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THE WORLD MEETING
OF FAMILIES!



PHILADELPHIA 2015

*“Love Is Our Mission:
The Family Fully Alive”*

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SCHEDULE OF THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CONGRESS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- ▶ 8:00 AM World Meeting of Families
Registration Opens
- ▶ 1:00 – 2:00 PM Opening Ceremony
- ▶ 2:30 – 3:30 PM Keynote Session A
- ▶ 4:30 PM Evening Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- ▶ 8:30 AM Mass
- ▶ 10:30 – 11:30 AM Keynote Session B
- ▶ 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM Breakout Sessions
- ▶ 1:00 – 3:00 PM Buffet Lunch
- ▶ 3:00 – 4:00 PM Keynote Session C
- ▶ 4:15 – 5:15 PM Breakout Sessions

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- ▶ 8:30 AM Mass
- ▶ 10:30 – 11:30 AM Keynote Session D
- ▶ 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM Breakout Sessions
- ▶ 1:00 – 3:00 PM Buffet Lunch
- ▶ 3:00 – 4:00 PM Keynote Session E
- ▶ 4:15 – 5:15 PM Breakout Sessions

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- ▶ 8:30 AM Mass
- ▶ 10:30 – 11:30 AM Keynote Session F
- ▶ 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM Breakout Sessions
- ▶ 1:00 PM Close of Event

The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The cathedral church is the principal church of a diocese, because it is here that the bishop as the local ordinary of the diocese has a throne (chair), called the cathedra.

On the 27th of September 1976, Pope Paul VI raised our Cathedral to the dignity and honor of a Basilica. The Holy Father on certain occasions expresses his grateful appreciation in this way to the faithful for outstanding Catholic action rendered to the Church and the people of God. This great honor was bestowed on the Archdiocese of Philadelphia after it hosted the 41st International Eucharistic Congress.

Francis Patrick Kenrick, then Bishop of Philadelphia initiated the building of the Basilica in 1846. It was continued through the tenure of Saint John Neumann and completed in 1864, by Bishop (later Archbishop) Wood.

The facade of the Basilica is graced by four massive stone columns. The four statues in the niches are: the Sacred Heart, to whom the Archdiocese was consecrated on October 15, 1873; Mary, the Immaculate Conception, proclaimed patroness of the United States in 1854, and Saints Peter and Paul, patrons of the Basilica.

The interior of the Basilica is of Roman-Corinthian style and cross-shaped in form. When the walls were first raised during the "know-nothing" era there were no original side windows because of the danger of destruction. Natural light, therefore, is admitted through the windows close to the ceiling.

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The underside of the baldachino, over the main Altar, is marble mosaic with its central figure a dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit. The interior of the dome reveals a striking painting of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

The Sanctuary stained glass windows contribute both beauty and light. The center window, devoted to the Eucharist, depicts the sacrifice of Melchizedek, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and the Last Supper. The window to the left portrays three events in the life of Saint Peter; his call by Christ, his selection as Prince of the apostles, and his crucifixion. The window to the right reveals three scenes from the life of Saint Paul: his conversion; his preaching to the Athenians and his death by beheading.

The Basilica seats approximately 1,000 (1,500 with added temporary seats). The floor is marble tile set in a cross design.

The Cathedral Organ, originally built by Austin Organ Company in 1920, has been rebuilt and restored in 1957 and 1976. In 1987 further additions were made, including the Trumpet en chamade, at the top of the organ case. Its total number of pipes is 4,648, making it one of the largest in Philadelphia.

Under the main Altar is a spacious crypt containing the remains of most of our Bishops and Archbishops, and of several prominent clergy of Philadelphia.

The Chapel of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament is on the north side of the Basilica. It seats about 500 and was dedicated on the Feast of the Maternity of Our Lady, October 11, 1955. ↻

For further information about the Cathedral Basilica please go to www.CathedralPhila.org.

World Meeting of Families Prayer



God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.

May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth
and live in your love.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

■ FOR CATHOLICS ■

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

■ FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS ■

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other

Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

■ **FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** ■

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

■ **FOR NON-CHRISTIANS** ■

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Celebration of Holy Mass

MASS FOR THE FAMILY

PRELUDE

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me
Hubert Parry

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom
Andrew D. Ciferni, O. Praem,
Normand Guoin



1. Sound the bell of ho - ly free - dom; Call all
2. Da - vid branch from root of Jes - se, Mar - y
3. Bless - ed Jo - seph, spouse of Mar - y, Teach - er
4. Je - sus, youth in low - ly Naz - 'reth, Faith - ful
5. At the Cross, a griev - ing moth - er, On the
6. Sound the bell of ho - ly free - dom: Call all



na - tions of the earth. Sons and daugh - ters
that vine's flow - ring rose, She brought forth for
of your God and Lord, You did shel - ter
son and lov - ing child, Guest and host at
Cross, her on - ly son, With all moth - ers
fam - lies of the world To be fed by



of one Fa - ther, Sent to spread God's
us the Sav - ior As the an - gel
and pro - vide for Won - drous child by
Ca - na's wed - ding, Fin - est wine you
and their chil - dren, Bless - ed Mar - y,
love in - car - nate, To pro - claim God's

sav - ing word. Come and gath - er as one
did pro - pose. O - ver - *shad - owed* by *the*
 kings a - dored. O - pen to God's word in
did pro - vide. You, our rock, and you, our
 you are one. In our joys and in our
ho - ly word. Through the love of Christ, our
 fam - 'ly At the ta - ble of the Lord.
Spir - it, By her "yes" new life a - rose.
 dream - ing, Saved your child from Her - od's sword.
shel - ter, Keep us ev - er by your side.
 sor - rows, May we do as you have done.
broth - er, In the Spir - it make us one.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

ACT OF PENITENCE

GLORIA

Mass of Saints Peter and Paul
Normand Guoin

Intonation

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on
 earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise
 you, we bless you, we a - dore_ you, we glo-ri - fy
 you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry.

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Choir or Cantor alone:

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us,
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men.

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final line of music features a long note for 'A' followed by a shorter note for 'men.', which is repeated for the second 'A - men.'

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COLLECT

O God, in whose eternal design
family life has its firm foundation,
look with compassion on the prayers of your servants
and grant that, following the example
of the Holy Family of your Only-Begotten Son
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
we may, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

→ ENGLISH

- *They completed the temple of God, and ate the
 Passover.* ●

A reading from the Book of Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

KING DARIUS ISSUED an order to the officials of West-of-Euphrates: “Let the governor and the elders of the Jews continue the work on that house of God; they are to rebuild it on its former site. I also issue this decree concerning your dealing with these elders of the Jews in the rebuilding of that house of God: From the royal revenue, the taxes of West-of-Euphrates, let these men be repaid for their expenses, in full and without delay. I, Darius, have issued this decree; let it be carefully executed.”

The elders of the Jews continued to make progress in the building, supported by the message of the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, son of Iddo. They finished the building according to the command of the God of Israel and the decrees of Cyrus and Darius and of Artaxerxes, king of Persia. They completed this house on the third day of the month Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. The children of Israel—priests, Levites, and the other returned exiles—celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. For the dedication of this house of God, they offered one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, and four hundred lambs, together with twelve he-goats as a sin-offering for all Israel, in keeping with the number of the tribes of Israel. Finally, they set up the priests in their classes and the Levites in their

divisions for the service of God in Jerusalem, as is prescribed in the book of Moses.

The exiles kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. The Levites, every one of whom had purified himself for the occasion, sacrificed the Passover for the rest of the exiles, for their brethren the priests, and for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

- *Terminaron la construcción del templo y celebraron la Pascua.* ●

Lectura del libro de Esdras

6,7-8. 12b. 14-20

EN AQUELLOS DÍAS, el rey Darío escribió a los gobernantes de Transeufratina: - «Permitid al gobernador y al senado de Judá que trabajen reconstruyendo el templo de Dios en su antiguo sitio. En cuanto al senado de Judá y a la construcción del templo de Dios, os ordeno que se paguen a esos hombres todos los gastos puntualmente y sin interrupción, utilizando los fondos reales de los impuestos de Transeufratina. La orden es mía, y quiero que se cumpla a la letra. Darío».

De este modo, el senado de Judá adelantó mucho la construcción, cumpliendo las instrucciones de los profetas Ageo y Zacarías, hijo de Idó, hasta que por fin la terminaron, conforme a lo mandado por el Dios de Israel y por Ciro, Darío y Artajerjes, reyes de Persia.

El templo se terminó el día tres del mes de Adar, el año sexto del reinado de Darío. Los israelitas, sacerdotes, levitas y resto de los deportados, celebraron con júbilo la dedicación del templo, ofreciendo con este motivo cien toros, doscientos carneros, cuatrocientos corderos y doce machos cabríos, uno por tribu, como sacrificio expiatorio por todo Israel.

El culto del templo de Jerusalén se lo encomendaron a los sacerdotes, por grupos, y a los levitas, por clases, como manda la ley de Moisés.

Los deportados celebraron la Pascua el día catorce del mes primero; como los levitas se habían purificado, junto con los sacerdotes, estaban puros e inmolaron la víctima pascual para todos los deportados, para los sacerdotes, sus hermanos, y para ellos mismos.

Palabra de Dios.

→ VIETNAMESE

- “Họ hoàn tất việc xây cất nhà Chúa và mừng lễ Vượt Qua”. ●

Bài tích sách Esdra

6, 7-8. 12b. 14-20

TRONG NHỮNG NGÀY ấy, (Vua Đariô viết thư cho các vị tư lệnh vùng ở bên kia sông Euphrate mà nói rằng:) “Hãy để cho vị thủ lãnh người Do-thái và các kỳ lão của họ xây cất đền thờ của Thiên Chúa, để đền thờ của Thiên Chúa được xây cất chính nơi cũ. Ta cũng ra lệnh về việc các người phải làm với các bậc Kỳ cựu Do-thái, để tái thiết nhà Thiên Chúa: là phải lấy của trong kho nhà vua, nghĩa là tiền nộp thuế của miền bên kia sông Euphrate, và cẩn thận phân phát cho những người ấy, để công việc không bị trì hoãn. Ta là Đariô ra sắc chỉ này, ta muốn mọi người ân cần tuân giữ”.

Các kỳ lão người Do-thái xây cất đền thờ và công việc tiến hành nhanh chóng, nhờ lời sấm của tiên tri Khác-gai và tiên tri Dacaria, con ông Addô: họ xây cất và hoàn thành theo lệnh Chúa Israel truyền dạy, và theo lệnh các vua nước Ba-tur là Kyrô, Đariô và Artaxerxê. Họ hoàn tất việc xây cất nhà Thiên Chúa ngày mồng ba tháng Adar, năm thứ sáu triều vua Đariô. Vậy con cháu Israel, các tư tế, các thầy Lêvi, và những người lưu đày còn sống sót, đều vui mừng hiến thánh nhà Thiên Chúa. Trong lễ cung

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hiến nhà Thiên Chúa, họ dâng một trăm con bò, hai trăm con cừu, bốn trăm con chiên, và để làm lễ đền tội cho cả dân Israel, họ cũng dâng mười hai con dê theo số các chi tộc Israel. Rồi họ cất đặt các thầy tư tế theo phẩm trật và các thầy Lêvi theo cấp bậc, để giúp việc đền thờ Thiên Chúa ở Giêrusalem, như đã chép trong sách của Môsê. Những con cái Israel lưu đày về mừng lễ Vượt Qua ngày mười bốn tháng thứ nhất. Các thầy tư tế và Lêvi, tất cả như một, đều được thanh tẩy, tất cả đều trong sạch, để sát tế mừng lễ Vượt Qua cho toàn thể dân lưu đày và cho anh em tư tế của họ và chính mình họ. Đó là lời Chúa.

→ ENGLISH

—• PSALM 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 •—



R. Let us go re - joic-ing to the house of the Lord.

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I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”

And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *R*

Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD. *R*

According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David. *R*

→ SPANISH

—• SALMO 121 •—

R Vamos alegres a la casa del Señor.

¡Qué alegría cuando me dijeron:

«Vamos a la casa del Señor»!

Ya están pisando nuestros pies
tus umbrales, Jerusalén. **R**Jerusalén está fundada
como ciudad bien compacta.Allá suben las tribus,
las tribus del Señor, **R**según la costumbre de Israel,
a celebrar el nombre del Señor;
en ella están los tribunales de justicia,
en el palacio de David. **R**

→ VIETNAMESE

—• ĐÁP CA: Tv 121, 1-2. 3-4A. 4B-5 •—

Đáp: Tôi vui mừng khi người ta nói với tôi: “Chúng ta sẽ tiến vào nhà Chúa” (c. 1).

Xướng: 1) Tôi vui mừng khi người ta nói với tôi: “Chúng ta sẽ tiến vào nhà Chúa”. Hỡi Giêrusalem, chân chúng tôi đang đứng nơi cửa thành rồi. - Đáp.

2) Giêrusalem được kiến thiết như thành trì, được cấu tạo kiên cố trong toàn thể. Nơi đây các bộ lạc của Chúa tiến lên. - Đáp.

3) Theo luật pháp của Israel, để ngợi khen danh Chúa. Tại đây đã đặt ngai tòa thẩm phán, ngai tòa của nhà Đavit. - Đáp.

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→ ENGLISH

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Good News Acclamation
James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Blessed are those who hear the word of God/ and observe it.

→ SPANISH

Aleluya. Dichosos los que escuchan la palabra de Dios y la cumplen.

→ VIETNAMESE

Alleluia, alleluia! - Lạy Chúa, xin giáo huấn con, để con tuân cứ luật pháp của Chúa và để con hết lòng vâng theo luật đó. - **Alleluia.**

→ ENGLISH

● *My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

8:19-21

THE MOTHER of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you." He said to them in

reply, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

- *Mi madre y mis hermanos son éstos: los que escuchan la palabra de Dios y la ponen por obra.* ●

Lectura del

santo evangelio según san Lucas

8,19-21

EN AQUEL TIEMPO, vinieron a ver a Jesús su madre y sus hermanos, pero con el gentío no lograban llegar hasta él. Entonces le avisaron: - «Tu madre y tus hermanos están fuera y quieren verte».

Él les contestó: - «Mi madre y mis hermanos son éstos: los que escuchan la palabra de Dios y la ponen por obra».

Palabra del Señor.

→ VIETNAMESE

- *“Mẹ và anh em Ta là những người nghe lời Thiên Chúa và đem ra thực hành”.* ●

Tin Mừng

Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca

Lc 8, 19-21

KHI ẤY, MẸ và anh em Chúa Giêsu đến tìm Người, nhưng vì đám đông, nên không thể đến gần Người được. Người ta báo tin cho Người rằng: “Có mẹ và anh em Thầy đứng ở ngoài muốn gặp Thầy”. Người trả lời với họ rằng: “Mẹ và anh em Ta là những người nghe lời Thiên Chúa và đem ra thực hành”.

Đó là lời Chúa.

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Richard Gibala



Lord, in your mer - cy, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Look Up and Count the Stars*

Peter Latona

(Stanzas 1-4 are sung by the choir)



So gaze up - on the stars on_ high, sing
Praise God the Fa - ther, Christ the_ Son, and



praise to God with sin - gle voice. Ac -
Ho - ly Spir - it with them one. We



cept his gift and guard it well and
pray they bless our fam - 'lies now and



let his will be our heart's choice.____
through-out all e - ter - ni - ty._____

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,
humbly asking that you may establish our families
firmly in your grace and your peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

A Community Mass, Richard Proulx

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

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

A Community Mass, Richard Proulx

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

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AMEN

A Community Mass, Richard Proulx

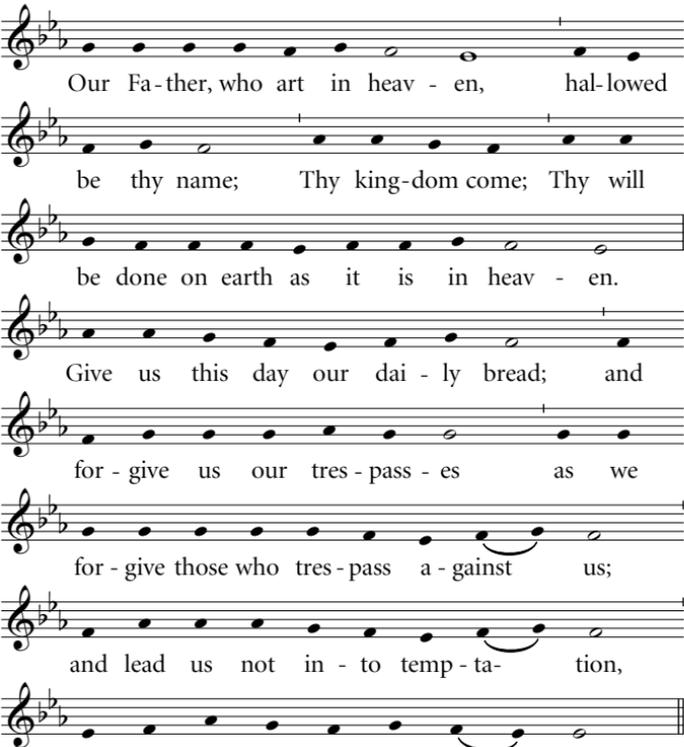


A - men, a - men, a - men._____

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LORD'S PRAYER

chant adapted by Robert Snow



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



AGNUS DEI

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar

Cantor *All/Todos*

1. 2. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe -
 sins of the world, have mer - cy, have
 ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad, ten pie -
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 dad, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.

Last time / Última vez

Cantor *All/Todos*

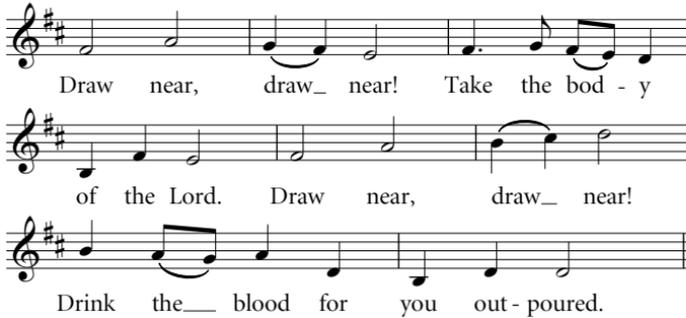
3. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins
 Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe - ca -
 of the world, Grant us your peace, grant us your
 do del mun - do, Da - nos la paz, da - nos la
 peace, grant us your peace, O Lamb of God.
 paz, da - nos la paz, Cris - to Je - sús.

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COMMUNION

I am the Good Shepherd, I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Draw Near, Steven Janco



Draw near, draw_ near! Take the bod - y
of the Lord. Draw near, draw_ near!
Drink the__ blood for you out - poured.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example
of the Holy Family of your Only Begotten Son,
so that, after the trials of this world,
they may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord.



CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

Now Thank We All Our God
Martin Rinckhart

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and
 2. O may this gracious God Through all our life be
 3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be

voic - es, Who won-drous things has done, In
 near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And
 giv - en, The Son and Spir - it blessed Who

whom this world re - joic - es; Who from our moth-ers'
 bless - ed peace to cheer us; Pre - serve us in his
 reign in high-est heav - en; E - ter - nal, tri - une

arms Has blessed us on our way With
 grace, And guide us in dis - tress, And
 God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; For

count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 free us from all sin, Till heav-en we pos - sess.
 thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er more.

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott
Franz Liszt



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The Celebration of Holy Mass

MASS

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Lobe den herren



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
reign - ing And, as on wings of an
fend - you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All you who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw
Have you not seen All you have need - ed has
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
Let the "A - men" Sound from his peo - ple a -



near. Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been Met by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
do, Who with his love does be - friend you.
gain! Glad - ly with praise we a - dore him!

Text: *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König*; Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Tune: *Lobe den Herren*, 14 14 47 8; *Stralsund Gesambuch*, 1665. Used with permission.

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

ACT OF PENITENCE

All: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

All: Amen.

KYRIE

Chant, mode XVI

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison.



Cantor: Christe, eleison.



Cantor: Kyrie, eleison.



COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace,
gave the Priest Saint Pius a share in the Cross
of your Son
and, by means of his ministry,
renewed the wonders of your mercy,
grant that through his intercession
we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ,
and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

→ **ENGLISH**

• *In our servitude our God has not abandoned us.* •

A reading from the Book of Ezra

9:5-9

AT THE TIME of the evening sacrifice, I, Ezra, rose in my wretchedness, and with cloak and mantle torn I fell on my knees, stretching out my hands to the LORD, my God.

I said: "My God, I am too ashamed and confounded to raise my face to you, O my God, for our wicked deeds are heaped up above our heads and our guilt reaches up to heaven. From the time of our fathers even to this day great has been our guilt, and for our wicked deeds we have been delivered up, we and our kings and our priests, to the will of the kings of foreign lands, to the sword, to captivity, to pillage, and to disgrace, as is the case today.

"And now, but a short time ago, mercy came to us from the LORD, our God, who left us a remnant and

gave us a stake in his holy place; thus our God has brightened our eyes and given us relief in our servitude. For slaves we are, but in our servitude our God has not abandoned us; rather, he has turned the good will of the kings of Persia toward us. Thus he has given us new life to raise again the house of our God and restore its ruins, and has granted us a fence in Judah and Jerusalem.” The word of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

● *Dios no nos abandonó en nuestra esclavitud.* ●

Lectura del libro de Esdras

9,5-9

Yo, Esdras, al llegar la hora de la oblación de la tarde, acabé mi penitencia y, con el vestido y el manto rasgados, me arrodillé y alcé las manos al Señor, mi Dios, diciendo: – «Dios mío, de pura vergüenza no me atrevo a levantar el rostro hacia ti, porque nuestros delitos sobrepasan nuestra cabeza, y nuestra culpa llega al cielo.

Desde los tiempos de nuestros padres hasta hoy hemos sido reos de grandes culpas y, por nuestros delitos, nosotros con nuestros reyes y sacerdotes hemos sido entregados a reyes extranjeros, a la espada, al destierro, al saqueo y a la ignominia, que es la situación actual.

Pero ahora el Señor, nuestro Dios, nos ha concedido un momento de gracia, dejándonos un resto y una estaca en su lugar santo, dando luz a nuestros ojos y concediéndonos respiro en nuestra esclavitud.

Porque éramos esclavos, pero nuestro Dios no nos abandonó en nuestra esclavitud; nos granjeó el favor de los reyes de Persia, nos dio respiro para levantar el templo de nuestro Dios y restaurar sus ruinas y nos dio una tapia en Judá y Jerusalén».

Palabra de Dios.

→ VIETNAMESE

- “Thiên Chúa không bỏ rơi chúng tôi trong cảnh nô lệ”. ●

Trích sách Esdra

9, 5-9

TÔI LÀ ESDRA, khi dâng lễ tế ban chiêu, tôi vùng dậy khỏi cơn âu sầu, áo trong áo ngoài đều rách hết, tôi quỳ gối xuống, giơ tay lên Chúa là Thiên Chúa tôi mà thưa rằng: “Lạy Chúa, con hồ ngơ! then thường không dám ngược mặt lên cùng Chúa: vì những sự gian ác của chúng con chôn chôn chất trên đầu chúng con, và tội lỗi chúng con cao lên tới trời. Kể từ thời cha ông chúng con cho tới ngày nay, tội lỗi chúng con đã quá nhiều, và vì sự gian ác của chúng con, nên chúng con, vua chúa, tư tế của chúng con, bị trao vào tay vua các dân ngoại, bị gươm đao, bị lưu đày, bị cướp bóc và bị then mặt như ngày nay.

“Và hiện giờ đây, Chúa vừa tạm ban cho chúng con một chút lòng thương xót, là để cho chúng con sống sót phần nào, và cho chúng con một nơi ẩn náu trong chốn thánh của Chúa, để soi sáng mắt chúng con, và ban cho chúng con một chút sự sống trong cảnh nô lệ của chúng con, vì chúng con là nô lệ mà Thiên Chúa không bỏ rơi chúng con trong cảnh nô lệ, nhưng Chúa đã khiến các vua Batur thương xót chúng con, mà cho chúng con còn sống để chúng con xây cất nhà Thiên Chúa chúng con, tu bổ những nơi hoang tàn, và cho chúng con một chỗ ở trong xứ Giuđêa và tại Gierusalem”.

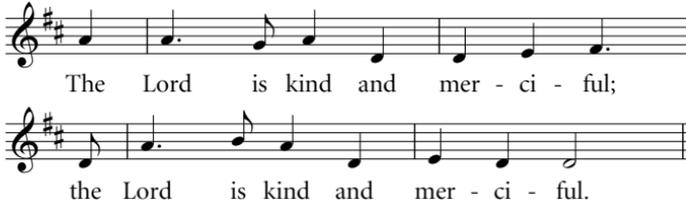
Đó là lời Chúa.



→ ENGLISH ONLY

—• PSALM 103 •—

(1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11)



The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful;
the Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

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Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits. *R*

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills,
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion. *R*

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel. *R*

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness
toward those who fear him. *R*

→ ENGLISH

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Owen Alstott



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The Kingdom of God is at hand;/ repent and believe in the Gospel.

→ SPANISH

Aleluya. Está cerca el reino de Dios –dice el Señor–: convertíos y creed en el evangelio.

→ VIETNAMESE

Alleluia, alleluia! - Ai giũ lời Chúa Kitô, thì quả thật tình yêu của Thiên Chúa đã tuyệt hảo nơi người ấy. - **Alleluia.**

→ ENGLISH

- *He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

9:1-6

JESUS SUMMONED the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony

against them.” Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the good news and curing diseases everywhere.
The Gospel of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

- *Los envió a proclamar el reino de Dios y a curar a los enfermos.* •

Lectura del
santo evangelio según san Lucas 9,1-6

EN AQUEL TIEMPO, Jesús reunió a los Doce y les dio poder y autoridad sobre toda clase de demonios y para curar enfermedades.

