

## SUNDAY

### READING 1 2 CHR 36:14-163, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people  
added infidelity to infidelity,  
practicing all the abominations of the nations  
and polluting the LORD's temple  
which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers,  
send his messengers to them,  
for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.  
But they mocked the messengers of God,  
despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets,  
until the anger of the LORD against his people was so  
inflamed  
that there was no remedy.  
Their enemies burnt the house of God,  
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,  
set all its palaces afire,  
and destroyed all its precious objects.  
Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to  
Babylon,  
where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans  
and his sons  
until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.  
All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by  
Jeremiah:  
"Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths,  
during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest  
while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia,  
in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by  
Jeremiah,  
the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia  
to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom,  
both by word of mouth and in writing:  
"Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:  
All the kingdoms of the earth  
the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me,  
and he has also charged me to build him a house  
in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.  
Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his  
people,  
let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. (6ab) Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
By the streams of Babylon  
we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
On the aspens of that land  
we hung up our harps.  
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
For there our captors asked of us  
the lyrics of our songs,  
And our despoilers urged us to be joyous:  
"Sing for us the songs of Zion!"  
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
How could we sing a song of the LORD  
in a foreign land?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
may my right hand be forgotten!  
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!  
May my tongue cleave to my palate  
if I remember you not,  
If I place not Jerusalem  
ahead of my joy.  
R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

### READING 2 EPH 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:  
God, who is rich in mercy,  
because of the great love he had for us,  
even when we were dead in our transgressions,  
brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been  
saved —,  
raised us up with him,  
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,  
that in the ages to come  
He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace  
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.  
For by grace you have been saved through faith,  
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;  
it is not from works, so no one may boast.  
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the  
good works  
that God has prepared in advance,  
that we should live in them.

### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL JN 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

**GOSPEL JN 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,  
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life.  
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the  
world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.  
Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,  
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,  
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of  
God.  
And this is the verdict,  
that the light came into the world,  
but people preferred darkness to light,  
because their works were evil.  
For everyone who does wicked things hates the light  
and does not come toward the light,  
so that his works might not be exposed.  
But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,  
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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## MONDAY

**READING 1 IS 65:17-21**

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**

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.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL AM 5:14**

Seek good and not evil so that you may live,  
and the LORD will be with you.

**GOSPEL JN 4:43-54**

At that time Jesus left [Samaria] for Galilee.  
For Jesus himself testified  
that a prophet has no honor in his native place.  
When he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him,  
since they had seen all he had done in Jerusalem at the feast;  
for they themselves had gone to the feast.

Then he returned to Cana in Galilee,  
where he had made the water wine.  
Now there was a royal official whose son was ill in  
Capernaum.  
When he heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea,  
he went to him and asked him to come down  
and heal his son, who was near death.  
Jesus said to him,  
“Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not

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believe.”  
The royal official said to him,  
“Sir, come down before my child dies.”  
Jesus said to him, “You may go; your son will live.”  
The man believed what Jesus said to him and left.  
While the man was on his way back,  
his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live.  
He asked them when he began to recover.  
They told him,  
“The fever left him yesterday, about one in the afternoon.”  
The father realized that just at that time Jesus had said to him,  
“Your son will live,”  
and he and his whole household came to believe.  
Now this was the second sign Jesus did  
when he came to Galilee from Judea.

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## TUESDAY

### READING 1 EZ 47:1-9, 12

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

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.

### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL Ps 51:12A, 14A

A clean heart create for me, O God;  
give me back the joy of your salvation.

### GOSPEL JN 5:1-16

There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to

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Jerusalem.

Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep Gate  
a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes.  
In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled.  
One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.  
When Jesus saw him lying there  
and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him,  
“Do you want to be well?”  
The sick man answered him,  
“Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool  
when the water is stirred up;  
while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before  
me.”  
Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your mat, and walk.”  
Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and  
walked.

Now that day was a sabbath.  
So the Jews said to the man who was cured,  
“It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your  
mat.”  
He answered them, “The man who made me well told me,  
‘Take up your mat and walk.’”  
They asked him,  
“Who is the man who told you, ‘Take it up and walk’?”  
The man who was healed did not know who it was,  
for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there.  
After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to  
him,  
“Look, you are well; do not sin any more,  
so that nothing worse may happen to you.”  
The man went and told the Jews  
that Jesus was the one who had made him well.  
Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus  
because he did this on a sabbath.

