember not against us the iniquities of the past;  
may your compassion quickly come to us,  
for we are brought very low.

**R. Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness.**

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. Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness.**

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. Show us, O Lord, the light of your kindness.**

**Alleluia Mk 10:45**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Son of Man came to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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**Gospel Mk 10:32-45**

The disciples were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus went ahead of them.  
They were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them what was going to happen to him.  
“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise.”  
Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”  
He replied, “What do you wish me to do for you?”  
They answered him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.”  
Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking.  
Can you drink the chalice that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”  
They said to him, “We can.”  
Jesus said to them, “The chalice that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared.”  
When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John.  
Jesus summoned them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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*THURSDAY*

**Reading 1 Sir 42:15-25**

Now will I recall God's works;

what I have seen, I will describe.

At God's word were his works brought into being; they do his will as he has ordained for them.  
As the rising sun is clear to all, so the glory of the LORD fills all his works; Yet even God's holy ones must fail in recounting the wonders of the LORD, Though God has given these, his hosts, the strength to stand firm before his glory.  
He plumbs the depths and penetrates the heart; their innermost being he understands.  
The Most High possesses all knowledge, and sees from of old the things that are to come: He makes known the past and the future, and reveals the deepest secrets.  
No understanding does he lack; no single thing escapes him.  
Perennial is his almighty wisdom; he is from all eternity one and the same, With nothing added, nothing taken away; no need of a counselor for him!  
How beautiful are all his works! even to the spark and fleeting vision!  
The universe lives and abides forever; to meet each need, each creature is preserved.  
All of them differ, one from another, yet none of them has he made in vain, For each in turn, as it comes, is good; can one ever see enough of their splendor?

**Responsorial Psalm PS 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (6a) By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.**

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. Sing to him a new song; pluck the strings skillfully, with shouts of gladness.  
**R. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.**  
For upright is the word of the LORD and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.  
**R. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.**  
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as in a flask; in cellars he confines the deep.  
**R. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.**  
Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all who dwell in the world revere him. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.

**R. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made.**

**Alleluia Jn 8:12**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mk 10:46-52**

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd,  
Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus,  
sat by the roadside begging.  
On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth,  
he began to cry out and say,  
"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."  
And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.  
But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me."  
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."  
So they called the blind man, saying to him,  
"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."  
He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.  
Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."  
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."  
Immediately he received his sight  
and followed him on the way.

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*FRIDAY*

**Reading 1 Sir 44:1, 9-13**

Now will I praise those godly men,  
our ancestors, each in his own time.  
But of others there is no memory,  
for when they ceased, they ceased.  
And they are as though they had not lived,  
they and their children after them.  
Yet these also were godly men  
whose virtues have not been forgotten;  
Their wealth remains in their families,  
their heritage with their descendants;  
Through God's covenant with them their family endures,  
their posterity, for their sake.

And for all time their progeny will endure,  
their glory will never be blotted out.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b**

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.**

**Alleluia See Jn 15:16**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I chose you from the world,  
to go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mk 11:11-26**

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple area.  
He looked around at everything and, since it was already late,  
went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The next day as they were leaving Bethany he was hungry.

Seeing from a distance a fig tree in leaf,  
he went over to see if he could find anything on it.  
When he reached it he found nothing but leaves;  
it was not the time for figs.  
And he said to it in reply, "May no one ever eat of your fruit again!"  
And his disciples heard it.

They came to Jerusalem,  
and on entering the temple area  
he began to drive out those selling and buying there.  
He overturned the tables of the money changers  
and the seats of those who were selling doves.  
He did not permit anyone to carry anything through the temple area.  
Then he taught them saying, "Is it not written:

*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples?  
But you have made it a den of thieves."*

The chief priests and the scribes came to hear of it  
and were seeking a way to put him to death,  
yet they feared him  
because the whole crowd was astonished at his teaching.



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When evening came, they went out of the city.

Early in the morning, as they were walking along,  
they saw the fig tree withered to its roots.  
Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look!  
The fig tree that you cursed has withered."  
Jesus said to them in reply, "Have faith in God.  
Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain,  
'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,'  
and does not doubt in his heart  
but believes that what he says will happen,  
it shall be done for him.  
Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer,  
believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.  
When you stand to pray,  
forgive anyone against whom you have a grievance,  
so that your heavenly Father may in turn  
forgive you your transgressions."

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*SATURDAY*

**Reading 1 Sir 51:12 cd-20**

I thank the LORD and I praise him;  
I bless the name of the LORD.  
When I was young and innocent,  
I sought wisdom openly in my prayer  
I prayed for her before the temple,  
and I will seek her until the end,  
and she flourished as a grape soon ripe.  
My heart delighted in her,  
My feet kept to the level path  
because from earliest youth I was familiar with her.  
In the short time I paid heed,  
I met with great instruction.  
Since in this way I have profited,  
I will give my teacher grateful praise.  
I became resolutely devoted to her—  
the good I persistently strove for.  
My soul was tormented in seeking her,  
My hand opened her gate  
and I came to know her secrets.  
I directed my soul to her,  
and in cleanness I attained to her.

**Responsorial Psalm PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11**

**R. (9ab) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

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

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**  
The precepts of the LORD are right,

rejoicing the heart.

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

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

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

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

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

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

**Alleluia See Col 3:16a, 17c**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Mk 1:27-33**

Jesus and his disciples returned once more to Jerusalem.  
As he was walking in the temple area,  
the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders  
approached him and said to him,  
"By what authority are you doing these things?  
Or who gave you this authority to do them?"  
Jesus said to them, "I shall ask you one question.  
Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do  
these things.  
Was John's baptism of heavenly or of human origin?  
Answer me."  
They discussed this among themselves and said,  
"If we say, 'Of heavenly origin,' he will say,  
'Then why did you not believe him?'  
But shall we say, 'Of human origin'?"—  
they feared the crowd,  
for they all thought John really was a prophet.  
So they said to Jesus in reply, "We do not know."  
Then Jesus said to them,  
"Neither shall I tell you by what authority I do these  
things."