Luego los envió a proclamar el reino de Dios y a curar a los enfermos, diciéndoles: - «No llevéis nada para el camino: ni bastón ni alforja, ni pan ni dinero; tampoco llevéis túnica de repuesto. Quedaos en la casa donde entréis, hasta que os vayáis de aquel sitio. Y si alguien no os recibe, al salir de aquel pueblo sacudíos el polvo de los pies, para probar su culpa».

Ellos se pusieron en camino y fueron de aldea en aldea, anunciando el evangelio y curando en todas partes.
Palabra del Señor.

→ VIETNAMESE

- *“Người sai các ông đi rao giảng nước Thiên Chúa và chữa lành bệnh nhân”.* •

Tin Mừng
Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca 9, 1-6

KHI ẤY, CHÚA GIÊSU gọi mười hai Tông đồ lại, ban cho các

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ông sức mạnh và quyền năng trên mọi ma quỷ và được chữa lành các bệnh tật. Đoạn Người sai các ông đi rao giảng nước Thiên Chúa và chữa lành bệnh nhân. Người bảo các ông rằng: “Khi đi đàng, các con đừng mang gì cả, chớ mang gậy và bị, bánh và tiền, cũng đừng mặc hai áo. Các con vào nhà nào, thì hãy ở lại đó, và đừng rời khỏi nơi ấy. Những ai không tiếp đón các con, thì khi rời bỏ thành đó, các con hãy giữ cả bụi chân lại, để làm chứng tố cáo họ”. Các ông liền đi rao khắp các làng mạc, rao giảng Tin Mừng, và chữa lành bệnh tật khắp nơi. Đó là lời Chúa.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Richard Gibala



Lord, in your mer - cy, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom

Andrew D. Ciferri, O. Praem, Normand Gouin



1. Sound the bell of ho - ly free - dom; Call all
2. Da - vid branch from root of Jes - se, Mar - y
3. Bless - ed Jo - seph, spouse of Mar - y, Teach - er
4. Je - sus, youth in low - ly Naz - reth, Faith - ful
5. At the Cross, a griev - ing moth - er, On the
6. Sound the bell of ho - ly free - dom: Call all



na - tions of the earth. Sons and daugh - ters
that vine's flow - ring rose, She brought forth for
of your God and Lord, You did shel - ter
son and lov - ing child, Guest and host at
Cross, her on - ly son, With all moth - ers
fam - lies of the world To be fed by



of one — Fa - ther, Sent to spread God's
us the — Sav - ior As the an - gel
and pro - vide for Won - drous child — by
Ca - na's — wed - ding, Fin - est wine — you
and their — chil - dren, Bless - ed Mar - y,
love in - car - nate, To pro - claim — God's



sav - ing word. Come and gath - er as one
did pro - pose. O - ver - shad - owed by the
kings a - dored. O - pen to God's word in
did pro - vide. You, our rock, and you, our
you are one. In our joys and in our
ho - ly word. Through the love of Christ, our



fam - ly At the ta - ble — of the Lord.
Spir - it, By her "yes" — new — life a - rose.
dream - ing, Saved your child from Her - od's sword.
shel - ter, Keep us ev - er — by your side.
sor - rows, May we do — as — you have done.
broth - er, In the Spir - it — make us one.

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings placed on your altar
in commemoration of blessed Saint Pius,
so that, as you brought him glory,
you may, through these sacred mysteries,
grant to us your pardon.
Through Christ our Lord.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

Heritage Mass, Owen Alstott

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

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Heritage Mass, Owen Alstott

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

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AGNUS DEI

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar

Cantor All/Todos

1. 2. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-
 sins of the world, have mer - cy, have
 ca - do del mun-do, ten pie - dad, ten pie -
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 dad, ten pie - dad de no-so tros.

Last time / Última vez

Cantor All/Todos

3. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins
 Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca -
 of the world, Grant us your peace, grant us your
 do del mun-do, Da - nos la paz, da - nos la
 peace, grant us your peace, O Lamb of God.
 paz, da - nos la paz, Cris - to Je - sús.

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COMMUNION

Humby We Adore You

Adore Te devote. Attr. Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274. Vss. 1-4: Tr. by Melvin Farrell (1930–1986); Vss. 5-8: Tr. by Omer Westendorf (1916–1997). © 1955, 1961, World Library Publications. Used with permission.



1. Hum-bly we a - dore_ you, Christ, Re-deem - er, King;
2. Je - sus, Lord, we thank_ you for this won-drous bread;
3. You who died to save_ us live now as our light;
4. Christ, our God and broth - er, hear our hum - ble plea;
5. Hail, O Word In - car - nate, born from Ma - ry's womb;
6. Faith a - lone re - veals_ here bread of Par - a - dise;
7. Christ, at his last sup - per, break - ing bread, de - creed:
8. Now with glad thanks - giv - ing, praise Christ glo - ri - fied;



You are Lord of heav - ven, you to whom we sing.
 In our land now dwell - ing, by you we are fed.
 Though our eyes are blind - ed, yet our faith gives sight.
 By this ho - ly ban - quet grant us u - ni - ty.
 Hail, O Strength im - mor - tal, ris - en from the tomb.
 Faith a - lone may wit - ness, Je - sus' sac - ri - fice.
 "This, my bod - y, take and eat;" heav'n-ly food in - deed!
 He in us is pres - ent; we in him a - bide.



God, the Might - y, you have come, bear - ing gifts of grace;
 We who share_ this mys - ter - y in you are made one;
 Sav - ior, now_ be mer - ci - ful, Lamb for sin - ners slain,
 Make us one_ in lov - ing you, one in mind and heart,
 Share with us_ your vic - to - ry, Sav - ior ev - er blest:
 There - fore, Lord,_ as once of old Thom - as gained his sight,
 Then he blessed the cup of wine; "take and drink," he said:
 Mem - bers of_ his bod - y, we in him are one;



Son of Ad - am still you are, Sav - ior to our race.
 Ev - 'ry act we of - fer you in your name is done.
 We in grief confess our guilt; cleanse our souls of stain.
 Till in heav - en we are yours, nev - er more to part.
 Live more ful - ly in our hearts; be our con - stant guest.
 Now in - crease our fee - ble faith; shed your heal - ing light.
 "From this chal - ice of my blood, soon for sin - ners shed."
 Hail this sa - cred un - ion, heav'n on earth be - gun!

Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

1. Je - sus, my Lord, my God, my All,
 2. Had I but Mar - y's sin - less heart,
 3. O! see up - on the al - tar placed



How can I love thee as I ought?
 To love thee with, my dear - est King;
 The vic - tim of di - vin - est love!



And how re - vere this won - drous gift,
 O! with what bursts of fer - vent praise,
 Let all the earth be - low a - dore,



So far sur - pass - ing hope or thought?
 Thy good - ness, Je - sus would I sing.
 And join the choirs of heav'n a - bove.



Sweet Sac - ra - ment, we thee a - dore! O make us love thee



more_ and more! O make us love thee more and more.

Text: St. 1-2, Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863; st. 3, *Mediator Dei Hymnal*, 1955, © 1955, GIA Publications, Inc.
 Tune: SWEET SACRAMENT, LM with refrain; *Römischkatholisches Gesangbuchlein*, 1826. Used with permission.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May partaking at the heavenly table, almighty God,
confirm and increase strength from on high
in all who celebrate the feast day of blessed Saint Pius,
that we may preserve in integrity the gift of faith
and walk in the path of salvation you trace for us.
Through Christ our Lord.



CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

(See music score on next page)

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt. Tune: HYMN TO JOY, 8 7 8 7 D; arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867. Used with permission.

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures
de la Cathedrale de Soissons,
M. Durufle*

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1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what



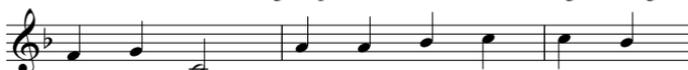
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
once was dead; Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!
joy un - known, When, a - midst earth's clos - ing thun - ders,



To the for - mer days be - long. All a -
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has
Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri -
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! O to



round the clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of
prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, There on high our
arches from dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing
en - ter that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing



time shall cease; In God's like - ness, we a -
wel - come waits; Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it
for their heav'n, Pro - phets, psalm - ists, seers, and
fir - ma - ment, Know, with you, O God im -



wak - en, Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
sag - es, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The Celebration of Holy Mass

MASS FOR THE LAITY

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
John Darwall



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord
2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God
3. God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ,



and King a - dore! Re - joice, give thanks
of truth and love; For Christ has purged
o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death
the Judge, shall come To take all those



and sing, Ex - ult - ant ev - er - more.
our sins And reigns, en - throned a - bove.
and hell To Christ the Lord are giv'n.
who love To their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!



Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

ACT OF PENITENCE

COLLECT

O God, who have sent the power of the Gospel
like leaven into the world,
grant that your faithful,
whom you have called to live amid the world
and its affairs,
may be fervent with the Christian spirit
and, through the tasks they carry out
in this present age,
may constantly build up your Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

→ **ENGLISH**

- *Build the house that I may take pleasure in it.* ●

**A reading from the beginning
of the Book of the Prophet Haggai**

1:1-8

ON THE FIRST day of the sixth month in the second year of King Darius, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak:

Thus says the LORD of hosts: This people says: "The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD." (Then this word of the LORD came through Haggai, the prophet:) Is it time for you to dwell in your own paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?

Now thus says the LORD of hosts:/ Consider your ways!/ You have sown much, but have brought in little;/ you have eaten, but have not been satisfied;/ You have drunk, but have not been exhilarated;/ have clothed yourselves, but not been warmed;/ And whoever earned wages/ earned them for a bag with holes in it.

Thus says the LORD of hosts:/ Consider your ways!/ Go up into the hill country;/ bring timber, and build the house/ That I may take pleasure in it/ and receive my glory, says the LORD.
The word of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

- *Construid el Templo, para que pueda complacerme.* ●

Comienzo de la profecía de Ageo

1,1-8

EL AÑO SEGUNDO del rey Darío, el mes sexto, el día primero, vino la palabra del Señor, por medio del profeta Ageo, a Zorobabel, hijo de Salatiel, gobernador de Judea, y a Josué, hijo de Josadak, sumo sacerdote: - «Así dice el Señor de los ejércitos: Este pueblo anda diciendo: “Todavía no es tiempo de reconstruir el templo”».

La palabra del Señor vino por medio del profeta Ageo: «¿De modo que es tiempo de vivir en casas revestidas de madera, mientras el templo está en ruinas? Pues ahora –dice el Señor de los ejércitos– medita vuestra situación: sembrasteis mucho, y cosechasteis poco, comisteis sin saciaros, bebisteis sin apagar la sed, os vestisteis sin abrigaros, y el que trabaja a sueldo recibe la paga en bolsa rota. Así dice el Señor: Medita en vuestra situación: subid al monte, traed maderos, construid el templo, para que pueda complacerme y mostrar mi gloria –dice el Señor–». Palabra de Dios.

→ VIETNAMESE

● “Các người hãy xây cất đền thờ và như thế sẽ đẹp lòng Ta”. ●

Khởi đầu sách Tiên tri Khác-gai

1, 1-8

NGÀY MÔNG MỘT tháng sáu năm thứ hai triều đại vua Đariô, có lời Chúa sai tiên tri Khác-gai đến nói với Giorôbabel, con trai ông Giosêdec, thầy cả thượng phẩm những lời sau đây: “Đây Chúa các đạo binh phán: Dân này nói: ‘Chưa đến lúc xây cất đền thờ Chúa’. Và có lời Chúa dùng tiên tri Khác-gai phán rằng: ‘Chớ thì đến lúc các người cư ngụ trong nhà ẩm cúng, và để đền thờ này hoang vu sao?’ Giờ đây Chúa các đạo binh phán như thế này: “Các người hãy lưu tâm đến đường lối các người. Các người đã gieo nhiều mà thu vào ít: các người đã ăn không no, đã uống không say, đã mặc không ấm, kẻ nhận tiền công lại bỏ vào túi lủng”. Chúa các đạo binh phán như thế này: “Các người hãy lưu tâm đến đường lối các người: Hãy lên núi mang gỗ về xây cất đền thờ, như thế sẽ đẹp lòng Ta và Ta sẽ được tôn vinh”. Chúa phán như vậy.
Đó là lời Chúa.

→ ENGLISH

— • PSALM 149 • —



The Lord takes de - light - in his peo - ple.

Sing to the LORD a new song
of praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in their maker,
let the children of Zion rejoice in their king. *R*

Let them praise his name in the festive dance,
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
For the LORD loves his people,
and he adorns the lowly with victory. *R*

Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy upon their couches;
Let the high praises of God be in their throats.
This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia. *R*

→ SPANISH

—• SALMO 149 •—

R El Señor ama a su pueblo.

O bien:

R Aleluya.

Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo,
resuene su alabanza en la asamblea de los fieles;
que se alegre Israel por su Creador,
los hijos de Sión por su Rey. *R*

Alabad su nombre con danzas,
cantadle con tambores y cítaras;
porque el Señor ama a su pueblo
y adorna con la victoria a los humildes. *R*

Que los fieles festejen su gloria
y canten jubilosos en filas:
con vítores a Dios en la boca;
es un honor para todos sus fieles. *R*

→ VIETNAMESE

—• ĐÁP CA: Tv 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6A VÀ 9B •—

Đáp: Chúa yêu thương dân Người (c. 4a).

Xướng: 1) Hãy ca mừng Chúa một bài ca mới, hãy vang lên lời khen ngợi trong công hội các tín đồ. Israel hãy mừng vui vì Đấng tạo tác bản thân, con cái Sion hãy hân hoan vì vua của họ. - Đáp.

2) Họ hãy hoà nhạc để ngợi khen Người, hãy hát mừng Người với cây đàn cầm, với trống con, bởi vì Chúa yêu thương dân Người, và ban cho kẻ khiêm nhường chiến thắng vẻ vang. - Đáp.

3) Các tín đồ hãy mừng rỡ trong vinh quang, hãy hoan hỉ trong những nơi khu phố. Miệng họ hãy reo lên lời hoan hô Thiên Chúa. Đó là vinh quang cho mọi tín đồ của Chúa. - Đáp.

→ ENGLISH

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Chant, mode VI

Cantor, then all

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

I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord;/
no one comes to the Father except through me.

→ SPANISH

Aleluya. Yo soy el camino, y la verdad, y la vida -dice el Señor-; nadie va al Padre, sino por mí.

→ VIETNAMESE

Alleluia, alleluia! - Lạy Chúa, xin dạy bảo con về lối bước của Chúa và xin hướng dẫn con trong chân lý của Ngài. - **Alleluia.**

→ ENGLISH

● *John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke** 9:7-9

HEROD THE TETRARCH heard about all that was happening, and he was greatly perplexed because some were saying, “John has been raised from the dead”; others were saying, “Elijah has appeared”; still others, “One of the ancient prophets has arisen.” But Herod said, “John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?” And he kept trying to see him.
The Gospel of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

● *A Juan lo mandé decapitar yo. ¿Quién es éste de quien oigo semejantes cosas?* ●

**Lectura del
santo evangelio según san Lucas** 9,7-9

EN AQUEL TIEMPO, el virrey Herodes se enteró de lo que pasaba y no sabía a qué atenerse, porque unos decían que Juan había resucitado, otros que había aparecido Elías, y otros que había vuelto a la vida uno de los antiguos profetas.
Herodes se decía: - «A Juan lo mandé decapitar yo. ¿Quién es éste de quien oigo semejantes cosas?»
Y tenía ganas de ver a Jesús.
Palabra del Señor.

→ VIETNAMESE

- “Ông Gioan đã bị trảm chém đầu rồi, ông này là ai mà trảm nghe đồn làm những điều như thế”. ●

Tin Mừng

Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca

9, 7-9

KHI ẤY, QUÂN vương Hêrôđê nghe biết tất cả các việc Chúa Giêsu đã làm thì phân vân, vì có kẻ nói rằng: “Ông Gioan đã từ cõi chết sống lại”; còn kẻ khác lại nói: “Ông Êlia đã hiện ra”; kẻ khác nữa nói rằng: “Một tiên tri thời xưa đã sống lại”. Nhưng Hêrôđê thì nói: “Ông Gioan trảm đã chém đầu rồi. Ông này là ai mà trảm nghe đồn làm những điều như thế?” và vua tìm cách gặp Người. Đó là lời Chúa.

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Richard Gibala



Lord, in your mer - cy, hear our prayer.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

1. Cuộc đời này con có gì mà dâng Chúa đâu
 2. Đời tuyệt vời luôn thắm nồng tình yêu thiết tha;

1. Những luống cây sâu trời tối mau cha chứa kịp
 2. Gương sáng mẹ cha ngày tháng qua luôn luôn hiển

1. về; Mẹ bận rộn từng ngày lo no cơm ấm áo;
 2. hòa; Mẹ bận rộn từng ngày lo no cơm ấm áo;

1. Có chi đâu Ngài ơi có chi dâng Ngài.
 2. Mến yêu nhau đẹp sao lẽ dâng lên Ngài.

DK. Con xin tiến dâng lên tình yêu mến nhờ những hy
 sinh được êm ấm gia đình. Con xin tiến dâng lên tình yêu
 mến, nguyện Chúa đoái thương gia đình con được bình yên.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who willed to save the whole world
 by the sacrifice of your Son,
 grant through the power of this oblation
 that your servants whom, even in the lay state,
 you do not cease to call to the apostolate,
 may imbue the world with the spirit of Christ
 and be the leaven of its sanctification.
 Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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SANCTUS

Mass for Christian Unity
Jan M. Vermulst

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

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Mass for Christian Unity
Jan M. Vermulst

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

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AMEN

Mass for Christian Unity
Jan M. Vermulst



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LORD'S PRAYER

chant adapted by Robert Snow

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

AGNUS DEI

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar

Cantor *All/Todos*

1. 2. O Lamb of God, you take away the
 Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-
 sins of the world, have mer - cy, have
 ca - do del mun-do, ten pie - dad, ten pie -
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 dad, ten pie - dad de no-so tros.

Last time / Última vez

Cantor *All/Todos*

3. O Lamb of God, you take away the sins
 Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca -
 of the world, Grant us your peace, grant us your
 do del mun-do, Da - nos la paz, da - nos la
 peace, grant us your peace, O Lamb of God.
 paz, da - nos la paz, Cris - to Je - sús.

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COMMUNION

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look Up and Count the Stars

Peter Latona

(Stanzas 1-4 are sung by the choir)

So gaze up - on the stars on_ high, sing
Praise God the Fa - ther, Christ the_ Son, and
praise to God with sin - gle voice. Ac -
Ho - ly Spir - it with them one. We
cept his gift and guard it well and
pray they bless our fam - 'lies now and
let his will be our heart's choice.____
through-out all e - ter - ni - ty._____

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we draw upon the fullness of your grace,
we pray, O Lord,
that your faithful,
who by your will are engaged in the things
of this world,
may be strengthened by the power of
the Eucharistic Banquet,
to be tireless witnesses to the truth of the Gospel
and may ever make your Church present and active
amid the affairs of this age.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom
Andrew D. Ciferri, O. Praem, Normand Gouin

(See music score on next page)

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

Improvisation on
Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom, S. Kadar





1. Sound the bell of ho - ly free - dom; Call all
2. Da - vid branch from root of Jes - se, Mar - y
3. Bless - ed Jo - seph, spouse of Mar - y, Teach - er
4. Je - sus, youth in low - ly Naz - reth, Faith - ful
5. At the Cross, a griev - ing moth - er, On the
6. Sound the bell of ho - ly free - dom: Call all



na - tions of the earth. Sons and daugh - ters
 that vine's flow - ring rose. She brought forth for
 of your God and Lord, You did shel - ter
 son and lov - ing child, Guest and host at
 Cross, her on - ly son, With all moth - ers
 fam - lies of the world To be fed by



of one Fa - ther, Sent to spread God's
 us the Sav - ior As the an - gel
 and pro - vide for Won - drous child by
 Ca - na's wed - ding, Fin - est wine you
 and their chil - dren, Bless - ed Mar - y,
 love in - car - nate, To pro - claim God's



sav - ing word. Come and gath - er as one
 did pro - pose. O - ver - shad - owed by the
 kings a - dored. O - pen to God's word in
 did pro - vide. You, our rock, and you, our
 you are one. In our joys and in our
 ho - ly word. Through the love of Christ, our



fam - ily At the ta - ble of the Lord.
 Spir - it, By her "yes" new life a - rose.
 dream - ing, Saved your child. Her - od's sword.
 shel - ter, Keep us ev - er by your side.
 sor - rows, May we do as you have done.
 broth - er, In the Spir - it make us one.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The Celebration of Holy Mass

MASS FOR RECONCILIATION

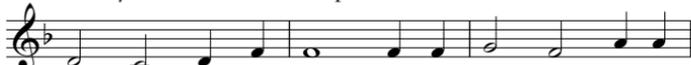
INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE

*Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning
Beach Spring*



1. Ho - ly Wis - dom, lamp of learn - ing, Bless the
2. Vine of truth, in you we flour - ish; By your
3. Ho - ly God, the hope of na - tions, Tune us



light that rea - son lends. Teach us judg - ment as we
grace we learn and grow. May the word of Christ a -
toward your righ-teous will, As the sym - pho - ny of



kin - dle Sparks of thought your Spir - it sends. Sanc - ti -
mong us Shape our life, our search to know. Joined to
a - ges Claims our best, our fin - est skill. Shape our



fy our search for knowl - edge And the truth that
Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, May we help the
search for peace and jus - tice Through pro - phet - ic



sets_ us free. Come, il - lu - mine mind and
church con - vey Wit - ness to the sav - ing
deed_ and word. Christ, con - duct us, set our



spir - it Joined in deep - est u - ni - ty.
 gos - pel, Bear - ing fruit of faith to - day.
 rhy - thm, That God's praise be ev - er heard.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING



ACT OF PENITENCE

All: I confess to almighty God
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,
 that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have
 failed to do,
 through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

All: Amen.

KYRIE

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar



Priest/Sacerdote/Cantor

All/Todos

Lord, _ have mer - cy. Lord, _ have mer - cy.
 Se - ñor, _ ten pie-dad. Se - ñor, _ ten pie-dad.



Priest/Sacerdote/Cantor

All/Todos

Christ, _ have mer - cy. Christ, _ have mer - cy.
 Cris - to, _ ten pie-dad. Cris - to, _ ten pie-dad.



Priest/Sacerdote/Cantor

All/Todos

Lord, _ have mer - cy. Lord, _ have mer - cy.
 Se - ñor, _ ten pie-dad. Se - ñor, _ ten pie-dad.

COLLECT

God of mercy and reconciliation,
 who offer your people special days of salvation
 so that they may recognize you as Creator
 and Father of all,
 mercifully come to our help, we pray,
 so that, receiving gladly from you the message of peace,
 we may serve your will to restore all things in Christ.
 Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

→ **ENGLISH**

● *One moment yet and I will fill this house with glory.* ●

**A reading from
 the Book of the Prophet Haggai**

2:1-9

IN THE SECOND year of King Darius, on the twenty-first

day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: Tell this to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak, and to the remnant of the people:

Who is left among you/ that saw this house in its former glory?/ And how do you see it now?/ Does it not seem like nothing in your eyes?/ But now take courage, Zerubbabel, says the LORD,/ and take courage, Joshua, high priest, son of Jehozadak,/ And take courage, all you people of the land,/ says the LORD, and work!/ For I am with you, says the LORD of hosts./ This is the pact that I made with you/ when you came out of Egypt,/ And my spirit continues in your midst;/ do not fear!/ For thus says the LORD of hosts:/ One moment yet, a little while,/ and I will shake the heavens and the earth,/ the sea and the dry land./ I will shake all the nations,/ and the treasures of all the nations will come in,/ And I will fill this house with glory,/ says the LORD of hosts./ Mine is the silver and mine the gold,/ says the LORD of hosts./ Greater will be the future glory of this house/ than the former, says the LORD of hosts;/ And in this place I will give you peace,/ says the LORD of hosts!
The word of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

- *Todavía un poco más, y llenaré de gloria este templo.* ●

Lectura de la profecía de Ageo

1,15b-2,9

EL AÑO SEGUNDO del reinado de Darío, el día veintiuno del séptimo mes, vino la palabra del Señor por medio del profeta Ageo: «Di a Zorobabel, hijo de Salatiel, gobernador de Judea, y a Josué, hijo de Josadak, sumo sacerdote, y

al resto del pueblo: “¿Quién entre vosotros vive todavía, de los que vieron este templo en su esplendor primitivo? ¿Y qué veis vosotros ahora? ¿No es como si no existiese ante vuestros ojos?

¡Ánimo!, Zorobabel –oráculo del Señor–; ¡ánimo!, Josué, hijo de Josadak, sumo sacerdote; ¡ánimo!, pueblo entero –oráculo del Señor–, a la obra, que yo estoy con vosotros –oráculo del Señor de los ejércitos–. La palabra pactada con vosotros cuando salíais de Egipto, y mi espíritu habitan con vosotros: no temáis.

Así dice el Señor de los ejércitos: Todavía un poco más, y agitaré cielo y tierra, mar y continentes. Pondré en movimiento los pueblos; vendrán las riquezas de todo el mundo, y llenaré de gloria este templo –dice el Señor de los ejércitos–. Mía es la plata y mío es el oro –dice el Señor de los ejércitos–.

La gloria de este segundo templo será mayor que la del primero –dice el Señor de los ejércitos–; y en este sitio daré la paz –oráculo del Señor de los ejércitos–».

Palabra de Dios.