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## WEDNESDAY

### READING 1 Is 49:8-15

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

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.

### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL Jn 11:25A, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.

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**GOSPEL JN 5:17-30**

Jesus answered the Jews:

“My Father is at work until now, so I am at work.”

For this reason they tried all the more to kill him,  
because he not only broke the sabbath  
but he also called God his own father, making himself equal  
to God.

Jesus answered and said to them,

“Amen, amen, I say to you, the Son cannot do anything on  
his own,

but only what he sees the Father doing;

for what he does, the Son will do also.

For the Father loves the Son

and shows him everything that he himself does,

and he will show him greater works than these,

so that you may be amazed.

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life,

so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes.

Nor does the Father judge anyone,

but he has given all judgment to the Son,

so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father.

Whoever does not honor the Son

does not honor the Father who sent him.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word

and believes in the one who sent me

has eternal life and will not come to condemnation,

but has passed from death to life.

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now  
here

when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,

and those who hear will live.

For just as the Father has life in himself,

so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself.

And he gave him power to exercise judgment,

because he is the Son of Man.

Do not be amazed at this,

because the hour is coming in which all who are in the  
tombs

will hear his voice and will come out,

those who have done good deeds

to the resurrection of life,

but those who have done wicked deeds

to the resurrection of condemnation.

“I cannot do anything on my own;

I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just,

because I do not seek my own will

but the will of the one who sent me.”

**THURSDAY**

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary

**READING 1 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16**

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.”

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29**

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.

**READING 2 ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22**

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,



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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.*

#### VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL PS 84:5

Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O Lord;  
they never cease to praise you.

#### GOSPEL MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.  
Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.

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

#### OR LK 2:41-51A

Each year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of  
Passover,  
and when he was twelve years old,  
they went up according to festival custom.  
After they had completed its days, as they were returning,  
the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,  
but his parents did not know it.  
Thinking that he was in the caravan,

they journeyed for a day  
and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances,  
but not finding him,  
they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.  
After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
listening to them and asking them questions,  
and all who heard him were astounded  
at his understanding and his answers.  
When his parents saw him,  
they were astonished,  
and his mother said to him,  
“Son, why have you done this to us?  
Your father and I have been looking for you with great  
anxiety.”  
And he said to them,  
“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”  
But they did not understand what he said to them.  
He went down with them and came to Nazareth,  
and was obedient to them.

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## FRIDAY

#### READING 1 WIS 2:1A, 12-22

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.

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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**

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.

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL MT 4:4B**

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**GOSPEL JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30**

Jesus moved about within Galilee;  
he did not wish to travel in Judea,  
because the Jews were trying to kill him.  
But the Jewish feast of Tabernacles was near.

But when his brothers had gone up to the feast,  
he himself also went up, not openly but as it were in secret.

Some of the inhabitants of Jerusalem said,  
“Is he not the one they are trying to kill?  
And look, he is speaking openly and they say nothing to him.  
Could the authorities have realized that he is the Christ?  
But we know where he is from.  
When the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from.”

So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said,

“You know me and also know where I am from.

Yet I did not come on my own,

but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true.

I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.”

So they tried to arrest him,

but no one laid a hand upon him,

because his hour had not yet come.

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## SATURDAY

**READING 1 JER 11:18-20**

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**

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.

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**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL SEE LK 8:15**

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

**GOSPEL JN 7:40-53**

Some in the crowd who heard these words of Jesus said,  
“This is truly the Prophet.”  
Others said, “This is the Christ.”  
But others said, “The Christ will not come from Galilee, will he?  
Does not Scripture say that the Christ will be of David’s family  
and come from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?”  
So a division occurred in the crowd because of him.  
Some of them even wanted to arrest him,  
but no one laid hands on him.

So the guards went to the chief priests and Pharisees,  
who asked them, “Why did you not bring him?”  
The guards answered, “Never before has anyone spoken like this man.”  
So the Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived?  
Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?  
But this crowd, which does not know the law, is accursed.”  
Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them,  
“Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?”  
They answered and said to him,  
“You are not from Galilee also, are you?  
Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”

Then each went to his own house.

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