→ VIETNAMESE

- “Còn một ít lâu nữa, Ta sẽ làm cho đền thờ này đầy vinh quang”. ●

Trích sách Tiên tri Khác-gai Kg 2, 1b-10 (Hr 1, 15b - 2, 9)

NĂM THỨ HAI triều đại vua Dariô, đến ngày hai mươi một tháng bảy, có lời Chúa dùng tiên tri Khác-gai mà phán rằng: “Người hãy nói với Giorôbabel, con trai tướng lãnh Giuđa, là Saluthiel, nói với Giosua, con trai thượng tế Giosêdec, và với những kẻ sống sót lại trong dân rằng: ‘Ai trong các người là kẻ sống sót lại đã nhìn thấy vinh quang thuở xưa của đền thờ này: và giờ đây

các người xem thấy nó thế nào? Chớ thì nó chẳng là không trước mắt các người sao? Và Chúa lại phán: Hỡi Giorôbabel, giở đây hãy can đảm. Hỡi Giosua, con trai thượng tế Giosêđêc, hãy can đảm; và toàn dân trên lãnh thổ, hãy can đảm, đây Chúa các đạo binh phán: Các người hãy khởi công, vì Ta ở cùng các người, Chúa các đạo binh phán như vậy. Có lời Ta đã giao ước với các người, khi các người ra khỏi đất Ai-cập, là thần linh Ta sẽ ở giữa các người, nên các người đừng sợ’ “.

Vì Chúa các đạo binh phán như thế này: “Còn ít lâu nữa, Ta sẽ khiến trời đất, biển khơi và đất cạn chuyển động. Ta cũng sẽ khiến mọi dân tộc chuyển động; và Đấng mọi dân tộc trông đợi sẽ đến: Ta sẽ làm cho đền thờ đây vinh quang, Chúa các đạo binh phán như vậy. Vàng bạc đều là của Ta, Chúa các đạo binh phán như vậy. Vinh quang đền thờ sau hết này sẽ cao trọng hơn vinh quang đền thờ trước, Chúa các đạo binh phán như vậy: trong nơi này, Ta sẽ ban hoà bình, Chúa các đạo binh phán như vậy”.

Đó là lời Chúa.

→ ENGLISH ONLY

— • PSALM 145 • —

I will praise your name for ev - er,

— my King and my God.

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**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*

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might. *R*

Let them make known your might to the children
of Adam,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,
and your dominion endures through all
generations. *R*

→ ENGLISH

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Owen Alstott

Cantor, then all

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

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

→ SPANISH

Aleluia. El Hijo del hombre ha venido para servir y dar
su vida en rescate por todos.

→ VIETNAMESE

Alleluia, alleluia! - Ước chi hôm nay các bạn nghe tiếng
Chúa, và đừng cứng lòng. - **Alleluia.**

→ ENGLISH

● *You are the Christ of God. The Son of Man must
suffer greatly.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

9:18-22

ONCE WHEN JESUS was praying in solitude, and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, 'One of the ancient prophets has arisen.'" Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God." He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

The Gospel of the Lord.

→ SPANISH

- *Tú eres el Mesías de Dios. El Hijo del hombre tiene que padecer mucho.* ●

**Lectura del
santo evangelio según san Lucas**

9,18-22

UNA VEZ que Jesús estaba orando solo, en presencia de sus discípulos, les preguntó: - «¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo?» Ellos contestaron: - «Unos que Juan el Bautista, otros que Elías, otros dicen que ha vuelto a la vida uno de los antiguos profetas». Él les preguntó: - «Y vosotros, ¿quién decís que soy yo?»

Pedro tomó la palabra y dijo: - «El Mesías de Dios». Él les prohibió terminantemente decírselo a nadie. Y añadió: - «El Hijo del hombre tiene que padecer mucho, ser desechado por los ancianos, sumos sacerdotes y escribas, ser ejecutado y resucitar al tercer día».

Palabra del Señor.

→ VIETNAMESE

- “Thầy là Đấng Kitô của Thiên Chúa. Con Người phải chịu nhiều đau khổ”. •

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Luca

9, 18-22

VIỆC XẢY RA là khi Chúa Giêsu cầu nguyện riêng một nơi, và có các môn đệ ở với Người, thì Người hỏi các ông rằng: “Những đám dân chúng bảo Thầy là ai?” Các ông thưa rằng: “Người thì bảo là Gioan Tẩy giả, kẻ khác lại cho là Êlia, còn người khác thì cho là một trong các tiên tri thời xưa, đã sống lại”. Người lại hỏi các ông rằng: “Phần các con, các con bảo Thầy là ai?” Simon Phêrô thưa rằng: “Thầy là Đấng Kitô của Thiên Chúa”. Và Người ngăn cấm các ông không được nói đi đâu với ai mà rằng: “Con Người phải chịu nhiều đau khổ, bị các kỳ lão, các thượng tế, và các luật sĩ từ bỏ và giết chết, nhưng ngày thứ ba sẽ sống lại”. Đó là lời Chúa.



HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Richard Gibala



Lord, in your mer - cy, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God*
St Columba



1. O__ breathe on me, O__ breath of God,
2. O__ breathe on me, O__ breath of God,
3. O__ breathe on me, O__ breath of God,
4. O__ breathe on me, O__ breath of God,



Fill_ me with life a - new,____
Un - til my heart is____ pure;____
My_ will to yours in - cline,____
So_ shall I nev - er____ die,____



That I may love the things you love,
Un - til my will is one with yours,
Un - til this self - ish part of me
But live with you the per - fect life



And do what you would do.____
To do and to en - dure.____
Glow with your fire di - vine.____
Of your e - ter - ni - ty.____

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Remember, Lord, that your Son,
who is our peace and our reconciliation,
has canceled the sin of the world with his Blood,
and, as you look mercifully on your Church's offerings,
grant that we may extend to all the freedom of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

SANCTUS

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord.
San - to, San - to, San-to es el Se-ñor, Dios.

— God of hosts... Heav-en and earth are full
del U - ni - ver - so. Lle - nos es - tán el cie - lo

of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na.
y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
¡Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en el

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na!
cie - lo, ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na!

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
¡Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en el

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na!
cie - lo, ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na!

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name,
Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. §

the name of the Lord, ho - san - na.
¡Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na!

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar

English/Bilingual

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and

Res - ur - rec - tion you have set, set us free,

English only | Bilingual
you have set us free. you have set us free.

Por tu cruz y re - su - rrec - ción

nos has sal - va - do, Se - ñor.

Español

Por tu cruz y re - su - rrec - ción

nos has sal - va - do, Se - ñor.

Or tu cruz y re - su - rrec - ción

nos has sal - va - do, Se - ñor.

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AMEN

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar

A - men, a - men. For_
A - mén, a - mén. Por los
ev - er and ev - er. A - men.
si - glos de los si - glos. A - mén.

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LORD'S PRAYER

chant adapted by Robert Snow

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

AGNUS DEI

Misa Luna, Peter Kolar

Cantor All/Todos

1. 2. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-
 sins of the world, have mer - cy, have
 ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad, ten pie -
 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 dad, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.

Last time / Última vez

Cantor All/Todos

3. O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins
 Cor-de-ro de Dios, que qui-tas el pe-ca -
 of the world, Grant us your peace, grant us your
 do del mun - do, Da - nos la paz, da - nos la
 peace, grant us your peace, O Lamb of God.
 paz, da - nos la paz, Cris - to Je - sús.

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COMMUNION

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

The Joy of the Gospel
Delores Dufner, OSB



1. The joy of the Gos-pel in - vites us to - day,
2. The Gos-pel per-suades us to meet Je - sus' gaze,
3. The joy of the Gos-pel en - gag - es the heart,
4. The Gos-pel im - pels us, with Christ at our side,



be - liev - ing in Je - sus, to walk in his way:
 to let his Word touch us, de - light and a - maze.
 em - pow - ers dis - ci - ples and gives each a part:
 pre - pared and com - miss - ioned, with arms o - pen wide,



to love and serve o - thers, the last and the least,
 The Gos-pel a - wak - ens, en - liv - ens the soul;
 to care for the poor and re - spond to their plea,
 to go forth re - joic - ing in Good News to share:



to be for our world both the salt and the yeast.
 it kin - dles the Spir - it, makes new and makes whole.
 to lift up the low - ly, from bur - dens set free.
 God's love is for all and ex - tends ev' - ry - where.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the Sacrament of your Son which we have received
 increase our strength, we pray, O Lord,
 that from this mystery of unity
 we may drink deeply of love's power
 and everywhere promote your peace.
 Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious
Hyfrydol*

(See music score on next page)

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

Dorian Toccata BWV 538
J.S. Bach





1. Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly
 2. God has called you out of dark - ness in - to
 3. Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, strang - ers
 4. Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; called as God's own spe - cial
 his most mar - v'ulous light, brought his truth to life with
 to God's heart of love; but he brought you home in
 peo - ple he in - tends; strong in faith and swift to



peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace: know the
 in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight. Let your
 mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove. Let his
 an - swer each com - mand your mas - ter sends: roy - al



pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all God's
 light so shine a - round you that God's name is
 love flow out to oth - ers, let them feel a
 priests ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri -



might - y deeds; tell of love which knows no
 glo - ri - fied; and all find fresh hope and
 Fa - ther's care; that they too may know his
 fice and prayer; give your lives in joy - ful



lim - its, grace which meets all hu - man needs.
 pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.
 ser - vice, sing his praise, his love de - clare.



The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation



The Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt (1606-1669)

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available at the following times and locations:

DURING THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES CONGRESS
(PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER)

Tuesday, September 22

- ▶ 2 PM–4 PM Outside Exhibit Hall E

Wednesday, September 23

- ▶ 1 PM–3 PM Rooms 105 and 107

Thursday, September 24

- ▶ 1 PM–3 PM Rooms 105 and 107

An Examination of Conscience

THE MORAL TEACHINGS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

“Beloved, if [our] hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God. 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.” (1 Jn 3:21, 23)

- Have I loved God our Father with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength?
- Have I been truly faithful to Jesus Christ as the Son of God made man and our savior?
- Have I loved my own in the world and loved them to the end?
- Have I loved others as Jesus Christ loved us?
 - Have I professed my love for God while hating my brother or sister?
 - Have I noticed and cared for those who are suffering on my way?
 - Have I given food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothing to the naked? Have I visited the sick and imprisoned?
 - Have I loved my enemies?
- Have I paid attention to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit and cooperated with his grace?
- Have I lived as a faithful member of the Body of Christ, doing the Father’s work in the world?
- Have I been poor in spirit, meek, merciful, pure in heart, a peacemaker, hungry and thirsty for righteousness?

- Have I damaged the unity of the Church?
 - Have I fostered quarrels or divisions in my parish?
 - Have I unjustly criticized a bishop or a priest?
 - Have I rashly judged some other member of the Body of Christ?
- Have I doubted the holiness of the Catholic Church, founded by Jesus Christ, and authentic teacher of the truth necessary for my salvation?

CONCRETE APPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S COMMANDMENT

“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (Jn 13:35)

- Have I seriously wished that some evil would happen to another person?
- Have I honored my parents, and helped to care for them?
- Have I hated or harmed anyone by my words or actions?
- Have I had an abortion, or advised someone else to have one?
- Has my behavior been a bad example to others, or even encouraged others to sin?
- Have I been honest and just in my work and business affairs?
- Have I disrespected or damaged what belongs to another?
- Have I taken advantage of anyone in a sale or purchase? Have I stolen anything or cheated in any way?

- Have I lied or deliberately deceived someone?
- Have I revealed confidential information or shared the secrets of another?
- Do I make excuses when I fail in some way?
- Have I worked so much that it has harmed my physical or emotional health or my relationships? Have I taken my family and friends for granted?
- Have I harbored resentment or failed to forgive?
- Have I been eager for gossip, or quick to spread rumors?
- Have I made reparation for the damage I have done to the reputation of others by gossip, calumny, or detraction?

REFLECTIONS ON

MY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

“For 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.” (Eph 5:8-11)

- Have I distorted the Creator’s loving design for sexuality?
 - Have I sought undue attention from others by dressing immodestly? Have I entertained immodest thoughts?
 - Have I viewed pornographic material?
 - Have I engaged in extramarital relations?
- Have I participated in superstitious activities, consulted horoscopes or a fortune teller, or experimented with other occult practices?

- Have I refused to trust in God's goodness, or persisted in doubts of his love for me?
- Have I missed Mass on Sunday or on a holy day? Have I done unnecessary work or shopping on a Sunday?
- Have I given in to addictive behaviors?
 - Have I failed to practice moderation in drinking, eating, or other activities?
 - Have I been careless in my use of media?
 - Have I been overly concerned about current trends, fashions, or the latest technology?
- Have I been preoccupied with comparing myself with others? Have I failed to be grateful for the many blessings I have received? Have I hated my life, my body, or my situation in the world?
- Have I been presumptuous, or dismissive of the seriousness of my sins?
- Have I been lazy or slow to do the good that I know I should? Have I procrastinated or wrongfully wasted time?
- Have I desired to grow in holiness and taken the time to pray?

SPECIAL QUESTIONS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

“For this reason a man shall leave [his] father and [his] mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.” (Eph 5:31-32)

- Have I loved my wife in good times and in bad, as Christ loves the Church?

- Have I loved my husband in good times and in bad, as the Church loves Christ?
- Have I separated in some way what God has joined?
 - Have I pursued my personal development (either professional, social, or spiritual) to the detriment of unity with my spouse?
 - Have I allowed my career, my leisure activities, my volunteer service, my relationships, or financial worries to drain energy from my primary vocation?
 - Have I committed adultery in my heart?
 - Have I wrongfully pursued intimacy (of body, of spirit, or of soul) with someone other than my spouse?
 - Have I treated my spouse as a sexual object or used him/her in some other way as a means to an end?
- Have I been generously open to the gift of life?
 - Have I cherished life from the moment of conception?
 - Have I discussed with my spouse our responsibility toward new life?
- Have I been sufficiently vigilant and generous with my time regarding the education, recreation, and spiritual development of my children? Have I made my care and instruction credible by the example I show my children?
- Have I prayed about God's plan for my family?
- Does the beauty of our love draw our children and others to Christ?

Rite of Reconciliation

RECEPTION OF THE PENITENT

When the penitent comes to confess his sins, the priest welcomes him warmly and greets him with kindness. Then the penitent makes the sign of the cross which the priest may make also.

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

The priest invites the penitent to have trust in God, in these or similar words:

May God, who has enlightened every heart, help you to know your sins and trust in his mercy.

The penitent answers: Amen.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD (Optional)

Then the priest may read or say from memory a text of Scripture which proclaims God's mercy and calls man to conversion.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ACCEPTANCE OF SATISFACTION

Where it is the custom, the penitent says a general formula for confession (for example, I confess to almighty God) before he confesses his sins.

If necessary, the priest helps the penitent to make an integral confession and gives him suitable counsel. He urges him to be sorry for his faults, reminding him that through the sacrament of penance the Christian dies and rises with Christ and is thus renewed in the paschal mystery. The priest proposes an act of penance which the penitent accepts to make satisfaction for sin and to amend his life.

PRAYER OF THE PENITENT AND ABSOLUTION

The priest then asks the penitent to express his sorrow, which the penitent may do in these or similar words:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against

you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Or:

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Then the priest extends his hands over the penitent's head (or at least extends his right hand) and says:

God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

The penitent answers: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF PRAISE OF GOD AND DISMISSAL

After the absolution, the priest continues:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

The penitent concludes:

His mercy endures for ever.

Then the priest dismisses the penitent who has been reconciled, saying:

The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

Or:

May the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you to grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life.

Go in peace.

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DURING THE YOUTH CONGRESS

Wednesday, September 23

- ▶ 1 PM–3 PM

Thursday, September 24

- ▶ 1 PM–3 PM

YOUTH CONFESSION GUIDE

BEING FREE

As he struggled to climb Mount Washington, all Michael could tell himself was “one step at a time.” After a few hours of effort, the three-sport, eighteen-year-old athlete finally made it to the summit, sore, dirty, exhausted, and sweaty. The first thing he did was take off his backpack. The weight that was making his climb so difficult was now gone. Only then could he sit down and enjoy the majestic view of the Presidential Range.

Sin is like a heavy “backpack” we carry that keeps us from being totally free and alive. When we go to confession, we express sorrow for our sins, and Jesus removes this weight from our shoulders. We can then enjoy his love and mercy.

This guide will both teach you about the sacrament of reconciliation and show you how to engage this wonderful sacrament more fully. May the Lord Jesus richly bless you as you turn towards him in the renewal of your friendship.

WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION?

In this powerful sacrament, we confess our sins to a priest, who then forgives them through the authority given to him by the Church. When the priest absolves us from our sins, he is acting *in persona Christi* (“in the person of Christ”)—in that moment, he is Jesus. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gave his apostles the power to forgive sins when he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained” (John 20:22–23).

WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is a choice to do evil by disobeying God’s moral law. We know this law through the teachings of the Church and through natural reason. When we sin, we put distance between ourselves and God—sin damages our relationship because we are putting something else in front of our true priority, our love relationship with God. Sometimes, we sin out of weakness, so we need to remain close to God through the sacraments, especially reconciliation and the Eucharist. These sacraments help us to remain strong when we are tempted to do something we know is sinful.

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

Come Holy Spirit into my soul. Enlighten my mind that I may know the sins I ought to confess, and grant me your grace to confess them fully, humbly and with contrite heart. Help me to firmly resolve not to commit them again. Blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, and all the angels and saints of God,

pray for me, that my heart may be forever united with yours in eternal love. Amen.

(Adapted from *Children's Guide to Confession*, Diocese of Peoria)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER CONFESSION

My dearest Jesus, I have told all my sins to the best of my ability. I have sincerely tried to make a good confession and I know that you have forgiven me. Thank you dear Jesus! Your divine heart is full of love and mercy for poor sinners. I love you dear Jesus; you are so good to me. My loving Savior, I shall try to keep from sin and to love you more each day. Dearest Mother Mary, pray for me and help me to keep all my promises. Protect me and do not let me fall back into sin. Dear God, help me to lead a good life. Without your grace I can do nothing. Amen!

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AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

An examination of conscience is the act of looking prayerfully into our hearts to ask how we have hurt our relationships with God and other people through our thoughts, words, and actions. We reflect on the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church. The questions below help us in our examination of conscience.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

What steps am I taking to help me grow closer to God and to others? Do I turn to God often during the day, especially when I am tempted?

Do I participate at Mass with attention and devotion on Sundays and holy days? Do I pray often and read the Bible?

Do I use God's name and the names of Jesus, Mary, and the saints with love and reverence?

***MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS,
AND NEIGHBORS***

Have I set a bad example through my words or actions? Do I treat others fairly? Do I spread stories that hurt other people?

Am I loving of those in my family? Am I respectful of my neighbors, my friends, and those in authority?

Do I show respect for my body and for the bodies of others? Do I keep away from forms of entertainment that do not respect God's gift of sexuality?

Have I taken or damaged anything that did not belong to me? Have I cheated, copied homework, or lied?

Do I quarrel with others just so I can get my own way? Do I insult others to try to make them think they are less than I am? Do I hold grudges and try to hurt people who I think have hurt me?

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HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, be sure to prepare with an examination of conscience.

***THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION
INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STEPS:***

1. The priest greets us, and we pray the Sign of the Cross.
2. We confess our sins. The priest may help and counsel us.
3. The priest gives us a penance to perform. Penance is an act of kindness or prayers to pray, or both.
4. The priest asks us to express our sorrow, usually by reciting the Act of Contrition.
5. We receive absolution. The priest says, "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We respond, "Amen."
6. The priest dismisses us by saying, "Go in peace." We go forth to perform the act of penance he has given us.

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ACT OF CONTRITION

Act of Contrition: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

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Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament



All are invited to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament during the World Meeting of Families Congress. Adoration will take place in Room 108 of the Pennsylvania Convention Center at these times:

Tuesday, September 22

- 2 PM–4 PM

Wednesday, September 23

- 10 AM–6 PM

Thursday, September 24

- 10 AM–6 PM

Friday, September 25

- 8 AM–1 PM

You are encouraged to reflect on the Word of God and the Prayers of the Mass found in this booklet during your time in adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul – Philadelphia



Schedule of Events at the Cathedral Basilica during
the 2015 World Meeting of Families

■ HOLY MASS ■

From Monday, September 21st, through Thursday, September 24th, daily Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:15 AM, 12:05 PM and 5:30 PM. Please note that on Friday, September 25th only one Mass will be offered at 7:15 AM.

Priests visiting Philadelphia during the World Meeting of Families, who would like to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral, are most welcome to do so. Concelebrants will be most welcome at the scheduled Masses listed above. Additionally, from Monday, September 21st, through Friday, September 25th, the opportunity for priests to celebrate Mass will be provided for between 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM at the various side altars of the Cathedral Basilica.

■ THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION ■

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation will be available for visitors to the Cathedral from 11:00 AM till noon, in the confessionals of the Cathedral Basilica, from Monday, September 21st, through Thursday, September 24th.

■ ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT ■

Beginning after the 6:30 PM Mass on Sunday, September 20th, the Cathedral Parish will provide for uninterrupted Adoration of our Lord, Exposed in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will continue until 8:30 PM on Thursday,

September 24th. These days of “around-the-clock” Adoration will take place in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, located next to the Cathedral Basilica on the north side.

Throughout the day and night, the faithful are welcome and encouraged to visit the Chapel to pray before our Lord, for the intentions of all those taking part in the World Meeting of Families, especially our Holy Father, Pope Francis. It will also be possible to make a commitment in advance, to visit the Most Blessed Sacrament, by signing-up on the World Meeting of Families website, worldmeeting2015.org.

■ HOURS FOR VISITS AND GUIDED TOURS ■

From Monday, September 21st, through Thursday, September 24th, the main portion of the Cathedral will be open for visits and tours from 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM. (After 9:00 PM, the Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament will remain open, as mentioned above.)

For a detailed list of guided tours and presentations at the Cathedral Basilica, during the week of the World Meeting of Families, please visit the Cathedral Parish website, cathedralphia.org. The parish website will also provide information regarding the hours and availability of the Cathedral Shop.

■ VENERATION OF HOLY RELICS ■

During the week of the World Meeting of Families, visitors to the Cathedral will have the opportunity to venerate the relics of Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Gianna Beretta Molla—the co-patrons of the 2015 World Meeting of Families—as well as a combined reliquary containing relics of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and her venerable parents, Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin—who will be canonized Saints by Pope Francis on October 18th of this year.

And Now...

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To love is certainly the most beautiful, yet also the most challenging mission we have. It is only by rooting our life in God who is love (1 Jn 4:8), every day, day after day, that we can bear “fruit that will last”—the abundant fruit of love—and thus be true disciples of Christ.

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Sincerely,

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Vice President

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*D*ear Friends of MAGNIFICAT,

During the month of September, the Church in the United States was blessed by a supreme honor: the papal visit of our Holy Father Pope Francis! We will benefit from the graces of that visit for years to come.

That same month brought us another truly historic event: the canonization of the great Franciscan missionary Junipero Serra—the first canonization on American soil!

In preparation in October, the Church rejoices to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Saint Teresa of Jesus—Teresa of Ávila. A hymn composed for the 5th centenary sings:

*Begin a new age, through cold and sun's heat, through
rain and snow, thirsting for the wind and with love
for liberty.*

Also, during the Synod on the Family being held at the Vatican, October 4-25, Pope Francis will canonize Louis and Zélie Martin, the parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. The prayer for their canonization reads:

Ever-loving God, you have given us Blessed Louis and Zélie Martin as an example of saintly married life. They held fast to their faith and hope throughout the demands and difficulties of life. They raised their children to become saints. May their prayer and example support families in their Christian life and help us all to walk towards holiness.

In Jesus and Mary,



(Rev.) Peter John Cameron, O.P.

EDITORIAL

Father Peter John Cameron, O.P., Editor-in-Chief

SAIN'T THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX ONCE WROTE IN A LETTER, "God gave me a father and a mother more worthy of heaven than of earth." This judgment will soon be confirmed by Pope Francis, who has decided to canonize Thérèse's parents as Saint Zélie and Saint Louis Martin.

Heroic faith

Both Zélie and Louis originally felt a call to consecrated life. Louis tried his vocation with the Canons Regular of Saint Augustine (but was let go for his lack of Latin), and Zélie with the Sisters of Saint Vincent de Paul, until the superior deemed otherwise.

Louis kept a holy card in his missal containing a quotation from Charles Montalembert: "But who is then this Invisible Lover who died upon a gibbet nineteen centuries ago, and who thus draws to himself youth, beauty, and love? Who appears to souls with a splendor and fascination which they cannot resist?"

The Invisible Lover was soon to show his face. One day, as the two young people were crossing the bridge of Saint Léonard, Zélie heard an interior voice tell her: "This is he whom I have prepared for you." They married soon after.

It was through the Sacrament of Matrimony that these two devout souls embraced the Invisible Lover and their destined path to sanctity. Zélie confessed in a letter: "When we had our children, our ideas changed somewhat. Thenceforward we lived only for them; they made all our

happiness and we would never have found it save in them. In fact, nothing any longer cost us anything; the world was no longer a burden to us. As for me, my children were my great compensation, so that I wished to have many in order to bring them up for heaven."

Heroic hope

Together, Zélie and Louis had a total of nine children... four of whom died in childhood. But such devastating trauma did not tempt the couple to despair.

Zélie would write her daughter Pauline, who was at school: "Do not hope too much for joys on earth or you will have too many disappointments. As for me, I know from experience how much one may count upon joys in this world, and did I not hope for those of heaven I should be a very unhappy woman." And in another letter: "You see, in this world it is like that. We must carry the cross in one way or another. We say to our Lord, 'I don't want that.' Often he hears us, but often, alas! for our unhappiness. It is better to take patiently what comes to us; there is always joy beside the pain."

Louis was known to tell his children, "He who enjoys life enjoys death." And Thérèse would recall about her father: "He easily got over the contradictions of life. God flooded his soul with consolations. During his daily visits to the Blessed Sacrament, his eyes filled with tears and his face breathed forth a heavenly beatitude."

From his youth, Louis Martin inscribed in a notebook quotations from spiritual writers. One entry reads: "O my beloved Savior! When I first entered your service I knew not the happiness there is in belonging to you; but today

I know all that you are to me. That is why, taught by experience, I protest to you that I prefer the honor and joy of your service to all the satisfactions of the world." Louis became one of the first pioneers of social action in the Martins' hometown of Alençon.

Heroic love

Zélie Martin died from breast cancer in 1877. The former family servant of eleven years, Louise Marais, shortly before her own death, attested: "In my sharp sufferings, I invoke my little Thérèse and, at the same time, her good and holy mother; for if little Thérèse is a saint, in my opinion her mother is one also, and a great one. She was sorely tried during her life and she accepted all with resignation. And then—how she could sacrifice herself! For herself anything was always good enough, but for others it was quite another matter. I should be too long if I told you of all her goodness and submission to the will of God."

After a visit to church in May of 1888, Louis revealed to his children his prayer: "My God, it is too much, yes I am too happy; I shall not get to heaven like this, I wish to suffer something for you—and I offered myself as a victim."

Soon after, he experienced a physical and mental breakdown. Committed to an asylum, Louis astonished the caregivers by his kindness and docility. In a moment of lucidity, he confided to his doctor, "I never had any humiliations and I needed one." His doctor replied, "Well, this one should count!"

Zélie Martin's sister wrote her niece, "Ah, my little Thérèse, the truth is that your parents are of those who may be called saints, and who deserve to beget saints." ■

Prayer at Night

Prayer at Night is traditionally a short prayer, with fewer variations than the Prayers for Morning and Evening, so that, if desired, it can be memorized. People have most often prayed it alone immediately before retiring for the night. Families or other groups might also want to pray it together.

Two options are suggested.

[Option 1]

*God, come to my assistance.
Lord, make haste to help me.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

Examination of Conscience/Penitential Act (optional)

Reflect in silence on the past day or week. How has God acted in your life? How have you accepted or resisted his help?

If several people are praying together, a penitential act may be used:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have dwelt among us, and we have seen your glory. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have promised that you and the Father will come to dwell in all those who love your word. Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have gone before us to prepare a place for us. Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

HYMN

Meter: CM

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

PSALM 121

The hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain. (Is 25:10)

Our help comes from the Lord Jesus Christ, crucified upon Mount Calvary for our salvation. In his shelter, we can face with confidence the approaching night.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 11:9

THERE SHALL BE no harm or
ruin on all my holy moun-
tain;/ for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the
LORD,/ as water covers the sea.

*Into your hands I commend my spirit./
It is you who will redeem me, LORD. (Ps 31:6)*

CANTICLE OF SIMEON

(Text, back cover D)

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that
awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, your cross stands upon Mount
Calvary as our guard and our shade, our shield and
protection. Guard and keep us through this night until
morning breaks, for you live and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.

BLESSING

*May the Lord grant a peaceful night and a perfect end to
us and to all our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.*

MARIAN ANTIPHON

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[Option 2]

*God, come to my assistance.
Lord, make haste to help me.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

Examination of Conscience/Penitential Act (optional)

Reflect in silence on the past day or week. How have you experienced God's protection? How have you relied on your own resources rather than putting your trust in his care?

If several people are praying together, a penitential act may be used:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

HYMN

Meter: 77 77 77

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
For the Beauty of the Earth

As the darkness draweth nigh,
Daylight fadeth from the sky:
Father, unto thee we call,
Thou who rulest over all.
Light that cannot know decline,
Come within our souls to shine!

All our hearts to thee are known;
Come, possess them as thine own.
Thou alone these hearts can fill,
And their deepest yearning still.
Love that never groweth old,
In thy love our lives enfold!

May the virtue of our lives
Unto thee as incense rise,
When each joy and pain shall be
Joined with Paschal mystery.
May our gift to thee arise
As an evening sacrifice.

Thou whose eye doth never sleep
O'er our slumber vigil keep,
That our hearts may wakeful be
While we take our rest in thee,
And the darkness of earth's night
Fade in everlasting light.

PSALM 91

1-7, 4c, 10-11

See, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the place I have prepared. (Ex 23:20)

As darkness surrounds us, we take confidence from our faith that God watches over us and guards us with his all-powerful love.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: “My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!”

It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 60:2

SEE, DARKNESS covers the earth,/ and thick clouds cover the peoples;/ But upon you the LORD shines,/ and over you appears his glory.

*Into your hands I commend my spirit./
It is you who will redeem me, LORD. (Ps 31:6)*

CANTICLE OF SIMEON

(Text, back cover D)

Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

PRAYER

O God, protect our homes and neighborhoods, our loved ones and ourselves this night. Shelter in your love all who fear the terror of the night or the unseen danger that roams in the darkness. Bring us all in safety to the light of a new day in which to sing your praises, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord grant a peaceful night and a perfect end to us and to all our absent brothers and sisters. Amen.

MARIAN ANTIPHON

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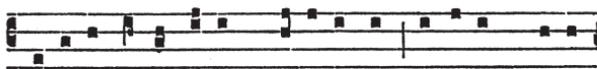
Marian Antiphons

Antiphon for the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary,
October 7

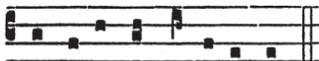


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Ætá-re Virgo Ma-ter, * alle- lú- ia : surré-xit Christus



de sepúlcro, al-le-lú- ia.

Rejoice, O Virgin Mother, alleluia;
Christ has risen from the tomb, alleluia.

Translated by James Monti

Salve, Regina

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae;
 vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
 Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Euae.
 Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
 in hac lacrimarum valle.

*Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
 illos tuos misericordes oculos
 ad nos converte.*
*Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
 nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.*
O clemens, o pia, o dulcis Virgo Maria.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
 our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
 To you do we cry,
 poor banished children of Eve.
 To you do we send up our sighs,
 mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
 Turn then, O most gracious advocate,
 your eyes of mercy toward us,
 and after this our exile
 show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,
 Jesus.
 O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

℣ Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
℞ That we may be made worthy
 of the promises of Christ.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Saints Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer for the Morning

*Give ear, listen humbly, / for the LORD speaks:
come, let us worship! (cf. Jer 13:15)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 87

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Portal of the world's salvation,
Lo, a Virgin pure and mild,
Humble-hearted, high in station,
Form of beauty undefiled,
Crown of earth's anticipation,
Comes the Mother-maid with child.

See in flesh so great a wonder
By the power of God ordained,—
Him, whose feet all worlds lay under,
In a Virgin's womb contained;—
So on earth, her bonds to sunder,
Righteousness from heaven hath rained.

PSALM 119

9-16

His mother kept all these things in her heart. (Lk 2:51)

Mary "kept" the word of God in two ways: by reflecting on it often and by living it with utmost fidelity.

How shall the young remain sinless?
By obeying your word.

I have sought you with all my heart:
let me not stray from your commands.

I treasure your promise in my heart
lest I sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord;
teach me your commands.

With my tongue I have recounted
the decrees of your lips.
I rejoiced to do your will
as though all riches were mine.

I will ponder all your precepts
and consider your paths.
I take delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Luke 8:11b, 15

THE SEED is the word of God.
As for the seed that fell on
rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard
the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart,
and bear fruit through perseverance.

*Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.*

(Lk 2:19)

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. (cf. Lk 6:45)

INTERCESSIONS

The Blessed Virgin Mary received the Word of God in humility and love. Through her intercession, let us pray:

R Be it done according to your word.

God our Father, you sent your Son, the Word made flesh, into the world:

– open the hearts of all peoples to hear the Good News of salvation. **R**

God our Father, you allowed your Son to fall into the ground and die:

– make your Church fruitful for the whole world. **R**

God our Father, your Word falls upon thorny, rocky soil:

– remove all obstacles to our hearing and obeying. **R**

God our Father, you desire that your Word produce a great harvest:

– send workers into the fields. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, sow your Word once more in our hearts today; till patiently the soil of our souls; bring forth a rich harvest, so that all may find nourishment for body and spirit through the lives of your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS

Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN

Optional memorial

• *Tradition hails Cosmas and Damian as anargyroi, or “the ones without silver.” Physicians by training,*

the brothers are said to have given free medical care to those who sought their aid in the seaport of Aegea in Cilicia. They were arrested under Diocletian and beheaded around the year 287 with their three brothers. Their relics were brought to Cyrrhus in Syria, where there was already a church built in their honor by the year 400. In the West, Saint Benedict is believed to be the first person to dedicate a church to them. Cosmas and Damian are patrons of medicine. ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven,/ the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ,/ and since for love of him they shed their blood,/ they now exult with Christ for ever.

COLLECT

May you be magnified, O Lord,
by the revered memory of your Saints Cosmas
and Damian,
for with providence beyond words
you have conferred on them everlasting glory,
and on us, your unfailing help.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *See, I am coming to dwell among you.* ●

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah

2:5-9, 14-15a

I, ZECHARIAH, RAISED my eyes and looked: there was a man with a measuring line in his hand. I asked, "Where are you going?" He answered, "To measure Jerusalem, to see how great is its width and how great its length."

Then the angel who spoke with me advanced, and another angel came out to meet him and said to him,

“Run, tell this to that young man: People will live in Jerusalem as though in open country, because of the multitude of men and beasts in her midst. But I will be for her an encircling wall of fire, says the LORD, and I will be the glory in her midst.”

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.

The word of the Lord.

—• RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Jer 31) •—

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 guards his flock. **R**

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. **R**

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**

Alleluia, alleluia. Our Savior Christ Jesus destroyed death/ and brought life to light through the Gospel.
Alleluia, alleluia.

• *The Son of Man is to be handed over to men. They were afraid to ask him about this saying.* •

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

9:43b-45

WHILE THEY WERE all amazed at his every deed, Jesus said to his disciples, "Pay attention to what I am telling you. The Son of Man is to be handed over to men." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was hidden from them so that they should not understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

In honor of the precious death of your just ones,
O Lord,
we come to offer that sacrifice
from which all martyrdom draws its origin.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 22:28-30

It is you who have stood by me in my trials;/ and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord,/ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Preserve in us your gift, O Lord,
and may what we have received at your hands
as we commemorate the Martyrs Saints Cosmas
and Damian,
bring us healing, salvation and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

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M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y
• ————— •

United with Jesus in His Passion

If today all of us are gathered here...it is because we are certain that we will not be disappointed in our

faith, for Jesus has gone before us. In his Passion he took upon himself all of our sorrows....

I am here to tell you that Jesus is Lord; that Jesus does not disappoint. "Father," one of you may tell me, "he disappointed me because I lost my house, I lost my family, I lost everything I had, I am sick." What you say is true and I respect your feelings, but I see him there, nailed to the cross, and from there he does not disappoint us. He was consecrated Lord on that throne, and there he experienced all the disasters we experience. Jesus is Lord! And he is Lord from the cross, from there he reigned. That is why...he can understand us: he became like us in every way. So we have a Lord who is able to weep with us, who can be at our side through life's most difficult moments....

Many of you looked to Christ and asked: Why, Lord? To each of you the Lord responds from his heart. I have no other words to say to you. Let us look to Christ: he is the Lord, and he understands us, for he experienced all the troubles we experience.

With him, beneath the cross, is his Mother. We are like that child who stands down there, who, in times of sorrow and pain, times when we understand nothing, times when we want to rebel, can only reach out and cling to her skirts and say to her: "Mother!" Like a little child who is frightened and says: "Mother." Perhaps that is the only word which can express all the feelings we have in those dark moments: Mother!

Let us be still for a moment and look to the Lord. He can understand us, for he experienced all these things. And let us look to our Mother, and like that little child, let us reach out, cling to her skirts and say to her in our hearts: "Mother." Let us make this prayer in silence; let everyone say it whatever way he or she feels....

We are not alone; we have a Mother; we have Jesus, our older brother. We are not alone. Be sure that Jesus does not disappoint us; be sure that the love and tenderness of our Mother does not disappoint us. Clinging

to her as sons and daughters with the strength which Jesus our brother gives us, let us now move forward.

Thank you, Lord, for being with us here today. Thank you, Lord, for sharing our sorrows. Thank you, Lord, for giving us hope. Thank you, Lord, for your great mercy. Thank you, Lord, because you wanted to be like one of us. Thank you, Lord, because you keep ever close to us, even when we carry our crosses. Thank you, Lord, for giving us hope. Lord, may no one rob us of hope! Thank you, Lord, because in the darkest moment of your own life, on the cross, you thought of us and you left us a Mother, your Mother. Thank you, Lord, for not leaving us orphans!

POPE FRANCIS

His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of Saint Peter in 2013.

Prayer for the Evening

Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus Christ speaks with authority and power:
come, let us adore!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 87 87

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

In your mercy, Lord, you called me,
Taught my sinful heart and mind,
Else this world had still enthralled me,
And to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you
Till by grace you set me free;

For my heart would still refuse you
Had your love not chosen me.

Now my heart sets none above you,
For your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love you,
You, O Lord, have loved me first.

PSALM 119

17-24

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." (Mk 9:39)

God is free to select his servants where he will. As this Sunday's readings show, he sometimes breaks out of our too-narrow expectations to bestow the power of the Spirit upon the unlikely, lest we cherish the illusion that Spirit and Word are subject to human control.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.

I am a pilgrim on the earth;
show me your commands.
My soul is ever consumed
as I long for your decrees.

You threaten the proud, the accursed,
who turn from your commands.
Relieve me from scorn and contempt
for I do your will.

Though princes sit plotting against me
I ponder on your rulings.
Your will is my delight;
your commands are my counsellors.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Joel 3:1-2

I WILL POUR OUT/ my spirit
upon all mankind./ 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.

*Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD
were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow
his spirit on them all!" (cf. Nm 11:29)*

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

The word of God is not chained. (2 Tm 2:9)

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for all who serve God's word:

R Speak, Lord: your servants are listening!

For all who are called to the service of the word:

– that they may accept their mission with love and
zeal. **R**

For all who must preach to those who do not want to
hear:

– that they may persevere in the face of indifference or
opposition. **R**

For all those who close their ears to God's chosen
messengers:

– that they may receive the gift of open hearts and
attentive ears. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

*May our faith rest not on human wisdom but on the
power of God! Amen. (cf. 1 Cor 2:5)*

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Were Catechists

Saint Cedd

Bishop († 664)

Feast: October 26

Off the northeastern coast of England lies the island of Lindisfarne, separated from the mainland by muddy flats. On Lindisfarne there arose in the 7th century a monastic community under Saint Aidan. Cedd was of this community.

When Sigebert, king of the East Saxons, had accepted baptism, he sent for Cedd and his brother monks, that the Gospel might be preached to his people. After Cedd had briefly visited them, he returned to Lindisfarne, where Saint Fintan made him a bishop. Cedd went back to the East Saxons. He preached, taught, and baptized with zeal. He built churches and monasteries—places where the faith could take root, grow, and flourish. “He taught them to observe the discipline of regular life,” Saint Bede tells us, “as far as those rude people were then capable.”

It was Cedd’s habit to return to his native Northumbria from time to time to teach the people there. On one of these visits he received a gift of land in North Yorkshire. He set forth to this mountainous place—“difficult of access and remote, where appeared to be fitter dwelling places for thieves and wild beasts than for men”—determined to consecrate the site by a forty-day fast. Afterward, the foundation of the monastery of Lastingham was laid. In 664, Cedd died there, the victim of an epidemic.

*Father in heaven, through the intercession of Saint Cedd,
give me courage and strength, that I might preach
your Gospel to those who live on the margins.*

Suggested Prayer of the Faithful

(Each local community should compose its own Universal Prayer, but may find inspiration in the texts proposed here.)

The Lord raises up those who are bowed down. Trusting in the Father, we now pray:

For blessings on Pope Francis and the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

That God will bring forth many new vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

For our lawmakers: that they be given the courage to uphold conscience rights.

For the unemployed: that they will soon find gainful employment, and be free from discouragement.

For the poor, the homeless, the sick, and the suffering: that God will rescue and comfort them, especially through our efforts.

For the grace this week to be cleansed from our unknown faults.

Loving Father, make us diligent in keeping all your commands. Do not let sin rule over us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ■

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

*Jesus Christ alone is our treasure:
let us give thanks and praise!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 76 76 D

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No weight of gold or silver
Can measure human worth;
No soul secures its ransom
With all the wealth of earth;
No sinners find their freedom
But by the gift unpriced,
The Lamb of God unblemished,
The precious blood of Christ.

In Christ the past is over,
A new world now begins.
With him we rise to freedom
Who saves us from our sins.
We live by faith in Jesus
To make his glory known:
Behold, the Man of sorrows,
The Lamb upon his throne!

PSALM 49

6-13, 17-18, 21

Your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. (Jas 5:3)

Apparently we human beings have long been tempted to imagine that wealth will buy us all we want, even some form of immortality. In fact, the only wealth that buys life everlasting is the saving love of Jesus Christ, which we receive with gratitude today in the Eucharist.

Why should I fear in evil days
the malice of the foes who surround me,
men who trust in their wealth,
and boast of the vastness of their riches?

For no man can buy his own ransom,
or pay a price to God for his life.
The ransom of his soul is beyond him.
He cannot buy life without end,
nor avoid coming to the grave.

He knows that wise men and fools must both perish
and leave their wealth to others.
Their graves are their homes for ever,
their dwelling place from age to age,
though their names spread wide through the land.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom:
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

Then do not fear when a man grows rich,
when the glory of his house increases.
He takes nothing with him when he dies,
his glory does not follow him below.

In his riches, man lacks wisdom:
he is like the beasts that are destroyed.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

1 Peter 1:17-19

NOW IF YOU INVOKE as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and decay destroy,
and thieves break in and steal. (Mt 6:19)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

Store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. (Mt 6:20)

INTERCESSIONS

Life in Christ is true wealth. In our need, we cry out:

R Lord, hear our prayer!

You became poor that we might become rich:

– teach us to store up true treasure in heaven. **R**

You emptied yourself to fill our emptiness:

– grant us a receptive and grateful heart. **R**

You died to give us life:

– grant us the grace to live in and for you. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, the source of all our good, deliver us from the deception of false gold that glitters but does not give life. Empty us of our self-seeking, that we may be filled

with Christ and live lives of self-giving in him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As both Joshua and Jesus' disciples learned, God uses the least likely people to be his instruments of grace. Maybe he does so to uproot in us the self-righteousness and indignation that instinctively provokes. Moses asks Joshua, "Are you jealous for my sake?" A conceited, disdainful mindset, a spirit of entitlement, an attitude of arrogance can become like "stored up treasures." But their "corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire." This is why the Lord calls for such an aggressive protocol of cutting off and plucking out—true self-mortification. For Jesus' graphic image captures how amputating and disfiguring the mutilation known as sin is. We act to murder that in us, so as to stay the temptation to murder "the righteous one."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Dn 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,/ you have done with true judgment./ for we have sinned against you/ and not obeyed your commandments./ But give glory to your name/ and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

GLORIA ————— page 302

COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

• *Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!* •

A reading from the Book of Numbers

11:25-29

THE LORD CAME down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 19 •—

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

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

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

Though your servant is careful of them,
 very diligent in keeping them,
 yet who can detect failings?

Cleanse me from my unknown faults! *R*

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant;
 let it not rule over me.

Then shall I be blameless and innocent
 of serious sin. *R*

• *Your wealth has rotted away.* •

**A reading from
 the Letter of Saint James**

5:1-6

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

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth;/
 consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

• *Whoever is not against us is for us. If your hand
 causes you to sin, cut it off.* •

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

AT THAT TIME, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

CREDO ————— page 304

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME———page 308

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 119 (118):49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,/ by which you have given me hope./ This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Or: 1 Jn 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God:/ that Christ laid down his life for us;/ so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
 restore us in mind and body,
 that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
 to whose suffering we are united
 whenever we proclaim his Death.
 Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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The Path for Entering the Kingdom of God

Now the first thing that I wanted to share with you is precisely the joy of having Jesus as teacher and as a model for our lives. Let us look to him! This gives us so much strength and consolation in our weaknesses, in our misery, and in our difficulties. We all have difficulties, all of us....

Looking at Jesus we see he chose the path of humility and service. Rather, he himself is this path. Jesus was not indecisive; he was not indifferent. He made a decision and followed it through until the end. He decided to become man and as a man to become a servant until his death on the cross. This is the way of love, there is no other.... This word solidarity runs the risk of being deleted from the dictionary because it is a word that bothers us, it bothers us. Why? Because

it requires you to look at another and give yourself to another with love.... And we want to take this path. Christ's humility is not moralism or a feeling. Christ's humility is real; it is the choice of being small, of staying with the lowliest and with the marginalized, staying among all of us sinners. Be careful, this is not an ideology! It is a way of being and a way of life that comes from love and from God's heart....

Jesus is the path, and a path is for walking and following.... We cannot follow Jesus on the path of love unless we first love others, unless we force ourselves to work together, to understand each other and to forgive each other, recognizing our own limits and mistakes. We must do works of mercy and with mercy! Putting our heart in them. Works of charity with love, with tenderness, and always with humility!...

Therefore following Jesus on the path of charity, going with him to the existential outskirts.... For the Good Shepherd what is far, what is on the margins, what is lost and unappreciated is the object of greater care, and the Church cannot but make her own this special love and attention. The first in the Church are those who are the most in need, humanly, spiritually, materially, the neediest.

POPE FRANCIS

His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of Saint Peter in 2013.

Prayer for the Evening

We are one in Christ: let us give thanks and praise!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: CM

**This hymn may be sung to the tune used for
*We Walk by Faith***

Lord, help us walk your servant way
Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self,
Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,
But pow'r you laid aside.
You lived your years in servanthood,
In lowliness you died.

No golden scepter but a towel
You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow you
And live by your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride
Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task
That waits the gift of love.

PSALM 133

For whoever is not against us is for us. (Mk 9:40)

All who do the Gospel work of love belong to Christ and serve Christ. Let us seek to recognize his invitation to join together in doing good in his name in all the ordinary circumstances of life. Let us be willing to accept that invitation even when it requires of us hard and selfless choices, that our lives may reveal God's love rather than give scandal to the vulnerable.

How good and how pleasant it is,
when brothers live in unity!

It is like precious oil upon the head
running down upon the beard,

running down upon Aaron's beard
upon the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon which falls
on the heights of Zion.
For there the Lord gives his blessing,
life for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

John 17:20-23

I PRAY [...] for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)*

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them. (Jn 17:26)

INTERCESSIONS

To the one God we pray:

R Make strong, O Lord, the bond of peace sealed in your Blood!

Teach us, O Lord, a horror of divisive competition and argument:

– teach us to love oneness of mind and heart. *R*

Guide us, O Lord, away from all the prejudices history has left us:

– guide us toward the unity of your kingdom. *R*

Forgive us, O Lord, all that we have done to set any person against another:

– forgive us the polarities we have created and accepted within the Church. *R*

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (Rom 15:5-6)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Saint Wenceslaus;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Prayer for the Morning

Come, let us go up with joy to the house of the Lord!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: CM

**This hymn may be sung to the tune used for
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

O God of mercy, by whose hand
Your people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Have all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before your throne of grace:
God of our fathers, be the God
Of each succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
Our wand'ring footsteps guide;
Give us each day our daily bread,
Your care for us provide.

O spread your shelt'ring wings around,
Till all our wand'rings cease,
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace!

Such blessings from your gracious hand
Our humble prayers implore;

And you shall be our chosen God
And portion evermore.

PSALM 84

2-3, 6-8, 11a, 12

Jesus instructed the disciples to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. (cf. Mk 6:8)

We are a pilgrim people, journeying through the varied landscapes of life, on our way to the heavenly Jerusalem. Let us travel light, unburdened by useless baggage—material or spiritual—and sing this pilgrim psalm to the God who has given us such a glorious goal in life.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.
As they go through the Bitter Valley
they make it a place of springs,
the autumn rain covers it with blessings.

They walk with ever growing strength,
they will see the God of gods in Zion.
One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield;
he will give us his favor and glory.
The Lord will not refuse any good
to those who walk without blame.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Nehemiah 9:12-13

WITH A COLUMN of cloud you led [your people] by day,/ and by night with a column of fire,/ To light the way of their journey,/ the way in which they must travel./ On Mount Sinai you came down,/ you spoke with them from heaven;/ You gave them just ordinances, firm laws,/ good statutes, and commandments.

Come, follow me! (Mk 10:21)

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

When Jesus called, the disciples left their nets and followed him. (cf. Mt 4:20)

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray with confidence to the God who calls us to travel toward the kingdom that is to come:

R Lead us, O Lord.

We are your people, who walk the desert road to the Promised Land:

– keep us faithful to the demands of the journey today. **R**

We are your people, called to follow Jesus, the Lord:

– make us steadfast disciples, freed from all that would hold us back. **R**

We are your people, destined for the heavenly Jerusalem:

– give us strength to go on when we grow weary of the journey. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O Lord, as we travel through this day of our life, our strength is in you; in our hearts are the roads to our eternal destination, the place where you dwell for ever with your people in joy and in peace. Sustain us as we pass through the bitter valleys of suffering; shield us as dangers threaten; let us rejoice in the springs of living water which refresh us on our way; and keep us faithful until journey's end, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS

Monday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

SAINT WENCESLAUS

Optional memorial

● *The son of the Christian duke Vratislav and a heathen mother, Wenceslaus was born around the year 907 near Prague. He was still a teenager when he wrested the throne from his mother, who was suppressing the Church. Wenceslaus invited Latin clergy into the country and promoted education in his realm. His policies drew the ire of his brother, who was complicit in Wenceslaus' murder in 929. The "eternal" prince of the Czech people, Wenceslaus "had the courage to prefer the kingdom of heaven to the enticement of worldly power" (Pope Benedict XVI). In the year 2000, the Czech Republic declared September 28 Czech Statehood Day, honoring Wenceslaus, the country's patron. ●*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God/
and did not fear the words of the godless,/ for he was built
on solid rock.

COLLECT

O God, who taught the Martyr Saint Wenceslaus
to place the heavenly Kingdom before an earthly one,

grant through his prayers that, denying ourselves,
we may hold fast to you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *I will rescue my people from the land of the rising sun, and from the land of the setting sun.* ●

**A reading from
the Book of the Prophet Zechariah**

8:1-8

THIS WORD OF THE LORD of
hosts came:

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

I am intensely jealous for Zion,/ stirred to jealous
wrath for her./ Thus says the LORD:/ I will return to
Zion,/ and I will dwell within Jerusalem;/ Jerusalem
shall be called the faithful city,/ and the mountain of the
LORD of hosts,/ the holy mountain.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old wom-
en, each with staff in hand because of old age, shall
again sit in the streets of Jerusalem. The city shall be
filled with boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus
says the LORD of hosts: Even if this should seem impos-
sible in the eyes of the remnant of this people, shall it in
those days be impossible in my eyes also, says the LORD
of hosts? Thus says the LORD of hosts: Lo, I will rescue
my people from the land of the rising sun, and from the
land of the setting sun. I will bring them back to dwell
within Jerusalem. They shall be my people, and I will be
their God, with faithfulness and justice.

The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 102 •—

R (17) The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

The nations shall revere your name, O LORD,
and all the kings of the earth your glory,
When the LORD has rebuilt Zion
and appeared in his glory;
When he has regarded the prayer of the destitute,
and not despised their prayer. **R**

Let this be written for the generation to come,
and let his future creatures praise the LORD:
“The LORD looked down from his holy height,
from heaven he beheld the earth,
To hear the groaning of the prisoners,
to release those doomed to die.” **R**

The children of your servants shall abide,
and their posterity shall continue in your presence.
That the name of the LORD may be declared in Zion;
and his praise, in Jerusalem,
When the peoples gather together,
and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD. **R**

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

● *The one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke** 9:46-50

AN ARGUMENT arose among the disciples about which of them was the greatest. Jesus realized the intention of their hearts and took a child and placed it by his side

and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."

Then John said in reply, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow in our company." Jesus said to him, "Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you."
The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify our offerings by your blessing,
O Lord, we pray,
and by your grace may we be set afire
with that flame of your love
through which Saint Wenceslaus overcame every
bodily torment.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Mt 16:24

Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the sacred mysteries of which we have partaken,
O Lord, we pray,
give us that determination which made your blessed
Martyr Saint Wenceslaus
faithful in your service
and victorious in suffering.
Through Christ our Lord.

M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y

The Greatness of the Least among Us

I hold her hand. And stroke her hair gently. And getting enough courage, I steal a kiss from her cheek. And

when she finally smiles at me, I think I am one incredibly lucky guy. Tracy is already a young woman. But her head is bent downward, and drool flows through one side of her mouth, and her face is bereft of any expression. She can't speak. Or move by herself. Every once in a while, someone has to shift the position of her head, her arms, her legs—or else they become painfully sore. (Doctors regularly give her painkillers.)

And the hand I hold is small for her age and contorted. Her limbs are terribly thin, twisted, and abnormally short, and have to be strapped in a special wheelchair. She doesn't eat the way you and I do. She's fed through a tube attached straight through her abdomen. Some would call her a vegetable. I wouldn't. Because her name is Tracy. And there's one thing she does well, despite all these. Tracy smiles. And her smile takes your breath away. You see, she is able to smile when she likes something. It's the only way she communicates. So I playfully rub the back of her neck, and whisper to her ear, *Tracy, do you like this? Smile if you do....* She does, and it's so sweet, you'd fall in love with her right there. I wipe her saliva with her bib, which is now soaking wet, and continue to hold her hand for the rest of the day. I go home with tears in my eyes.

The next morning, I visit her again. I can't get away. Yes, I know the past days were the most unproductive days of my life: no articles written...no songs composed, no meetings held, no books read, no plans designed.... All I did was hold her hand. And allowed myself to be loved by a smile. But the peace I felt! And I realize why: I was being deeply transformed by the power of this girl—the one who couldn't even move a finger. Tracy was training my soul to love well. She was training me to love one person, one face, one heart at a time. And she was training me to find love in the most unexpected places. Even her memory speaks to me, asking me to slow down if I want to really love. I picture her in my

mind, and she smiles. She tells me that I always have a choice. I can make life beautiful.

Bo SANCHEZ

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Prayer for the Evening

*The Lord will not abandon his people:
let us give thanks and praise!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 10 10 10 10

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Abide with Me

This world, my God, is held within your hand,
Though we forget your love and steadfast might
And in the changing day uncertain stand,
Disturbed by morning, and afraid of night.

From youthful confidence to careful age,
Help us each one to be your loving friend,
Rewarded by the faithful servant's wage,
God in Three Persons, reigning without end.

PSALM 94

9-15, 22

God does not withdraw his mercy, nor permit even one of his promises to fail. (Sir 47:22)

Uncertainty is an ever-present reality to the Christian believer. Is God really there? Is he really interested? Can he really hear prayers? Does he really act in today's world? Does he keep his promises even now? The Psalmist faced the same questions with a courageous "yes"!

Can he who made the ear, not hear?
 Can he who formed the eye, not see?
 Will he who corrects nations, not punish?
 Will he who teaches men, not have knowledge?
 The Lord knows the thoughts of men.
 He knows they are no more than a breath.

Happy the man whom you teach, O Lord,
 whom you train by means of your law:
 to him you give peace in evil days
 while the pit is being dug for the wicked.

The Lord will not abandon his people
 nor forsake those who are his own:
 for judgment shall again be just
 and all true hearts shall uphold it.

As for me, the Lord will be a stronghold;
 my God will be the rock where I take refuge.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Luke 12:27-28

NOTICE HOW the flowers grow. They do not toil or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

*God is faithful and will not let you be tried
 beyond your strength. (1 Cor 10:13)*

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

The promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call. (Acts 2:39)

INTERCESSIONS

With faith in God who keeps his promises, let us pray:

R We place our trust in you!

For those who do not believe in God:

– grant them the gift of faith. **R**

For those who do not believe in Jesus Christ:

– grant them the gift of faith. **R**

For those who do not trust in your love or your promises:

– grant them the gift of faith. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the word of Christ dwell in us richly, and bring us to life everlasting! Amen. (cf. Col 3:16)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Were Catechists

Saint Giulia Salzano

Foundress (+ 1929)

Feast: May 17

Giulia was born in 1846 just north of Naples. She was five when her father died and she was sent to an orphanage run by the Sisters of Charity. At fifteen, she began studies for her teaching certificate, and then began to teach in Naples. She became fast friends with future saint Catherine Volpicelli; together they promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Giulia's charism was catechesis. Men, women, and children flocked to hear the lessons she gave every day after work and school were done. Giulia used large drawings of Old Testament scenes and moments from the life of Christ to illustrate her lessons. In 1905, she founded the Congregation of the Catechist Sisters of the Sacred Heart. She told her sisters, "These truths must be lived, not explained; if you do not live them, your presence is irrelevant."

Giulia also said: "While I have any life left in me, I will continue to teach the catechism. And then, I assure you, I would be very happy to die teaching the catechism." Indeed, the day before her death at the age of eighty-three, Giulia examined over one hundred children to prepare them for First Communion. In 2003, at her beatification, Pope John Paul II called Giulia "an apostle of the new evangelization."

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of Saint Giulia Salzano, make me a living witness to your truth.

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Jennifer Hubbard

“Father, I pray he be surrounded by a legion of angels, that he be clothed in your armor and shielded by your love. I boldly ask that his eyes be open to your undeniable presence and he be filled with a peace that supersedes understanding.”

It is the prayer I whisper as my brave one moves from under my protective watch into that of another. I could think he is safest with me, but I refuse to fall prey to that misconception. My brave one is not really mine. He is God’s, and as God’s he is safest under the shelter of his wings.

In placing children in my life God calls me to be an example of complete dependence and trust in his love. While I delight in this awesome responsibility, at times fear creeps in and I assume my brave one’s protection to be my job. I worry how I will protect him from the darkness that lurks. The Lord reminds me he has cloaked us in his whole armor (Eph 6:11-17), and I still question and worry. He shows me through his Word that he is almighty and all-powerful, reminding me of the elite army he sends to protect, to guide, to heal. He sends them—his archangels—to us. Through them he saves from the mouth of the lion, proclaims the Good News, and turns darkness into light. He sends us his archangels not to serve as mere glimpses of his might but as clear reminders of his almighty power and everlasting love. He sends the archangels and answers my whispered prayer.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Prayer for the Morning

Let us praise God above all for ever!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: LM

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

O Lord, the angels' sheer delight!
Their life reflects your splendor bright;
As we today their praise declare,
May we their joy forever share.

Saint Michael, be our refuge here,
Preserve us from all useless fear;
Through you may God his peace bestow
On all the nations here below.

Saint Gabriel, be with us this day,
Reveal God's will to us, we pray;
As Mary once did answer you,
May our response be firm and true.

Saint Raphael, heal our sinful heart,
May God his grace to us impart,
And may you guide us on the way
That we may never go astray.

PSALM 103

19-22

You walk on the wings of the wind,/ you make the winds your messengers/ and flashing fire your servants. (Ps 104:3-4)

The great archangels—Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—lead the choirs of those awesome servants of God whom we picture as “wings of the wind” and “flashes of fire,” and to whom we give the name “angel,” meaning “messenger.”

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word,
who heed the voice of his word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts,
his servants who do his will.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his works,
in every place where he rules.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord!

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 6:1-3

I SAW THE LORD seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they veiled their faces, with two they veiled their feet, and with two they hovered aloft.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!” they cried one to the other. “All the earth is filled with his glory!”

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!

(Is 6:3)

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

Exult with him, you heavens,/ glorify him, all you angels of God.
(Dt 32:43)

INTERCESSIONS

To God who is enthroned upon the seraphim, we pray:

R We give you thanks and praise!

Through the power of Michael, leader of the heavenly armies in the war against evil:

– protect your people, Lord! **R**

Through the word of Gabriel, message-bearer of the Gospel:

– save your people, Lord! **R**

Through the intervention of Raphael, companion and healer:

– comfort your people, Lord! **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, in your great wisdom you have given to your angels and to your people each their proper tasks. Grant us their protection, who serve ever in your presence, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

The word “angel” comes from angelus, Latin for “messenger.” The archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are God’s envoys. Gabriel, “the strength of God,” appears in the book of Daniel and in Luke, where he bears tidings of hope to Zechariah and then to Mary. Tradition also identifies Gabriel as the angel who appeared to Joseph and to the shepherds, the comforter of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. In Gabriel, God’s strength is manifested as

tenderness: "Do not be afraid," he tells Mary (Lk 1:30). And to the shepherds: "I proclaim to you good news of great joy" (Lk 2:10)!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 103 (102):20

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power,/ fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

GLORIA ————— **page 302**

COLLECT

O God, who dispose in marvelous order
ministries both angelic and human,
graciously grant
that our life on earth may be defended
by those who watch over us
as they minister perpetually to you in heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him.* ●

**A reading from
the Book of the Prophet Daniel**

7:9-10, 13-14

AS I WATCHED:/ Thrones
were set up/ and the
Ancient One took his throne./ His clothing was bright
as snow,/ and the hair on his head as white as wool;/ His
throne was flames of fire,/ with wheels of burning fire./
A surging stream of fire/ flowed out from where he sat;/
Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him,/
and myriads upon myriads attended him.

The court was convened, and the books were opened.
As the visions during the night continued, I saw

One like a son of man coming,/ on the clouds of
heaven;/ When he reached the Ancient One/ and was

presented before him,/ He received dominion, glory,
and kingship;/ nations and peoples of every language
serve him./ His dominion is an everlasting dominion/
that shall not be taken away,/ his kingship shall not be
destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Or:

- *Michael and his angels battled against the dragon.* •

**A reading from
the Book of Revelation**

12:7-12ab

WAR BROKE OUT in heaven;
Michael and his angels
battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels
fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no
longer any place for them in heaven. The huge dragon,
the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan,
who deceived the whole world, was thrown down to
earth, and its angels were thrown down with it.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have salvation and power come,/ and the
Kingdom of our God/ and the authority of his
Anointed./ For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,/
who accuses them before our God day and night./ They
conquered him by the Blood of the Lamb/ and by the
word of their testimony;/ love for life did not deter
them from death./ Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,/ and
you who dwell in them.”

The word of the Lord.

—• **PSALM 138** •—

℟ (1) In the sight of the angels I will sing your
praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
 for you have heard the words of my mouth;
 in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
 I will worship at your holy temple
 and give thanks to your name. *R*

Because of your kindness and your truth;
 for you have made great above all things
 your name and your promise.
 When I called, you answered me;
 you built up strength within me. *R*

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you,
 O LORD,
 when they hear the words of your mouth;
 And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:
 "Great is the glory of the LORD." *R*

Alleluia, alleluia. Bless the LORD, all you angels, / you ministers, who do his will. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

- *You will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.* •

**A reading from
 the holy Gospel according to John**

1:47-51

JESUS SAW NATHANAEL coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see

heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer you a sacrifice of praise, O Lord,
humbly entreating,
that, as these gifts are borne by the ministry of Angels
into the presence of your majesty,
so you may receive them favorably
and make them profitable for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE: GOD GLORIFIED THROUGH THE ANGELS

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
and to praise you without end
in your Archangels and Angels.

For the honor we pay the angelic creatures
in whom you delight
redounds to your own surpassing glory,
and by their great dignity and splendor
you show how infinitely great you are,
to be exalted above all things,
through Christ our Lord.

Through him the multitude of Angels extols
your majesty,
and we are united with them in exultant adoration,
as with one voice of praise we acclaim: Holy...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 138 (137):1

I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart;/ in the presence of
the Angels I will praise you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished with heavenly Bread,
we beseech you humbly, O Lord,
that, drawing from it new strength,

under the faithful protection of your Angels,
we may advance boldly along the way of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Prayer to the Archangels

May Gabriel be with me on Sundays, and the power
of the King of heaven.

May Gabriel be with me always that evil may not
come to me nor injury.

Michael on Monday I speak of, my mind is set on him,
Not with anyone do I compare him but with Jesus,
Mary's son.

If it be Tuesday, Raphael I mention, until the end
comes, for my help,

One of the seven whom I beseech, as long as I am
on the field of the world.

May Uriel be with me on Wednesdays, the abbot
with high nobility,

Against wound and against danger, against the sea
of rough wind.

Sariel on Thursday I speak of, against the swift waves
of the sea,

Against every evil that comes to us, against every
disease that seizes us.

On the day of the second fast, Rumiël—a clear
blessing—I have loved,

I say only the truth, good the friend I have taken.

May Panchel be with me on Saturdays, as long as
I am in this yellow-colored world.

May sweet Mary, with her friend, deliver me from
strangers.

May the Trinity protect me! May the Trinity defend me!
May the Trinity save me from every hurt, from every danger.

An ancient Irish poem

Prayer for the Evening

*In the presence of the angels
let us praise our God!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: LM with alleluias

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
All Creatures of Our God and King

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PSALM 138

1-5

The angel who spoke with me said to me, Proclaim: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am deeply moved for the sake of Jerusalem and Zion. (Zec 1:14)

In whatever form they appear, the great angels of God bear the message of God's faithfulness and love for his people, and proclaim the glory of his saving power.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
"How great is the glory of the Lord!"

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 63:9

IT WAS NOT a messenger or
an angel,/ but he himself who
saved them./ Because of his love and pity/ he redeemed
them himself,/ Lifting them and carrying them/ all the
days of old.

Blessed be God for ever!

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest/ and on earth
peace." (Lk 2:13-14)

INTERCESSIONS

To the One who reigns above the angels yet stoops down
to hear the prayers of earth, let us pray:

R With the angels, we sing your praise!

You are all-holy and all-loving: *R*

You send your messengers to bear the tidings of
salvation: *R*

You will to gather your people into your glory with all
the angels: *R*

Personal intentions

Our Father...

*May mercy, peace, and love be ours in abundance.
Amen. (cf. Jude 2)*

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

The Year of Consecrated Life: The Homework of the Christian Life

_____ Father James M. Sullivan, O.P. _____

Pope Francis has given to the Church this Year of Consecrated Life, and we have the opportunity to reflect upon not only the great example of professed life but also the perhaps greater example of married and family life. As Saint John Paul II reminds parents in his apostolic exhortation *Vita Consecrata*, “Cherish the desire to give the Lord one of your children so that God’s love can spread in the world. What fruit of conjugal love could be more beautiful than this?”

As all parents know, they form their children in more ways than they could ever imagine. The Gospel as it is lived at home shapes the lives of faith of the children. Fidelity to Sunday Mass and the frequency of confession and family prayer draw a family together in Christ, sometimes for generations. These are the families which best prepare a young person for a vocation to the consecrated life.

Consecrated life is one of generosity, of responsibility, of attentiveness to the needs of the other, of compassion, and of being engaged with the world around them. Very often, these are the virtues first learned in one’s family, from one’s parents. We can pray along with Saint John Paul II: “I pray that you, Christian families, united with the Lord through prayer and the sacramental life, will create homes where vocations are welcomed.”

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Saint Jerome

Prayer for the Morning

*The Word of the Lord endures for ever:
let us give thanks and praise!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 77 77

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Savior of the Nations, Come*

Word of life, most pure and strong,
Lo! for thee the nations long,
Spread, till from its dreary night
All the world awakes to light.

Up! the ripening fields you see,
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

Lord of harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for thee,
Till the nations, far and near,
See thy light, and learn thy fear.

PSALM 119

105-112

Now indeed I know that you are a man of God. The word of the LORD comes truly from your mouth. (cf. 1 Kgs 17:24)

Saint Jerome lived intensely by the light of God's Word through study, prayer, and the painstaking work of translating it into the vernacular, which was Latin at the time, and writing commentaries on it.

Your word is a lamp for my steps
and a light for my path.
I have sworn and have made up my mind
to obey your decrees.

Lord, I am deeply afflicted:
by your word give me life.
Accept, Lord, the homage of my lips
and teach me your decrees.

Though I carry my life in my hands,
I remember your law.
Though the wicked try to ensnare me
I do not stray from your precepts.

Your will is my heritage for ever,
the joy of my heart.
I set myself to carry out your will
in fullness, for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

2 Timothy 3:14-17

REMAIN FAITHFUL to what
you have learned and be-
lieved, because you know from whom you learned it,
and that from infancy you have known [the] sacred
scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for
salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is
inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refuta-
tion, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
so that one who belongs to God may be competent,
equipped for every good work.

Behold, I make my words/ in your mouth, a fire.

(Jer 5:14)

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” (cf. Jn 14:23)

INTERCESSIONS

God speaks his Word to all peoples. In gratitude, let us pray:

R Speak, Lord; your servants are listening!

For all students and teachers of your Word:

– fill them with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. **R**

For all translators of your Word:

– grant them patience and perseverance at their difficult task. **R**

For all who pray your Word:

– fill us with love for you and for the gift of the Scriptures. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, you illumined Saint Jerome with love for your Word and for the task of proclaiming it to others. Shine on your people’s path, that we may walk always in the light of your Word toward your heavenly kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

SAINT JEROME

Memorial

● *A native of Italy, Jerome was educated in the Latin and Greek classics. As an adult, he received baptism and embarked on a life of solitary penance in the desert of Calchis. Under Pope Damasus, Jerome revised the then-current translation of the Bible, producing the Vulgate, the Church's official Latin biblical text. In later years, Jerome founded a monastic community in the Holy Land, where he composed commentaries on the Scriptures: "I beg of you, dear brother," he wrote to a friend, "to live among these books, to meditate upon them, to know nothing else, to seek nothing else. Does not such a life seem to you a foretaste of heaven here on earth?"* ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 1:2-3

Blessed indeed is he/ who ponders the law of the Lord day and night:/ he will yield his fruit in due season.

COLLECT

O God, who gave the Priest Saint Jerome
a living and tender love for Sacred Scripture,
grant that your people
may be ever more fruitfully nourished by your Word
and find in it the fount of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *If it please the king, send me to the city of my ancestors and I will rebuild it.* ●

A reading from
the Book of Nehemiah

2:1-8

IN THE MONTH Nisan of the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when the wine was in my charge, I took some and offered it to the king. As I had never before been sad in his presence, the king asked me, "Why do you look sad? If you are not sick, you must be sad at heart." Though I was seized with great fear, I answered the king: "May the king live forever! How could I not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been eaten out by fire?" The king asked me, "What is it, then, that you wish?" I prayed to the God of heaven and then answered the king: "If it please the king, and if your servant is deserving of your favor, send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, to rebuild it." Then the king, and the queen seated beside him, asked me how long my journey would take and when I would return. I set a date that was acceptable to him, and the king agreed that I might go.

I asked the king further: "If it please the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of West-of-Euphrates, that they may afford me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah; also a letter for Asaph, the keeper of the royal park, that he may give me wood for timbering the gates of the temple-citadel and for the city wall and the house that I shall occupy." The king granted my requests, for the favoring hand of my God was upon me. The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 137 •—

℟ (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*

Though 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*

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*

May my tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not,
If I place not Jerusalem
ahead of my joy. *R*

Alleluia, alleluia. I consider all things so much rubbish/
that I may gain Christ and be found in him. **Alleluia,**
alleluia.

- *I will follow you wherever you go.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

9:57-62

AS JESUS AND his disciples were proceeding on their journey, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus answered him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.” And to another he said, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, let me go first and bury my father.” But he answered him, “Let the dead bury their

dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God.” And another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home.” Jesus answered him, “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the Kingdom of God.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord,
that, having meditated on your Word,
following the example of Saint Jerome,
we may more eagerly draw near
to offer your majesty the sacrifice of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jer 15:16

Lord God, your words were found and I consumed them;
your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these holy gifts we have received, O Lord,
as we rejoice in celebrating Saint Jerome,
stir up the hearts of your faithful
so that, attentive to sacred teachings,
they may understand the path they are to follow
and, by following it, obtain life everlasting.
Through Christ our Lord.

M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y

Keeping Our Hand to the Plow

Before you promised yourself to me, you had the power to do whatever you wanted. Your own voice bound you to me. Did I, then, compel you? Did I in any way coerce you? Were you not free? It was within your power to make the promise. You made it and you became mine. I do not intend to give up what is my own; you do not have the liberty to release yourself

from your promise. Yours it was to promise; it is not yours to release yourself.

If you break your word, you are not in the same relation to me as you were before. You were free; you were, indeed, of my household, though not in my presence; you were not of my ministers; you were, nevertheless, of my family. You were not a servant, but a member of the family; you were not with me, but you were mine. If you have begun now to wage war against me, if you withdraw your promise, I no longer consider you a member of the household, but a fugitive.

Now, why am I saying all this? Because it was in our power to pledge our service to God; it is not in our power to release ourselves. Did you promise? You have the reward. Did you break your promise? You pay the penalty. Either course is yours through your own will and conscience. We have said it once, and now, again, we repeat: Did you promise? You enjoy the reward. Did you refuse? You suffer the penalty. It is not mine to determine, the decision is yours; choose which you will. You have before you the road to death and the road to life; the choice is yours.

SAINT JEROME

Saint Jerome († 420) was a hermit, papal secretary, and Scripture scholar.

Prayer for the Evening

*God's Word is our glory:
let us give him thanks and praise!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 76 76 D

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
The Church's One Foundation

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky,
We praise you for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

PSALM 18

29-33

The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 21:23)

Saint Jerome saw and loved Christ in the Word of God. He said, "Whoever is ignorant of the Scriptures is ignorant of Christ."

You, O Lord, are my lamp,
my God who lightens my darkness.
With you I can break through any barrier,
with my God I can scale any wall.

As for God, his ways are perfect;
the word of the Lord, purest gold.
He indeed is the shield
of all who make him their refuge.

For who is God but the Lord?
Who is a rock but our God?
The God who girds me with strength
and makes the path safe before me.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

John 1:1, 14

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word,/ and the Word was with God,/ and the Word was God.

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

The word of God remains in you. (1 Jn 2:14)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. (Heb 13:7)

INTERCESSIONS

To the living Word of God we pray:

R Lead us; guide us.

Your Word is the light of the Church:

– let us read and meditate, that we may see the way. **R**

Your Word is bread for the hungry:

– let us seek its nourishment, that we may find strength to walk in your way. **R**

Your Word is refreshment and peace:

– let us rest in it, that we may one day rest for ever in you. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with our spirit.
Amen. (cf. Phlm 25)*

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Were Catechists

Saint Peter Ou

Martyr († 1814)

Feast: July 9

When Pope John Paul II canonized 120 Chinese martyrs on October 1, 2000, he honored eighty-five native Chinese who died for their faith. Many, like Peter Ou, were catechists, who risked their lives in order to help foreign missionaries teach new converts.

Born at Longping, in Guizhou Province, Peter was naturally outgoing and apt to come to the aid of others in need. As a young man, he found a wife and worked his way up to owning his own hotel. When missionaries came, he was an eager convert. He eventually left his job to accompany the missionary priests as a catechist. On April 3, 1814, Peter was working in Sichuan Province, when he was arrested and imprisoned at Tsen-y-Fou. While in prison, Peter led his fellow Christians in daily prayer. When he was permitted to write to his wife, he exhorted her: "Be loyal to the Lord, accept his will."

On November 11, 1814, the authorities commanded Peter to step on a crucifix as a sign of apostasy. When he refused, the prison guards entered his cell to carry out the death sentence. "Heaven, heaven, my true home!" Peter cried. "I see my heavenly Mother and my guardian angel coming to take me home!"

*Loving Father, through the intercession of Saint Peter Ou,
keep my eyes fixed on heaven, my true home.*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Prayer for the Morning

How great is our God through all the earth!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: LM

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
On Jordan's Bank

Let all who lovingly avow
Those gifts the Christ Child came to share
Acclaim Thérèse's virtues now
And praise her name in song and prayer.

Inspired by Jesus to convey
Amazing secrets of his grace,
She taught the world the simple way
Of childhood that the Gospels trace.

More like an angel than a child
She gathered virtue's flowers at will
By whose sweet scent was God beguiled,
Whose tender fragrance charms us still.

Yet joy itself could not portray
The surge of her immense desire
Nor cloister walls have strength to stay
A love that swept the world like fire.

PSALM 8

2-7, 10

Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. (Mk 10:15)

In a society that idolizes the surface of youth while forcing its children into artificial adulthood, Saint Thérèse might seem foolishly childish, but in fact she teaches the real wisdom of the child: trustful willingness to be led, taught, and raised to true maturity according to God's plan rather than her own.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;
on the lips of children and of babes
you have found praise to foil your enemy,
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honor you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 49:15, 26b

CAN A MOTHER forget her
infant,/ be without tender-
ness for the child of her womb?/ Even should she for-
get,/ I will never forget you.

All mankind shall know/ that I, the LORD, am your
savior,/ your redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob.

*So you are no longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an heir, through God. (Gal 4:7)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

INTERCESSIONS

Saint Thérèse promised to spend her heaven doing good on earth. Through her intercession, let us pray for the good of all in need:

R Father, hear your children's prayer.

O Wisdom of God, through you all things were made:
– protect from exploitation all children, created in your image. *R*

O Wisdom of God, you are the light by which we see:
– enlighten the hearts of all those deceived by false images of maturity. *R*

O Wisdom of God, you are the truth by which we live:
– grant courage to all missionaries who proclaim your truth. *R*

O Wisdom of God, you speak through all the wise:
– open the ears of your people to the wisdom of Saint Thérèse for our day. *R*

Personal intentions

Our Father...

God our Father, you inspired in Saint Thérèse the wisdom that overturns illusions of prowess and power by the Gospel of the cross. Through her intercession, lead all your children to follow the way of Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Thursday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Memorial

● *In the Carmelite convents of 19th-century France, it was customary for a nun of advanced prayer to offer herself as a victim to appease God's divine wrath. Thérèse Martin, who had entered the Lisieux Carmel at fifteen, offered herself not to God's justice, but to his mercy. "My God!... I desire to love you and make you loved" was her prayer. After Thérèse's death in 1897 at the age of twenty-four, her autobiographical Story of a Soul became a bestseller. Yet her worldwide fame must be attributed above all to the many favors she has obtained for those who confide in her. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth," she had promised.* ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Dt 32:10-12

The Lord led her and taught her,/ and kept her as the apple of his eye./ Like an eagle spreading its wings/ he took her up and bore her on his shoulders./ The Lord alone was her guide.

COLLECT

O God, who open your Kingdom
to those who are humble and to little ones,
lead us to follow trustingly in the little way of
Saint Thérèse,
so that through her intercession
we may see your eternal glory revealed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *Ezra opened the book of the law, blessed the LORD, and all the people answered, Amen! Amen!* ●

**A reading from
the Book of Nehemiah**

8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

THE WHOLE PEOPLE gathered as one in the open space before the Water Gate, and they called upon Ezra the scribe to bring forth the book of the law of Moses which the LORD prescribed for Israel. On the first day of the seventh month, therefore, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak until midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it (for he was standing higher up than any of the people); and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. As the people remained in their places, Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing

prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!" And the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Hush, for today is holy, and you must not be saddened." Then all the people went to eat and drink, to distribute portions, and to celebrate with great joy, for they understood the words that had been expounded to them.

The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 19 •—

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

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

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

Alleluia, alleluia. The Kingdom of God is at hand;/
repent and believe in the Gospel. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

• *Your peace will rest on him.* •

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

10:1-12

JESUS APPOINTED seventy-two other disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the Kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we proclaim your wonders in Saint Thérèse,

O Lord,

we humbly implore your majesty,

that, as her merits were pleasing to you,

so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight.

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 18:3

Thus says the Lord:/ Unless you turn and become like children,/ you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord,
kindle in us the force of that love
with which Saint Thérèse dedicated herself to you
and longed to obtain your mercy for all.
Through Christ our Lord.

 MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Sent Like Lambs

O my Jesus! I love you! I love the Church, my Mother! I recall that “the smallest act of PURE LOVE *is* of more value to her than all other works together” (Saint John of the Cross). But is PURE LOVE in my heart? Are my measureless desires only but a dream, a folly? Ah if this be so, Jesus, then enlighten me, for you know I am seeking only the truth. If my desires are rash, then make them disappear, for these desires are the greatest martyrdom to me. However, I feel, O Jesus, that after having aspired to the most lofty heights of Love, if one day I am not to attain them, I feel that I shall have tasted *more sweetness in my martyrdom and my folly* than I shall taste in the bosom of *the joy of the Fatherland*, unless you take away the memory of these earthly hopes through a miracle. Allow me, then, during my exile, the delights of love. Allow me to taste the sweet bitterness of my martyrdom.

Jesus, O Jesus, if the *desire of loving you* is so delightful, what will it be to possess and enjoy this Love?

How can a soul as imperfect as mine aspire to the possession of the plenitude of Love? O Jesus, *my first and only Friend*, you whom *I love* UNIQUELY, explain this mystery to me! Why do you not reserve these great

aspirations for great souls, for the *eagles* that soar in the heights?

I look upon myself as a *weak little bird*, with only a light down as covering. I am not an *eagle*, but I have only an eagle's EYES AND HEART. In spite of my extreme littleness I still dare to gaze upon the divine Sun, the Sun of Love, and my heart feels within it all the aspirations of an *eagle*.

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux († 1897) was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

Prayer for the Evening

Let us hope in the Lord now and for evermore!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 11 11 11 5

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Father, We Praise Thee (Now the Night Is Over)*

From clear high mansions of the shining palace
Where you enjoy the light of God's dear presence,
And plead our causes, mindful of your promise
Show'r down your roses.

Roses of faith to shed its light supernal,
Roses of hope when obstacles surround us,
And for our strengthening in daily living
Roses of pure love.

Through your own childlike confidence and candor
Send us the rose of quietly discerning
Love of a Father, shining in each happening
Both sweet and bitter.

PSALM 131

Let all think humbly of others as superior to themselves, each of you looking to others' interests rather than his own. (cf. Phil 2:3-4)
 Saint Thérèse recognized unerringly the weakness of pride and the strength of humility. Her way of spiritual childhood is the high road that leads in the footsteps of Christ crucified to the home he has prepared for all who love him and their neighbor more than themselves.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
 nor haughty my eyes.
 I have not gone after things too great
 nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul
 in silence and peace.
 As a child has rest in its mother's arms,
 even so my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord
 both now and for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God**Romans 12:3, 16**

FOR BY THE GRACE given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned.

Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

*By this shall all know
 that you are my disciples, says the Lord.*

(cf. Jn 13:35)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

With the humble is wisdom. (Prv 11:2)

INTERCESSIONS

O Lord, you have guided your Church through the mind and heart of your holy Doctor Saint Thérèse. Through her intercession, we pray:

℟ Make known your ways; teach me your paths.

O Lord, you filled Saint Thérèse with the spirit of wisdom and understanding:

– pour out your gift of wisdom on all those you have called to spiritual leadership. ℟

O Lord, you drew Saint Thérèse to ponder your hidden mysteries in her heart:

– deepen in all your people the desire to pray. ℟

O Lord, you inspired Saint Thérèse to teach the wisdom she had learned through prayer and suffering:

– teach us by her writings and example. ℟

O Lord, you brought Saint Thérèse at last to contemplate you in your glory at the right hand of the Father:

– gather into your Presence all our dead. ℟

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the Lord guard us from all evil./ May he guard our lives. Amen. (cf. Ps 121:7)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

In chapter six of John's Gospel we learn that Jesus was losing followers. He had just given this teaching: *I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world (6:51).* And *this* was the response: *This saying is hard; who can accept it? (6:60).* Many walked away. When Jesus asked the Twelve whether they would leave too, Peter spoke for all: *Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (6:68).*

Peter's profession that what Christ teaches is *not mere words*, but life itself, is affirmed by the witness of the saints who chose to die rather deny the "hard truths." In the manner of their deaths, we can see with clarity that Christ's truth grants freedom and fullness of life!

While a prisoner in the Tower of London, Saint Thomas More watched from a high window as Saint John Houghton and his fellow Carthusians were being led out to their execution. The monks had refused to renounce the supremacy of the pope. Turning to his daughter, Margaret, More observed, "Look, Meg, these blessed Fathers be now as cheerfully going to their deaths as bridegrooms to their marriage!" Soon, More would die for the same truth. Like him, we look to those who have gone before us, to find joy, strength, and courage in our suffering.

*Father of all, thank you for your holy martyrs.
Teach me by their witness! Give me a share in their holy
zeal, that I might confess you with my life!*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday of the Month

Prayer for the Morning

*Let us bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on our lips!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 77

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Once in Royal David's City

Jesus, brightness of the Father,
Life and strength of all who live,
For creating guardian angels
Glory to thy name we give
And thy wondrous praise rehearse,
Singing in harmonious verse.

Blessèd Lord, by their protection
Shelter us from harm this day,
Keep us pure in flesh and spirit,
Save us from the foe, we pray,
And vouchsafe us by thy grace
In thy paradise a place.

Glory to th'almighty Father
Sing we with the heav'nly host;
Glory to the great Redeemer,
Glory to the Holy Ghost;
Three in One and One in Three,
Throughout all eternity!

PSALM 34

2-11

The angel of God, who had been leading Israel's camp, now moved and went around behind them. (Ex 14:19)

The first "guardian angel" to appear in Scripture is the angel of the Lord who protects the Israelites from all danger on their Exodus from Egypt. Let us continue to take courage in God's protective love, made manifest in the guardian angels, as we set out on the daily journey of life.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Exodus 14:19-20

THE ANGEL OF GOD, who had
been leading Israel's camp,

now moved and went around behind them. The column of cloud also, leaving the front, took up its place behind them, so that it came between the camp of the Egyptians and that of Israel. But the cloud now became dark, and thus the night passed without the rival camps coming any closer together all night long.

*The LORD comes before you,
and your rear guard is the God of Israel. (Is 52:12)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

It was not a messenger or an angel, but the LORD himself who saved them. (cf. Is 63:9)

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray in Christ for all those who are in need of God's care and protection today:

R Lord, answer those who seek you!

For those whose work leads them daily into danger:

– protect them and grant peace of mind to their loved ones. **R**

For those who serve in the military, especially in areas of violence:

– protect them and grant peace of mind to their loved ones. **R**

For those who live in fear, especially in homes plagued by domestic violence:

– protect them and grant peace of mind to their loved ones. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, you watch over your children with protective love made manifest in the guardian angels. Keep us all from harm through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

MASS

(Today, the Gospel of the memorial of the Guardian Angels is obligatory. However, for the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm, one can choose between the texts of the Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time, or those of the memorial.)

The Holy Guardian Angels

Memorial

● *“Popular piety encompasses many forms of devotion to the Guardian Angels. Saint Basil the Great († 378) taught that ‘each and every member of the faithful has a Guardian Angel to protect, guard, and guide them through life.’ This ancient teaching was consolidated by biblical and patristic sources and lies behind many forms of piety. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux († 1153) was a great master and a notable promoter of devotion to the Guardian Angels. For him, they were a proof ‘that heaven denies us nothing that assists us,’ and hence, ‘these celestial spirits have been placed at our sides to protect us, instruct us, and to guide us.’”*
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Dn 3:58

Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord,/ praise and exalt him above all for ever.

COLLECT

O God, who in your unfathomable providence are pleased to send your holy Angels to guard us, hear our supplication as we cry to you,

that we may always be defended by their protection
and rejoice eternally in their company.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

• *My angel will go before you.* •

A reading from the Book of Exodus

23:20-23

THUS SAYS THE LORD: “See,
I am sending an angel be-
fore you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the
place I have prepared. Be attentive to him and heed his
voice. Do not rebel against him, for he will not forgive
your sin. My authority resides in him. If you heed his
voice and carry out all I tell you, I will be an enemy to
your enemies and a foe to your foes.

“My angel will go before you and bring you to the
Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hivites, and
Jebusites; and I will wipe them out.”

The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 91 •—

R (11) The Lord has put angels in charge of you,
to guard you in all your ways.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.” **R**

For he will rescue you from the snare of the fowler,
from the destroying pestilence.

With his pinions he will cover you,
and under his wings you shall take refuge. **R**

His faithfulness is a buckler and a shield.
 You shall not fear the terror of the night
 nor the arrow that flies by day;
 Nor the pestilence that roams in darkness,
 nor the devastating plague at noon. *R*

No evil shall befall you,
 nor shall affliction come near your tent,
 For to his angels he has given command about you,
 that they guard you in all your ways. *R*

Or:

[Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time]

● *We have sinned in the Lord's sight and disobeyed him.* ●

**A reading from
 the Book of the Prophet Baruch**

1:15-22

DURING THE BABYLONIAN captivity, the exiles prayed: "Justice is with the Lord, our God; and we today are flushed with shame, we men of Judah and citizens of Jerusalem, that we, with our kings and rulers and priests and prophets, and with our ancestors, have sinned in the Lord's sight and disobeyed him. We have neither heeded the voice of the Lord, our God, nor followed the precepts which the Lord set before us. From the time the Lord led our ancestors out of the land of Egypt until the present day, we have been disobedient to the Lord, our God, and only too ready to disregard his voice. And the evils and the curse that the Lord enjoined upon Moses, his servant, at the time he led our ancestors forth from the land of Egypt to give us the land flowing with milk and honey, cling to us even

today. For we did not heed the voice of the Lord, our God, in all the words of the prophets whom he sent us, but each one of us went off after the devices of his own wicked heart, served other gods, and did evil in the sight of the Lord, our God.”

The word of the Lord.

—•PSALM 79•—

R (9) For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple,
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

They have given the corpses of your servants
as food to the birds of heaven,
the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts
of the earth. **R**

They have poured out their blood like water
round about Jerusalem,
and there is no one to bury them.

We have become the reproach of our neighbors,
the scorn and derision of those around us.

O LORD, how long? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire? **R**

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

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**

[The Guardian Angels]

Alleluia, alleluia. Bless the LORD, all you angels,/ you ministers, who do his will. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

● *Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Matthew** 18:1-5, 10

THE DISCIPLES approached Jesus and said, “Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?” He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the offerings we bring before you
as we venerate your holy Angels,
and graciously grant
that under their constant protection
we may be delivered from present dangers
and brought happily to life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE: GOD GLORIFIED THROUGH THE ANGELS

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
and to praise you without end
in your Archangels and Angels.

For the honor we pay the angelic creatures
in whom you delight
redounds to your own surpassing glory,
and by their great dignity and splendor
you show how infinitely great you are,
to be exalted above all things,
through Christ our Lord.

Through him the multitude of Angels extols
your majesty,
and we are united with them in exultant adoration,
as with one voice of praise we acclaim: Holy...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 138 (137):1

In the presence of the Angels I will praise you, my God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As you are pleased to nourish us for eternal life
with so great a Sacrament, O Lord,
direct us by the ministry of Angels
into the way of salvation and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.

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M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y
• ————— •

Our Guardian Angel

Our guardian angel's task is to get us to heaven—not to keep us or our loved ones from suffering or death. After all, suffering is perhaps the principal means of our spiritual growth on earth, and death is our final portal to God.

We should not be surprised when friends, or even children, die in accidents. Nor should we see it as some sort of angelic malfunction. The angel's job is to get his charge to judgment, prepared as well as possible. The

angels live in the presence of God, and they know God's mind better than we do. They know when an injury or illness will draw us closer to God. They also know when another twenty-four hours on earth will merely get us another day older and deeper in debt.

God permits our suffering and even our death, always for the good of souls—for our own soul, if we correspond to the grace, for the good of others if we don't. The angels always cooperate with his perfect plan.

Judged from a human perspective, this can seem cold and even cruel. But the human perspective is limited. It takes an exceptionally talented human mind to see beyond it.

The novelist Muriel Spark wrote darkly humorous stories that disturbed some readers, who thought that Christians shouldn't joke about suffering. She told *The New Yorker*, "People say my novels are cruel because cruel things happen and I keep this even tone." But Spark was trying to give an angel-eye view: "There's a moral statement too, and what it's saying is that there's a life beyond this, and these events are not the most important things. They're not important in the long run."

That's the angelic perspective. This life and its aches and accidents, troubles and trials, take their ultimate value from the "life beyond this." The angels want us to do right by our souls. And if we choose to disregard them, and disregard God, then they will try to minimize the damage we do to others.

Nevertheless, through most of our time here, we will stand in need of much more time here—to draw still closer to God and prepare ourselves for judgment. That's the reason why our angels will sometimes go to extraordinary lengths to keep us safe.

MIKE AQUILINA

Mike Aquilina is a popular American author working in the area of Church history, especially patristics.

Prayer for the Evening

God rescues us in all our distress: come, let us adore!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: LM

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Creator of the Stars of Night*

They come, God's messengers of love,
They come from realms of peace above,
From homes of never-fading light,
From blissful mansions ever bright.

They come to watch around us here,
To soothe our sorrow, calm our fear:
Ye heavenly guides, speed not away,
God willeth you with us to stay.

But chiefly at its journey's end
'Tis yours the spirit to befriend,
And whisper to the willing heart,
"O Christian soul, in peace depart."

To us the zeal of Angels give,
With love to serve thee while we live;
To us an Angel-guard supply
When on the bed of death we lie.

PSALM 34

12-23

The Lord sent his angel and rescued me. (cf. Acts 12:11)

The Lord rescues us not from hurt but from harm, through the power of the angels sent to guard us from all evil in light and darkness, all the days of our life and at the hour of our death.

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

2 Thessalonians 1:4-7

WE OURSELVES boast of
you in the churches of
God regarding your endurance and faith in all your
persecutions and the afflictions you endure.

This is evidence of the just judgment of God, so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God for which you are suffering. For it is surely just on God's part to [...] grant rest along with us to you who are undergoing afflictions, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.

(Ps 138:1)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man. (Jn 1:51)

INTERCESSIONS

With the angels who contemplate God day and night, we sing our praise:

R Hosanna in the highest!

You made the angels your messengers, O God:

– with their help, let us proclaim your wonders! **R**

You gave your angels the task of guarding us:

– under their protection, let us live in peace and joy. **R**

You charged your angels to announce peace to the world:

– through their guardianship, keep all nations in your peace. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May God be our enduring strength through all our days!

Amen. (cf. Dt 33:25)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint John Ogilvie

Priest († 1615)

Feast: March 10

John was born in 1579 in Drum, Scotland, into a well-known family. While studying as a teenager in Europe, he witnessed public debates between Catholics and Protestants. At seventeen, he entered the Church. Three years later he joined the Jesuits, and, in 1613, he was sent back to his homeland as a covert missionary to the underground Church.

John was in Scotland for only about nine months when an informer posing as a hopeful convert turned him in. At his first trial—there were three—he refused to capitulate on a key point: the pope, and not the English king, had ultimate discretion in spiritual matters. Afterward his tormentors made every attempt to force him to deny this truth, including depriving him of sleep for nine days straight. John told them that he would “willingly and joyfully pour forth even a hundred lives” for his faith. “Snatch away that one which I have from me, and make no delay about it, but my religion you will never snatch away from me!”

Quick-witted and jovial by nature, John developed a playful rapport with his jailors. Reports of his undaunted courage spread throughout Glasgow. When he was brought out to be hanged and quartered—on the charge of treason—the presence of a sympathetic crowd prevented the executioner from disemboweling him.

Father in heaven, through the intercession of Saint John Ogilvie, grant me joy in the face of persecution.

CREDIBLE WITNESSES

“What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people...capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life.”—*Porta Fidei* #15

Father Lukas Etlin

Heather King

Father Lukas Etlin (1864–1927), a monk at Conception Abbey in Conception, Missouri, had many gifts: artist, writer, and champion of nuns, seminarians, and the dispossessed.

Born Alfred Etlin in the Swiss Alps, he made his way to the Benedictine abbey in Conception, professed as a monk in 1887, and was ordained a priest in 1891.

The abbey’s website notes: “Between 1893 and 1897, several monks of Conception, most notably Lukas Etlin (d. 1927), Hildebrand Roseler (d. 1923), and Ildephonse Kuhn (d. 1921), the latter two of whom had studied art at Beuron, Germany, redecorated the walls and ceiling of the Abbey church primarily in the Beuronese manner, retaining elements of the original Victorian stenciling.... Conception’s was the first church in the United States so decorated. The apse painting of the Immaculate Conception is an original work by Lukas Etlin.”

Assigned as chaplain to the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, Father Etlin walked the two miles each way to celebrate Mass, and finally moved to the convent. An ardent devotee of the liturgy and the divine office, he taught the sisters Gregorian chant, gave them spiritual direction, designed their adoration chapel, and set them on the road to their apostolate of altar bread making. Today the Sisters bill themselves as “the largest religious producer of altar breads in the United States and the producer of the only low gluten altar bread approved by the Vatican.”

As overseer of Our Lady of Victory Orphanage, he encouraged the children to send care packages to the needy overseas. Through *Tabernacle and Purgatory* (now *Spirit & Life*), the magazine he published from the convent starting in 1905, he raised over two million dollars in relief funds that were disbursed across Europe and China to aid famine victims after the World War I armistice. By one count, the seminarian scholarship program spearheaded by Father Etlin “helped 2,800 men become priests...including three cardinals, five archbishops, eleven bishops, nine auxiliary bishops, and fourteen abbots.”

In the long pamphlet he wrote called *The Holy Eucharist: Our All*, Father Etlin observed, “Without the Holy Eucharist, earth would seem to us empty, the temple of God desolate, the soul cold, the heart isolated. Oh God, this earth is a vale of tears where I weep and sigh! Here I cannot remain alone—alone with people who are careless and indifferent to my suffering; I have need of Thee!”

On the morning of December 16, 1927, Father Etlin offered Mass at the convent, then taught a class at Saint Joseph’s Academy, telling the girls, “We must at all times be ready to die.” Later that day he was the victim of a fatal car crash.

The Holy Eucharist concludes with this prayer:

“Annihilate in me all guilty, sensual, and undue love for creatures; kindle in my heart the pure flame of Thy love, so that I may love nothing but Thee or in Thee, until being entirely consumed by holy love of Thee...”

Father Etlin’s cause for canonization is underway.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday of the Month

Prayer for the Morning

*God has come among his people:
let us give thanks and praise!*

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 D

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Sing of Mary

Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to the summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Savior
Reigning from the awful tree,
Saw the price of our redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,

Heav'nly breath of God's own being,
Tokened in the wind and flame.

PSALM 106

1-5

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. (Eph 1:11-12)

Mary told of the Lord's mighty deeds and sang his praise. She who is called blessed from age to age seeks only that all people know the joy of blessing God through her Son Jesus Christ, in whom God's enduring love became visible among us.

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love endures for ever.
Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds?
Who can recount all his praise?

They are happy who do what is right,
who at all times do what is just.
O Lord, remember me
out of the love you have for your people.

Come to me, Lord, with your help
that I may see the joy of your chosen ones
and may rejoice in the gladness of your nation
and share the glory of your people.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Romans 8:38-39

I AM CONVINCED that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and for ever!

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

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? (Rom 8:32)

INTERCESSIONS

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son for our salvation. With joyful trust, we pray:

℟ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

God all-powerful, you created all things by your almighty Word:

– for the gift of the created world, we pray: ℟

God all-merciful, you delivered your people from slavery in Egypt:

– for the gift of freedom in Christ, we pray: ℟

God all-loving, you entrusted to Mary's faithful obedience the care of your Church:

– for the gift of redemption made manifest in her, we pray: ℟

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, no power on earth can silence your enduring Word of love, born of the Virgin, put to death on the cross, buried in the earth, raised to eternal glory. Pour forth upon your people the Spirit who set the first disciples afire with your praise and with zeal to proclaim the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Saturday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

When Israel angered God, they were handed over to their foes. But now all things have been handed over to the Son by the

Father. They are revealed "to the childlike." For the childlike are the ones who listen when God asks, "Fear not, my children; call out to God! Turn now ten times the more to seek him."

(Today, the prayers of the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, given below, could be used.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

COLLECT

Grant, Lord God, that we, your servants,
 may rejoice in unfailing health of mind and body,
 and, through the glorious intercession of
 Blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
 may we be set free from present sorrow
 and come to enjoy eternal happiness.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

● *He who brought disaster upon you will bring you back enduring joy.* ●

**A reading from
 the Book of the Prophet Baruch**

4:5-12, 27-29

FEAR NOT, my people!
 Remember, Israel,/ You
 were sold to the nations/ not for your destruction;/
 It was because you angered God/ that you were handed
 over to your foes./ For you provoked your Maker/
 with sacrifices to demons, to no-gods;/ You forsook
 the Eternal God who nourished you,/ and you grieved
 Jerusalem who fostered you./ She indeed saw coming
 upon you/ the anger of God; and she said:

“Hear, you neighbors of Zion!/ God has brought great
 mourning upon me,/ For I have seen the captivity/ that

the Eternal God has brought/ upon my sons and daughters./ With joy I fostered them;/ but with mourning and lament I let them go./ Let no one gloat over me, a widow,/ bereft of many:/ For the sins of my children I am left desolate,/ because they turned from the law of God.

Fear not, my children; call out to God!/ He who brought this upon you will remember you./ As your hearts have been disposed to stray from God,/ turn now ten times the more to seek him;/ For he who has brought disaster upon you/ will, in saving you, bring you back enduring joy.”

The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 69 •—

R (34) The Lord listens to the poor.

“See, you lowly ones, and be glad;
 you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
 For the LORD hears the poor,
 and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
 Let the heavens and the earth praise him,
 the seas and whatever moves in them!” **R**

For God will save Zion
 and rebuild the cities of Judah.
 They shall dwell in the land and own it,
 and the descendants of his servants shall inherit it,
 and those who love his name shall inhabit it. **R**

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

● *Rejoice because your names are written in heaven.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

10:17-24

THE SEVENTY-TWO disciples returned rejoicing and said to Jesus, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name.” Jesus said, “I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power ‘to tread upon serpents’ and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

At that very moment he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

Turning to the disciples in private he said, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I say to you, many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through the intercession of Blessed Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
no petition may go unanswered,
no request be made in vain.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Lk 11:27

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,/ which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive this heavenly Sacrament,
we beseech, O Lord, your mercy,
that we, who rejoice in commemorating
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
may by imitating her
serve worthily the mystery of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y

Revealed to the Childlike

We have seen what faith implies—lowliness of mind and heart, submission of will—self-surrender therefore carried to its uttermost limit, and all this is very hard to flesh and blood. For there is ever whispering in the fallen heart of man the secret voice of self-love and self-worship, urging him to rise up against his maker and tell him to his face “*Non serviam*—I will not obey!” If the soul listens and consents, the result is obvious. The soft falling rain of grace will cease, the heavens will become as brass and the earth as iron, and the heart becomes as hard as a rock, so that faith, which is the beginning of the spiritual life, seems quite impossible.

We have an instance of this in the Egyptian Pharaoh, who saw the wonderful signs wrought by Moses, and *hardened his heart* and would not believe. Another yet more striking instance is put before us by the scribes and Pharisees, who listened to the preaching of the Son of God himself and saw his miracles and would not believe. They were the wise and prudent of this world from whom were hidden the things of God to be revealed to little ones, whose hearts were humble and submissive, whereas the hearts of these blind leaders were hardened and burnt up with deadly pride. For it

is just this pride of heart and mind, this independent self-sufficiency that God will destroy at any cost, because it is so hateful in his sight. He demands of us the avowal of our own littleness and dependence on him. He exacts the humble confession of our own utter inability to look on him face to face, and it is only when the soul has done this, it is only when she has fallen with her face in the dust, and declared her nothingness apart from him and her readiness to accept what she cannot see or understand, it is only then that God stoops to look down upon the lowliness of his servant, and pours into the mind the glorious light of faith.

We humble ourselves therefore, but only that we may be exalted by God.

FATHER RAPHAËL M. MOSS, O.P.

Father Raphaël Moss was a 20th-century English Dominican priest, theologian, and missionary.

Prayer for the Evening

Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God is ever faithful and true:
let us give thanks and praise!*

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 87

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

May God's love be fixed above you,
Overshadow you with grace;
May God's love stand firm beneath you,
Welcome you with glad embrace.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorify the Lord with praise!

May God's love advance before you,
Vigilant of all your ways;

May God's love keep watch behind you,
Shielding you through all your days.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorify the Lord with praise!

May God's love remain upon you,
And your faithfulness repay
With a peace the world can't give you,
Neither shall it take away.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorify the Lord this day!

PSALM 40

8b-12

O LORD, you are my God,/ I will extol you and praise your name;/
For you have fulfilled your wonderful plans of old,/ faithful and
true. (Is 25:1)

Human fidelity reveals and is sustained by God's loving fidelity to
the human race. In all our relationships, we look to Christ, the faith-
ful and true, as the mirror in which we see the unshakeable commit-
ment to love into which we are called to grow.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

I have not hidden your justice in my heart
but declared your faithful help.
I have not hidden your love and your truth
from the great assembly.

O Lord, you will not withhold
your compassion from me.

Your merciful love and your truth
will always guard me.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Ephesians 4:15-16

LIVING THE TRUTH in love,
we should grow in every way
into him who is the head, Christ, from whom the whole
body, joined and held together by every supporting lig-
ament, with the proper functioning of each part, brings
about the body's growth and builds itself up in love.

We are members one of another. (Eph 4:25)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

The Rock—how faultless are his deeds,/ how right all his ways!/
A faithful God, without deceit,/ how just and upright he is! (Dt 32:4)

INTERCESSIONS

To the One who is faithful and true, we pray:

R Remain with us, O Lord!

When the lure of novelty threatens our fidelity to the
commitments to which you have called us:

– keep us faithful in love. **R**

When perseverance in love becomes burdensome:

– strengthen us to hold fast. **R**

When the changing world around us mocks our
faithfulness:

– sustain us in courage. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the LORD be kind and faithful to us. Amen. (cf. 2 Sm 2:6)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Priest († 1622)

Feast: April 24

Mark Roy was born in Sigmaringen, Germany, in 1578. He studied philosophy and law, and went into practice for the poor. But, in 1612, disturbed by the corruption among his colleagues, he joined the Capuchins, taking the name Fidelis. From the first, Fidelis showed himself to be a model friar. To passionate preaching he joined assiduous prayer and frequent mortification. When a Swiss bishop sought help for those of his flock who were falling back into Calvinism, Fidelis seemed to be the perfect man for the job.

Fidelis came to the Alpine town of Mayenfeld in Advent 1621. His preaching saw immediate success, and a number of high-profile figures came back to the Church. But a public backlash followed, and Fidelis was repeatedly threatened. Having foreseen his own death, he went forward nevertheless to preach a series of sermons in Lent 1622.

On April 24 Fidelis was in Seewis preaching on the theme “One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism.” Before he could finish, a disturbance erupted. Fidelis fled, but was accosted on the road by a gang of men. When they demanded that he repudiate his faith, he replied, in perfect calm: “I have come to enlighten you, not accept your errors.” They then attacked the friar, killing him with a blow to the head. In art, Fidelis sometimes bears the cudgel that was the instrument of his martyrdom.

Eternal Father, through the intercession of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, make me a willing servant of your truth.

Suggested Prayer of the Faithful

(Each local community should compose its own Universal Prayer, but may find inspiration in the texts proposed here.)

With prayer and thanksgiving we now make our petitions known to God the Father:

For blessings on the Synod on the Family taking place this month at the Vatican.

That those who govern will use their authority to secure freedom of religion.

That, during this Respect Life Month, we will work fervently to advance the Gospel of Life.

That our parish will grow in faith, hope, and love through deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the holy rosary.

For blessings on all husbands and wives, and that the Lord will strengthen marriages that are in trouble.

For the grace this week to be made perfect through what we suffer.

Loving Father, let the peace of heaven that surpasses all understanding guard our hearts and minds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ■

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

*In Jesus Christ dead and risen lies our salvation:
let us give thanks and praise!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 87 87

*This hymn may be sung to the tune used for
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Living Lord, our praise we render!
His the blood for sinners shed.
In the Father's power and splendor
Christ is risen from the dead.

Death's dominion, burst and broken
By that Life which no more dies;
We to whom the Lord has spoken,
One with Christ, in freedom rise.

One with Christ, both dead and risen;
Dead to self and Satan's claim,
Raised from death and sin's dark prison,
Life is ours through Jesus' Name.

PSALM 18

2-7, 17-18

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. (Heb 2:10)

To be "perfect" is to be complete. Through his suffering, Death, and Resurrection, Christ completed our humanity, deformed and stunted as it was by sin. Let us pray for the grace to live in this gift

of true maturity, knowing that God will bring it to fullness through our own participation in the mystery of the cross, anticipated and deepened through every Sunday celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my savior.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

The waves of death rose about me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;
the snares of the grave entangled me;
the traps of death confronted me.

In my anguish I called to the Lord;
I cried to my God for help.
From his temple he heard my voice;
my cry came to his ears.

From on high he reached down and seized me;
he drew me forth from the mighty waters.
He snatched me from my powerful foe,
from my enemies whose strength I could not match.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

1 Peter 2:21-24

TO THIS you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.

“He committed no sin, / and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore

our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

By the grace of God, he tasted death for everyone.
(cf. Heb 2:9)

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (Text, back cover B)

For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. (Heb 12:2)

INTERCESSIONS

With grateful joy we pray:

R Lead us to life, O Lord!

For all who suffer:

– grant them the courage of the cross: **R**

For all who struggle with fear, doubt, and purposelessness in their suffering:

– illumine them by the light of the cross: **R**

For all those who have lost faith under the burden of suffering:

– restore them to life through the cross: **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

God of all the living, you sent your only Son to deliver us from the power of sin and death through the mystery of the cross. Raise us from darkness to light in him, that we may grow into the holiness he won for us by our participation in the Paschal Mystery. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“It is not good for the man to be alone.” “If there were such a thing as a loneliness which could no longer be penetrated and transformed by the word of another...then we should have real, total loneliness and frightfulness, what theology calls ‘hell’” (Pope Benedict XVI). “What God has joined together, no human being must separate.” The sacrament of marriage is Christ’s answer to hell. If we have experienced a companionship that has moved our hearts to an otherwise impossible union with Jesus Christ, then our first task is to remain faithful to it with the same tenacity that little children cling to their parents.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,/ and there is none that can resist your will./ For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,/ and all that is held within the circle of heaven;/ you are the Lord of all.

GLORIA ————— page 302

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
 who in the abundance of your kindness
 surpass the merits and the desires of those
 who entreat you,
 pour out your mercy upon us
 to pardon what conscience dreads
 and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

● *The two of them become one flesh.* ●

**A reading from
the Book of Genesis**

2:18-24

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 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 word of the Lord.

—• **PSALM 128** •—

R (cf. 5) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

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**

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

Behold, thus is the man blessed
 who fears the LORD.
 The LORD bless you from Zion:
 may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
 all the days of your life. *R*

May you see your children's children.
 Peace be upon Israel! *R*

• *He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.* •

**A reading from
 the Letter to the Hebrews**

2:9-11

BROTHERS AND SISTERS: He
 “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.”
 The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia. If we love one another, God remains
 in us/ and his love is brought to perfection in us.
Alleluia, alleluia.

• *Therefore what God has joined together, let no
 human being separate.* •

**A reading from
 the holy Gospel according to Mark**

10:2-16

[For the shorter form (10:2-12), omit the text in brackets.]

THE PHARISEES approached
 Jesus and asked, “Is it lawful

for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

[And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

CREDO ————— page 304

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
 the sacrifices instituted by your commands
 and, through the sacred mysteries,
 which we celebrate with dutiful service,
 graciously complete the sanctifying work
 by which you are pleased to redeem us.
 Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME ——— page 308

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,/ to the soul that seeks him.

Or: Cf. 1 Cor 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body,/ for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

• ————— •
D A Y B Y D A Y
• ————— •

Coming to Jesus Like Children

O Son of God and my Lord! How is it that you give so much all together in the first words? Since you humble yourself to such an extreme in joining with us in prayer and making yourself the Brother of creatures so lowly and wretched, how is it that you give us in the name of your Father everything that can be given? For you desire that he consider us his children, because your Word cannot fail. You oblige him to be true to your Word, which is no small burden since in being Father he must bear with us no matter how serious the offenses.

If we return to him like the prodigal son, he has to pardon us. He has to console us in our trials. He has to sustain us in the way a father like this must. For, in effect, he must be better than all the fathers in the world because in him everything must be faultless. And after all this he must make us sharers and heirs with you.

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA

Saint Teresa of Ávila († 1582), Doctor of the Church, reformed the Carmelite Order.

Prayer for the Evening

*In Christ are all made one:
let us give thanks and praise!*

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 76 76 D

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Now from the heav'ns descending
Is seen a glorious light:
The Bride of Christ in splendor
Arrayed in purest white.
She is the holy city
Whose radiance is the grace
Of all the saints in glory
From ev'ry time and place.

This is the hour of gladness
For Bridegroom and for Bride.
The Lamb's great feast is ready,
His Bride is at his side.
How blessed are those invited
To share his wedding feast.
The least become the greatest,
The greatest are the least.

He who is throned in heaven
Takes up his dwelling place
Among his chosen people
Who see him face to face.
No sound is heard of weeping,
For pain and sorrow cease,
And sin shall reign no longer,
But love and joy and peace.

CANTICLE

See Revelation 19:1-7

From the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two but one flesh. (Mk 10:6-8)

The communion of husband and wife as one flesh in love reveals in concrete, sometimes flawed, human experience the profound mystery of the communion of Christ with humanity in the Church. Our personal relationships themselves belong to the work of the Gospel to which we are called, whatever our vocation, because they reveal the love of God at work in the world.

Alleluia.

Salvation, glory, and power to our God:
his judgments are honest and true.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Sing praise to our God, all you his servants,
all who worship him reverently, great and small.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The Lord our all-powerful God is King;
let us rejoice, sing praise, and give him glory.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

The wedding feast of the Lamb has begun,
and his bride is prepared to welcome him.

Alleluia.

Word of God

Revelation 21:2-4

I ALSO SAW the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and

God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away.”

*Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another. (1 Jn 4:11)*

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

INTERCESSIONS

With longing for communion with Christ, we pray:

R Draw all into oneness with you, O Lord!

For all those called to marriage:

– may they grow in the love that reveals Christ’s love
for us: **R**

For all those called to celibate life:

– may their communion with Christ recall us all to our
ultimate goal: **R**

For all who have entered into Christ’s presence
through death:

– may they rejoice in the love for which all human
beings yearn: **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the God of all grace who called us to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish us after we have suffered a little. Amen. (cf. 1 Pt 5:10-11)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Prayer for the Morning

*Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us! (cf. Ps 95:6)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: CM

**This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
*In Christ There Is No East or West***

Your words to me are light and truth;
From day to day they show
Their wisdom, passing earthly lore,
As in their truth I grow.

Your words to me are full of joy,
Of beauty, peace, and grace;
From them I learn your blessed will,
Through them I see your face.

Your words are perfected in one,
Yourself, the living Word;
Within my heart your image print
In clearest lines, O Lord.

PSALM 95

1-9

Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people. (Jer 7:23)

What God's voice tells us is the true story of his incredible love for us. No other storyteller, however gifted, can paint for us the full, living portrait of who we are and have been, and who we are becoming.

Let us listen attentively, lest we forget and try to remake ourselves according to some other image.

Come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the Rock who saves us.
Let us approach him with praise and thanksgiving
and sing joyful songs to the Lord.

The Lord is God, the mighty God,
the great king over all the gods.
He holds in his hands the depths of the earth
and the highest mountains as well.
He made the sea; it belongs to him,
the dry land, too, for it was formed by his hands.

Come, then, let us bow down and worship,
bending the knee before the Lord, our maker.
For he is our God and we are his people,
the flock he shepherds.

Today, listen to the voice of the Lord:
Do not grow stubborn, as your fathers did in
the wilderness,
when at Meriba and Massah
they challenged me and provoked me,
although they had seen all of my works.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

James 1:22-25

BE DOERS OF THE WORD and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a

hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does.

*Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you,
O house of Israel. (Jer 10:1)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

Why do you call me, “Lord, Lord,” but not do what I command?
(Lk 6:46)

INTERCESSIONS

God speaks to us in every time and place. Let us pray for the gift of an open heart:

R Today we hear your voice, O Lord.

You have spoken to us through your prophets:

– teach us to hear and heed your word. **R**

You have spoken to us through your Son and Word:

– teach us to hear and love your word. **R**

You have spoken to us through the teachers of your Church:

– teach us to hear and keep your word. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O God, you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world’s deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey, that we may proclaim the Good News with our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

Optional memorial

● *A native of Füssen, Bavaria, Germany, Francis Xavier Seelos came to the United States in 1844. After he was ordained a Redemptorist priest, he served German immigrants under Saint John Neumann in Pittsburgh and taught seminarians in Baltimore. He preached throughout the Northeast and upper Midwest. Little children were rapt by his catechesis and vast numbers sought healing in his confessional. Francis succumbed to yellow fever in New Orleans in 1867. He was forty-eight. "I now begin to know what happiness it is to live and die a Redemptorist," he said. "Oh, let us love our vocation and strive to persevere in it! Then everything will be all right with us."* ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him/ who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who have made sacred this day's rejoicing at
the glorification of blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,
graciously grant
that we may strive always to keep
and to put into practice the faith
which, with unquenchable zeal, he strove to proclaim.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

• *But Jonah made ready to flee away from the Lord.* •

**A reading from the beginning
of the Book of the Prophet Jonah**

1:1-2:2, 11

THIS IS THE WORD of the LORD that came to Jonah, son of Amittai:

“Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it; their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah made ready to flee to Tarshish away from the LORD. He went down to Joppa, found a ship going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and went aboard to journey with them to Tarshish, away from the LORD.

The LORD, however, hurled a violent wind upon the sea, and in the furious tempest that arose the ship was on the point of breaking up. Then the mariners became frightened and each one cried to his god. To lighten the ship for themselves, they threw its cargo into the sea. Meanwhile, Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship, and lay there fast asleep. The captain came to him and said, “What are you doing asleep? Rise up, call upon your God! Perhaps God will be mindful of us so that we may not perish.”

Then they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots to find out on whose account we have met with this misfortune.” So they cast lots, and thus singled out Jonah. “Tell us,” they said, “what is your business? Where do you come from? What is your country, and to what people do you belong?” Jonah answered them, “I am a Hebrew, I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”

Now the men were seized with great fear and said to him, “How could you do such a thing!”—They knew that he was fleeing from the LORD, because he had told them.—They asked, “What shall we do with you, that

the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea was growing more and more turbulent. Jonah said to them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea, that it may quiet down for you; since I know it is because of me that this violent storm has come upon you.”

Still the men rowed hard to regain the land, but they could not, for the sea grew ever more turbulent. Then they cried to the LORD: “We beseech you, O LORD, let us not perish for taking this man’s life; do not charge us with shedding innocent blood, for you, LORD, have done as you saw fit.” Then they took Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea’s raging abated. Struck with great fear of the LORD, the men offered sacrifice and made vows to him.

But the LORD sent a large fish, that swallowed Jonah; and Jonah remained in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. From the belly of the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD, his God. Then the LORD commanded the fish to spew Jonah upon the shore. The word of the Lord.

—•RESPONSORIAL PSALM (JON 2)•—

R (cf. 7) You will rescue my life from the pit, O Lord.

Out of my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me;

From the midst of the nether world I cried for help,
and you heard my voice. *R*

For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the sea,
and the flood enveloped me;
All your breakers and your billows
passed over me. *R*

Then I said, “I am banished from your sight!
yet would I again look upon your holy temple.” *R*

When my soul fainted within me,
 I remembered the LORD;
 My prayer reached you
 in your holy temple. *R*

Alleluia, alleluia. I give you a new commandment:/ love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

- *Who is my neighbor?* •

**A reading from
 the holy Gospel according to Luke**

10:25-37

THERE WAS A SCHOLAR of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall

repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the sacrificial gifts we offer, almighty God,
on the feast day of blessed Francis Xavier Seelos,
and grant that we, who celebrate the mysteries of the
Lord's Passion,
may imitate what we now do.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 10:27

What I say to you in the darkness/ speak in the light, says the
Lord;/ what you hear whispered/ proclaim on the housetops.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the power of this mystery, O Lord,
confirm your servants in the true faith,
that they may everywhere profess in word and deed
the faith for which blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
never ceased to labor
and for which he spent his whole life.
Through Christ our Lord.

M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y

The Mercy of the Good Samaritan

Jesus, you have given me to know and understand in what a soul's greatness consists: not in great deeds but in great love. Love has its worth, and it confers greatness on all our deeds. Although our actions are small and ordinary in themselves, because of love they become great and powerful before God.

God approaches a soul in a special way known only to himself and to the soul.... Love presides in this union, and everything is achieved by love alone. Jesus gives

himself to the soul in a gentle and sweet manner, and in his depths there is peace. He grants the soul many graces and makes it capable of sharing his eternal thoughts. And frequently, he reveals to it his divine plans.

Be watchful that you lose no opportunity that my providence offers you for sanctification. If you do not succeed in taking advantage of an opportunity, do not lose your peace, but humble yourself profoundly before me and, with great trust, immerse yourself completely in my mercy. In this way, you gain more than you have lost, because more favor is granted to a humble soul than the soul itself asks for....

Outwardly, your sacrifice must look like this: silent, hidden, permeated with love, imbued with prayer.

...There are souls living in the world who love me dearly. I dwell in their hearts with delight. But they are few.... They are a defense for the world before the justice of the heavenly Father and a means of obtaining mercy for the world. The love and sacrifice of these souls sustain the world in existence.

SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

From the Diary of Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament († 1938), a Polish sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. She was canonized in 2000.

Prayer for the Evening

*Christ is our light and guide:
come, let us give thanks and praise!*

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: LM

**This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

To do your will is my desire,
To live in you, Lord, is my life,

To spread your love through all the earth,
To find in you the joy of life.

All of my days, I sing your praise.
Through all my nights, you are my light.
You will shine forth through all my years,
And joyously will bring me home.

PSALM 119

1-8

If they obey and serve him, / they spend their days in prosperity, /
their years in happiness. (Jb 36:11)

Obedience to God's law seems an unlikely road to happiness. Indeed, at times it seems to bring us conflict, trial, and great loss. What we lose, though, is far less than what we gain if we do the will of the God who wills nothing less for us than the joy of life everlasting in his presence.

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts,
who never do anything evil
but walk in his ways.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your commands.
Then I shall not be put to shame
as I heed your commands.

I will thank you with an upright heart
as I learn your decrees.
I will obey your commands:
do not forsake me.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

1 Peter 1:22-23

SINCE YOU HAVE purified yourselves by obedience to the truth for sincere mutual love, love one another intensely from a [pure] heart. You have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God.

*All who inhabit the world shall understand/
That nothing is better than the fear of the LORD,
nothing more salutary than to obey his commandments.*
(Sir 23:27)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening. (1 Sm 3:9)

INTERCESSIONS

In hope of God's promise, we pray:

R Abide with us always!

In our evening activities:

– grant that we may follow your law. **R**

In the day that lies before us tomorrow:

– grant that we may do your will. **R**

In the times ahead of us:

– grant that we may never do anything evil. **R**

In all the moments of our life:

– grant that we may walk in your ways. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the LORD, our God, bless us in all our works and undertakings. Amen. (cf. Dt 15:10)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint Lucius of Adrianople

Bishop († 350)

Feast: February 11

“There was a time when he was not” was the chant of those who followed Arius. Arius held that Christ did not share in the divinity of his Father, and, hence, that he came into being at some moment in time, as all creatures do. Arius’ views were condemned at the Church’s first ecumenical council, at Nicea, in 325. And yet, for many years, the Arian heresy raged, and Arians jockeyed for control of various dioceses in the East.

In this time, Saint Athanasius, the bishop of Alexandria, was the great defender of the Nicene Creed, the “father of orthodoxy.” And for the sake of the truth of the divinity of Christ he was mercilessly persecuted, exiled from his see five times.

In the years directly following Nicea, a number of councils were called by the popes in an attempt to restore stability to the Church, including one at Sardica (present-day Sofia, Bulgaria) in 343. It was at Sardica that the bishop Lucius of Adrianople (modern Edirne, Turkey) valiantly defended Athanasius to the other bishops. The council ended in disaster when Lucius’ brother bishops from the East walked out. Lucius returned to his diocese. Shortly thereafter several of Lucius’ companions were assassinated in retribution for his words at Sardica. Imperial troops carried Lucius into exile, where he died of ill-treatment.

Compassionate Father, through the intercession of Saint Lucius of Adrianople, give me the courage to stand by my friends when they speak for you.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Saint Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

Prayer for the Morning

With God is wisdom: come, let us adore!

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 12 11 12 11

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
We Gather Together

The works of the Lord are created in wisdom;
We view the earth's wonders
and call him to mind:

We hear what he says in the world we discover
And God shows his glory in all that we find.

The sun every morning lights up his creation,
The moon marks the rhythm
of months in their turn;

The glittering stars are arrayed in his honor,
Adorning the years as they ceaselessly burn.

The song is unfinished; how shall we complete it,
And where find the skill to perfect all God's praise?
At work in all places, he cares for all peoples—
How great is the Lord to the end of all days!

PSALM 104

1a, 19-24, 33-34, 35b

With him are wisdom and might;/ his are counsel and understanding. (Jb 12:13)

In the Scriptures, wisdom puts all of life in right order. Here the Psalmist celebrates the wisdom with which God has ordered time so that day and night, months and seasons all serve the purpose of life. Time reaches its intended culmination in the gift of everlasting life bestowed through Jesus Christ.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!

You made the moon to mark the months;
the sun knows the time for its setting.
When you spread the darkness it is night
and all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
The young lions roar for their prey
and ask their food from God.

At the rising of the sun they steal away
and go to rest in their dens.
Man goes forth to his work,
to labor till evening falls.

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.

I will sing to the Lord all my life,
make music to my God while I live.
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.
Bless the Lord, my soul.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Job 12:7-10

NOW ASK the beasts to teach
you, / and the birds of the
air to tell you; / Or the reptiles on earth to instruct you, /
and the fish of the sea to inform you. / Which of all these
does not know / that the hand of God has done this? / In
his hand is the soul of every living thing, / and the life
breath of all mankind.

*The LORD by wisdom founded the earth, /
established the heavens by understanding. (Prv 3:19)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

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. (Gal 4:4-5)

INTERCESSIONS

All times and all seasons are in God's hand; all times and all seasons are fulfilled in Christ. Let us pray:

R You are our life and our salvation!

Yours is the night and yours the day:

– enlighten us with your wisdom at every hour of our lives. *R*

Yours are the years and yours the seasons:

– teach us to trust in your provident designs. *R*

Yours is the fullness of life:

– bring us to dwell in your Presence for ever. *R*

Personal intentions

Our Father...

Lord God of time and timelessness, you order all things according to your wise designs. Grant us discerning hearts, that we may know and love and serve your plan, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS

Tuesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

SAINT BRUNO

Optional memorial

- *A native of Cologne, Bruno had already spent twenty years in the teaching profession when he heard the call to solitude. A stay among the Cistercians led him to establish his own foundation, in the Chartreuse*

Mountains of France. Two more monasteries in Italy followed. The austere surroundings, long periods of solitary silence, and almost-perpetual fasts made possible an intimate conversation with God. On the celebration of the ninth centenary of Bruno's death in 2001, Saint John Paul II observed, "At the heart of the desert, where men are tried and their faith purified, the Father leads them on a path of dispossession which questions all logic of having, being successful, and finding fleeting happiness." ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Where brothers unite to glorify God, / there the Lord will give blessing.

COLLECT

O God, who called Saint Bruno to serve you in solitude,
grant, through his intercession,
that amid the changes of this world
we may constantly look to you alone.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *The Ninevites turned from their evil way and God repented of the evil he had threatened.* ●

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah

3:1-10

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. The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 130 •—

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,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,

that you may be revered. **R**

Let Israel wait for the LORD,

For with the LORD is kindness

and with him is plenteous redemption;

And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities. *R*

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who hear the word
of God/ and observe it. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

• *Martha welcomed him into her house. Mary has
chosen the better part.* •

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

10:38-42

JESUS ENTERED a village where
a woman whose name was
Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him
speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to
him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has
left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help
me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha,
you are anxious and worried about many things. There
is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better
part and it will not be taken from her."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray,
the offerings made for the salvation of your people,
so that through the intercession of blessed Saint Bruno
we may flee the enticements of sin
and draw near to the company of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Lk 8:15

Those who keep God's word with a good and perfect heart/
patiently bring forth fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant our request, we pray, O Lord our God,
that, defended by the protection of blessed Saint Bruno,
we may live by this Sacrament of your wisdom
in serenity and moderation.
Through Christ our Lord.

 MEDITATION OF THE DAY

How Mary Responded to Jesus

All that can be said is that this august Majesty takes possession of the soul and ravishes her by a charm as great as the reverence with which it inspires her. And the soul, beside herself, is filled with awe at the sight of such greatness and yet feels drawn to it by an irresistible force; she finds therein her happiness, she sports in God as in a boundless universe, and she tastes in him, her first Principle and her last End, a rest to which nothing human can be compared. She feels herself penetrated by this divine nature, she feels that in it she lives and in it alone she has her being, her love is inflamed for the adorable Being who is her life, she feels that he possesses her more than she possesses her own self, and all her strength dissolving in him, like a drop of water in a boundless ocean, it appears to her that her love and her life are one!

O my brethren and friends, when shall we love Love itself? What a horrible thing it is to draw one's life from God and yet not to love him! And do not the greater number live without loving him, without scarcely thinking of him? We love those glimpses and flashes of love and beauty which he has sown broadcast in the world, but he, the *infinitely lovable One*, who thinks of him? Who remembers him? Alas! we at least who love him should live only to make him loved, and if anything can move us to sorrow it should be our impotence to

render him, and to cause others to render him, the love which is his due.

LUCIE CHRISTINE

Lucie Christine († 1908), the pseudonym of the French mystic Mathilde Bertrand-Boutlé, was mother of five who, upon being widowed, became an Adoration Réparatrice sister.

Prayer for the Evening

*What marvels the Lord has worked for us!
Let us give thanks and praise!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 76 76 D

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
O Sacred Head, Surrounded

In royal robes of splendor,
Before the great King's feet,
The princes of his kingdom,
The crowned Apostles, meet;
To him their songs adoring
With heart and tongue they bring,
Pure hearts and mighty voices—
E'en as the angels sing.

Christ's burden light they proffer,
His easy yoke proclaim;
The seed of life they scatter,
That all may own his name.
The earth brought forth and budded,
Where'er their ploughshare ran,
And fruits of increase followed
The faith of God-made-Man.

PSALM 126

Once more will he fill your mouth with laughter,/ and your lips with rejoicing. (Jb 8:21)

Christ sends his disciples out to sow the seed of the Gospel in a world still governed by sin, pain, exile, and death. When the burden seems too great to bear, let us put our hope in his promise that joy awaits those who follow the road faithfully to the end and bring home the harvest of life.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: “What marvels
the Lord worked for them!”

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God**Baruch 4:22-23**

IHAVE TRUSTED in the Eternal
God for your welfare,/ and
joy has come to me from the Holy One/ Because of the
mercy that will swiftly reach you/ from your eternal
savior./ With mourning and lament I sent you forth,/

but God will give you back to me/ with enduring glad-
ness and joy.

*My word shall not return to me void/
but shall do my will,/ achieving the end
for which I sent it. (cf. Is 55:11)*

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

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.
(Is 65:19)

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray especially for those who have grown
discouraged in bearing the heat and burden of the day:

℟ Deliver your people, O Lord, from bondage.

For all those whose faith has led them into places of
exile and sorrow:

– be their deliverance and their joy. ℟

For all those who labor in hopelessness:

– be their hope and their courage. ℟

For all those who have abandoned pastoral ministry in
discouragement:

– be their reconciliation and guide. ℟

Personal intentions

Our Father...

*May the Lord of peace himself give us peace at all times
and in every way. Amen. (cf. 2 Thes 3:16)*

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint Martin I

Pope († 655)

Feast: April 13

When Martin was elected pope in 649, he refused to wait for the approval of the emperor Constans II. He hastened instead to call a council to condemn Monothelism, whose adherents claimed that Christ did not have a human will. Martin's action was a direct provocation of the emperor, a sworn Monothelite. Even before the decrees of the council had reached his door, Constans sent a legate to Martin, who was charged with treason. When this ploy failed, soldiers were dispatched. They found the aged pontiff lying on a couch in the Lateran Basilica. He was forcibly removed to a ship bound for Constantinople.

In the imperial city, Martin was imprisoned in crude conditions. His trial was a sham; he was sentenced to death on the charge of aiding and abetting those who plotted against the emperor. Only when Paul, the Patriarch of Constantinople, himself on his deathbed, pleaded Martin's cause was the sentence commuted to one of exile.

Martin was taken to Crimea in March 655. His fragile frame, already weakened by illness and torture, was now ravaged by starvation and dysentery. His letters show that he suffered from loneliness and the feeling of being abandoned by his flock, all the while professing the certainty of Christ's love. By September he had succumbed to his afflictions. Martin is the last pope to be venerated as a martyr.

Father in heaven, through the intercession of Saint Martin I, be present to me when I feel most alone.

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jennifer Hubbard

She tucked her rosary beads into my hand and suggested we pray. Sitting quietly, our voices united with a sense of urgency. “Hail Mary, full of grace.” We trusted that, in her compassion, she would intercede for us and envelop us in her grace and the peace we desperately needed. The beads—they rolled through my fingers and centered my mind. “Holy Mary, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.” I felt dead and yet somehow I was still inhaling the air of this earth and the words came easily, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.”

The beads found shelter in my pocket in the days and months that ensued. I would automatically reach for and wrap my fingers around them. During her funeral Mass I squeezed so tightly the beads created craters in my fingertips and kept my thoughts on the only place I found comfort. “Our Father, who art in heaven.”

Even now, when words are few and tears are great, I reach for her beads. In that instant, my mind goes to Mary my Mother and God my Father. My prayers and remembrances become centered on grace, discernment, and forgiveness, and cast aside the fear and angst of this world. His peace fills me and restores my breathing. The rosary beads are a gift to me. A gift to teach me, show me, and remind me to center my thoughts on him—his gift to help me feel the peace he longs to give.

(Jennifer Hubbard resides in Newtown, CT. The younger of her two children, Catherine Violet, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Prayer for the Morning

*Let us proclaim God's goodness
in the assembly of the faithful!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: LM

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

The gladness of thy motherhood,
The anguish of thy suffering,
The glory now that crowns thy brow,
O Virgin-Mother, we would sing.

Hail, blessed mother, full of joy
In thy consent, thy visit too;
Joy in the birth of Christ on earth,
Joy in him lost and found anew.

Hail, sorrowing in his agony—
The blows, the thorns that pierced his brow;
The heavy wood, the shameful Rood—
True queen and chief of martyrs thou!

Hail in the triumph of thy Son,
The quick'ning flames of Pentecost;
Shining a queen in light serene,
When all the world is tempest-tossed.

O come, you nations, roses bring
Culled from these mysteries divine,
And for the mother of your King
With loving hearts your chaplets twine.

PSALM 5

2-8

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Mary, Mother of the Church, prays with us and for us. Through her example and intercession, we learn the lesson of faithful prayer, just as through our meditation on the mysteries of the rosary, we learn the lesson of faithful life taught by Mary and by her Son Jesus.

To my words give ear, O Lord,
give heed to my groaning.
Attend to the sound of my cries,
my King and my God.

It is you whom I invoke, O Lord.
In the morning you hear me;
in the morning I offer you my prayer,
watching and waiting.

You are no God who loves evil;
no sinner is your guest.
The boastful shall not stand their ground
before your face.

You hate all who do evil:
you destroy all who lie.
The deceitful and bloodthirsty man
the Lord detests.

But I through the greatness of your love
have access to your house.
I bow down before your holy temple,
filled with awe.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Ephesians 6:18

WITH ALL PRAYER and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.

*When you call me, when you go to pray to me,
I will listen to you. (Jer 29:12)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

As for me, far be it from me to sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you and to teach you the good and right way. (1 Sam 12:23)

INTERCESSIONS

Let us ask Mary's intercession on behalf of all in need:

R Lord, hear your Mother's prayer.

Mother of good counsel, you prayed with the disciples as they waited in the upper room:

– pray for all those who await deliverance from suffering and death. **R**

Mother of our Savior, you watch with a mother's care over the whole Body of Christ:

– pray for all those in need of salvation. **R**

Mother of God, you dwell in glory before the face of God:

– pray always for your children. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

Loving Father, increase our devotion to the most holy rosary, and draw us ever closer to you through the

intercession of the Mother of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Memorial

● *“It could be said that each mystery of the rosary, carefully meditated, sheds light on the mystery of man. ‘Cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you’ (Ps 55:23). To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother. The rosary does indeed ‘mark the rhythm of human life,’ bringing it into harmony with the ‘rhythm’ of God’s own life, in the joyful communion of the Holy Trinity, our life’s destiny and deepest longing. Through the rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.”—Saint John Paul II ●*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Lk 1:28, 42

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you./ Blessed are you among women/ and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

COLLECT

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

- *You are concerned over a plant. And should I not be concerned over Nineveh, the great city?* •

**A reading from
the Book of the Prophet Jonah**

4:1-11

JONAH WAS GREATLY displeased and became angry that God did not carry out the evil he threatened against Nineveh. He prayed, "I beseech you, LORD, is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? This is why I fled at first to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, rich in clemency, loathe to punish. And now, LORD, please take my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." But the LORD asked, "Have you reason to be angry?"

Jonah then left the city for a place to the east of it, where he built himself a hut and waited under it in the shade, to see what would happen to the city. And when the LORD God provided a gourd plant that grew up over Jonah's head, giving shade that relieved him of any discomfort, Jonah was very happy over the plant. But the next morning at dawn God sent a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. And when the sun arose, God sent a burning east wind; and the sun beat upon Jonah's head till he became faint. Then Jonah asked for death, saying, "I would be better off dead than alive."

But God said to Jonah, "Have you reason to be angry over the plant?" "I have reason to be angry," Jonah answered, "angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned over the plant which cost you no labor and which you did not raise; it came up in one night and in one night it perished. And should I not be concerned over Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons

who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left,
not to mention the many cattle?"

The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 86 •—

R (15) Lord, you are merciful and gracious.

Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for to you I call all the day.
Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. **R**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading. **R**

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God. **R**

Alleluia, alleluia. You have received a spirit of adoption
as sons/ through which we cry: Abba! Father! **Alleluia,**
alleluia.

• Lord, teach us to pray. •

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

11:1-4

JESUS WAS PRAYING in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name,/ your Kingdom
come./ Give us each day our daily bread/ and forgive us

our sins/ for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,/ and do not subject us to the final test.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may be rightly conformed to these offerings
we bring
and so honor the mysteries of your Only Begotten Son,
as to be made worthy of his promises.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**PREFACE I OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
THE MOTHERHOOD OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
and to praise, bless, and glorify your name
on the feast day of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary.
For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit
she conceived your Only Begotten Son,
and without losing the glory of virginity,
brought forth into the world the eternal Light,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed
Seraphim
worship together with exultation.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise, as we acclaim: Holy...

Or:

**PREFACE II OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
THE CHURCH PRAISES GOD WITH THE WORDS OF MARY**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
to praise your mighty deeds in the exaltation of all
the Saints,

and especially, as we celebrate the memory of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
to proclaim your kindness as we echo her thankful
hymn of praise.

For truly even to earth's ends you have done great
things

and extended your abundant mercy from age to age:
when you looked on the lowliness of your handmaid,
you gave us through her the author of our salvation,
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs

in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim: Holy...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 1:31

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, / and
you shall name him Jesus.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, O Lord our God,
that, just as we proclaim in this Sacrament
the Death and Resurrection of your Son,
so, being made partakers in his suffering,
we may also merit a share
in his consolation and his glory.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Graces of the Holy Rosary

Monsignor Hugh Benson, in one of his early novels,
gave us a beautiful explanation of the rosary. An old
nun is trying to make the devotion clear to a young
Protestant girl. The enquirer asks:

"How can prayers said over and over again like that
be any good?"

Mistress Margaret was silent for a moment.

"I saw young Mrs. Martin last week," she said, "with her little girl in her lap. She had her arms around her mother's neck, and was being rocked to and fro; and every time she rocked she said 'Oh, mother.'"

"But, then," said Isabel, after a moment's silence, "she was only a child." "Except ye become as little children—" quoted Mistress Margaret softly—"you see, my Isabel, we are nothing more than children with God and his Blessed Mother. To say, 'Hail Mary, Hail Mary,' is the best way of telling her how much we love her. And, then, this string of beads is like our Lady's girdle, and her children love to finger it, and whisper to her. And then we say our Our Fathers too; and all the while we are talking, she is showing us pictures of her dear Child, and we look at all the great things he did for us, one by one; and then we turn the page and begin again."

Those who have profited most from the rosary are the ones who have thus understood it. With hearts full of love they have rested close by the side of our heavenly Mother; and, whispering words of endearment to her, they have gazed the while at those wonderful pictures which the changing mysteries recall, seeing always something new and beautiful. And when they have come to the end of the picture-book, with the insatiable interest of a child, they have gone back to the beginning and turned every page over again.

FATHER RAYMOND P. LAWRENCE

Father Raymond P. Lawrence († 1968) was a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse, NY, and was the author of the book The Journey Home.

Prayer for the Evening

*Come, let us praise the Lord our God
on this feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 D

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin mother undefiled;
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labor cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though it drove him from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died.

Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.

PSALM 28

1a, 6-9

I to the LORD will sing my song,/ my hymn to the LORD, the God of Israel. (Jgs 5:3b)

Mary's entire life, devoted to the Word of God made flesh in her Son, Jesus Christ, is a hymn of praise to God sung in melodies of joy, light, sorrow, and eternal glory.

To you, O Lord, I call,
my rock, hear me.

Blessed be the Lord for he has heard
my cry, my appeal.

The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts.

I was helped, my heart rejoices
and I praise him with my song.

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a fortress where his anointed find salvation.
Save your people; bless Israel your heritage.
Be their shepherd and carry them for ever.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Judith 15:9-10

YOU ARE THE GLORY of
Jerusalem,/ the surpassing
joy of Israel;/ you are the splendid boast of our people./
With your own hand you have done all this;/ you have done good to Israel,/ and God is pleased with what you have wrought./
May you be blessed by the LORD Almighty/ forever and ever!

*Give her a reward of her labors,/ and let her works
praise her at the city gates.*

(Prv 31:31)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

I will sing the LORD's renown./ Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God! (cf. Dt 32:3)

INTERCESSIONS

In the name of all people we pray:

℟ Lord, hear your Mother's plea!

Mother of God, pray for all people of faith: ℟

Mother of our Savior, pray for all those who seek to know and love God: ℟

Mother of Sorrows, pray for all those who suffer in spirit, mind, or body: ℟

Mother of all the living, pray for all those who have crossed the threshold of death to stand before God: ℟

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May we be blessed by the LORD Almighty/ forever and ever! Amen. (cf. Jdt 15:10)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint Jacobus Lacops

Priest († 1572)

Feast: July 9

A native of Oudenaarde, Flanders, Belgium, James Lacops entered the Norbertines at Middleburg. But, at the age of twenty-four, he abandoned religious life to join forces with Calvinist iconoclasts. He became a preacher of some force and wrote an anti-Catholic tract. But within a few months he yielded to the pleadings and arguments of his father and brother and returned to the Church. After rejoining the Norbertines, he spent five years doing penance at Mariëweerd before being moved to the house at Monster.

In June 1572, Calvinist pirates overthrew this house. James and fellow Norbertine Adrian Jansen were taken, along with other clergy from the city of Gorkum, to a makeshift prison at Den Briel. There interrogation alternated with torture. The Calvinists sought to force the men to deny the Catholic teachings on the Real Presence and papal supremacy. Four men broke and were released. But the remaining nineteen—the two Norbertines, eleven Franciscans, a Dominican, an Augustinian canon, and four diocesan priests—remained firm. In the teeth of death, James proved himself an able defender of the Faith, leading the arguments against his tormenters.

All nineteen men were hanged, and their mutilated bodies were buried in two trenches. They were canonized as the Martyrs of Gorkum in 1867.

*Father in heaven, through the intercession of
Saint James Lacops, come to my aid in my weakness.
Forgive me for the times I deny you!*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Prayer for the Morning

*From the rising of the sun to its setting/
praised be the name of the LORD! (Ps 113:3)*

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 77 77

**This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
*Forty Days and Forty Nights***

Christ the glory of the sky,
Christ of earth the hope secure,
Only Son of God most high,
Offspring of a maiden pure.

Purest Light, within us dwell,
Never from our souls depart;
Come, the shades of earth dispel,
Fill and purify the heart.

PSALM 101

1-7

Wisdom will enter your heart,/ Discretion will watch over you,
Saving you from the way of evil men,/ from men of perverse speech,
Who leave the straight paths/ to walk in ways of darkness. (cf. Prv
2:10-13)

Every day offers a choice: what sort of reading, what sort of TV,
what sort of conversation, what sort of friends will we choose to
welcome into our homes?

My song is of mercy and justice;
I sing to you, O Lord.
I will walk in the way of perfection.
O when, Lord, will you come?

I will walk with blameless heart
within my house;
I will not set before my eyes
whatever is base.

I will hate the ways of the crooked;
they shall not be my friends.
The false-hearted must keep far away;
the wicked I disown.

The man who slanders his neighbor in secret
I will bring to silence.
The man of proud looks and haughty heart
I will never endure.

I look to the faithful in the land
that they may dwell with me.
He who walks in the way of perfection
shall be my friend.

No man who practices deceit
shall live within my house.
No man who utters lies shall stand
before my eyes.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Philippians 4:8

WHATEVER IS TRUE, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

*Walk while you have the light,
so that darkness may not overcome you. (Jn 12:35)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

They are happy whose life is blameless, / who follow God's law!
(Ps 119:1)

INTERCESSIONS

Each morning we begin anew. As day begins, let us turn toward Christ and pray:

R Send understanding to guard us!

Fill our hearts and our homes with mercy and justice: **R**

Lead us on the path toward perfect love: **R**

Keep our minds and our tongues from gossip and slander: **R**

Surround us with people striving toward goodness: **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

O Lord our God, as we travel through the hours of this day, let your word be a lamp to our feet, so that we may always follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Thursday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks: Suppose a friend of yours comes begging for food at midnight for a guest newly arrived? If we are like God—who is like any real friend and “listens attentively”—we will help him. Our reverent asking brings out all that is fatherly in God: “I will have compassion on them, as a man has compassion on his son.” It is through our persistence in prayer that we discover what God always promised: “They shall be mine—my own special possession.”

(The prayers suggested today are those of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,/ and there is none that can resist your will./ For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,/ and all that is held within the circle of heaven;/ you are the Lord of all.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
 who in the abundance of your kindness
 surpass the merits and the desires of those
 who entreat you,
 pour out your mercy upon us
 to pardon what conscience dreads
 and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

● *The day is coming, blazing like an oven.* ●

**A reading from
 the Book of the Prophet Malachi**

3:13-20b

YOU HAVE DEFIED me in word, says the LORD,/ yet you ask, “What have we spoken against you?”/ You have said, “It is vain to serve God,/ and what do we profit by keeping his command,/ And going about in penitential dress/ in awe of the LORD of hosts?/ Rather must we call the proud blessed;/ for indeed evildoers prosper,/ and even tempt God with impunity.”/ Then they who fear the LORD spoke with one another,/ and the LORD listened attentively;/ And a record book was written before him/ of those who fear the LORD and trust in his name./ And they shall be mine, says the

LORD of hosts,/ my own special possession, on the day
I take action./ And I will have compassion on them,/
as a man has compassion on his son who serves him./
Then you will again see the distinction/ between the
just and the wicked;/ Between the one who serves God,/
and the one who does not serve him./ For lo, the day is
coming, blazing like an oven,/ when all the proud and
all evildoers will be stubble,/ And the day that is com-
ing will set them on fire,/ leaving them neither root nor
branch,/ says the LORD of hosts./ But for you who fear
my name, there will arise/ the sun of justice with its
healing rays.

The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 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**

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

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord,/ to listen to
the words of your Son. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

- *Ask and you will receive.* •

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

11:5-13

JESUS SAID TO his disciples: “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,/ to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

You Will Receive

It's also necessary to begin with the assurance that if we don't let ourselves be conquered, we will obtain our goal; this without a doubt, for no matter how small the gain, one will end up being very rich. Don't be afraid that the Lord will leave you to die of thirst, for he calls us to drink from this fount.

I have already said this and would like to say it many times, for the devil intimidates persons who don't yet fully know the goodness of the Lord through experience, even though they know it through faith. But it is a great thing to have experienced the friendship and favor he shows toward those who journey on this road and how he takes care of almost all the expenses.

I'm not surprised that those who have not experienced this want the assurance of some gain for themselves. Well, you already know there is the hundredfold even in this life, and that the Lord says, *ask, and you will receive*. If you don't believe his Majesty in the sections of his Gospel that insure this gain, it will be of little benefit...for me to break my head in trying to tell you about it. Nevertheless, I say that should anyone have some doubt, little would be lost in trying the journey of prayer; for this journey brings with it the following good: more is given than is asked for, beyond what we

could desire. This is absolutely true; I know. And those of you who know it by experience, through the goodness of God, can be my witnesses.

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA

Saint Teresa of Ávila († 1582), Doctor of the Church, reformed the Carmelite Order.

Prayer for the Evening

Let us praise the God of our salvation!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 D

*This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light:
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.

One, the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread:
One, the object of our journey,
One, the faith which never tires,
One, the earnest looking forward,
One, the hope our God inspires.

PSALM 137

1-6

Fear not, for I am with you;/ from the east I will bring back your descendants,/ from the west I will gather you. (Is 43:5)

Like the Israelites in Babylon, we live in exile from our true and lasting home, the heavenly Jerusalem. However tempting the oases in which we rest along the way, we are called always to journey toward the goal for which we hope in faith, encouraging one another along the way in preparation for the life of the city to come.

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
“Sing to us,” they said,
“one of Zion’s songs.”

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Hebrews 11:8-10

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.

*You are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones
and members of the household of God. (Eph 2:19)*

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come.
(Heb 13:14)

INTERCESSIONS

In faith, let us pray for God's guidance.

R Lead your people home!

For all who work to better the lot of others in our present world:

– reward them in the city to come. **R**

For refugees who live in exile:

– guide them to a resting place. **R**

For those who have embarked upon the final journey of death:

– bring them to your dwelling place. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, and may charity be the root and foundation of our life. Amen. (cf. Eph 3:17)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint Silverius

Pope († 537)

Feast: June 20

Before Pope Hormisdas entered the priesthood, he was married and had a son, Silverius. In the year 536, Silverius himself was elected Roman pontiff, in unusual circumstances. At the time, he was only a subdeacon. The Ostrogoth King Theodehad put forward Silverius' name in haste to prevent the election of a candidate favorable to the Monophysite Empress Theodora. The Monophysites denied the human nature of Christ.

But Theodora would not back down. She immediately demanded that Silverius confirm Monophysite bishops who had been exiled, but he refused to comply. When the Goths attacked Rome, Theodora found a way to depose Silverius. An imperial army came to the city's aid, and Theodora convinced its head, General Belisarius, to remove Silverius forcibly in favor of Vigilius, a confirmed Monophysite. Silverius was stripped of his papal robes, dressed as a monk, and exiled from Rome on the charge that he had joined in a plot with the forces of the Goths.

After a term of imprisonment in Asia Minor, Silverius was returned to Italy, only to be exiled by Vigilius to the island of Palmaria off the coast of Naples. Some accounts say that he died of starvation, others that he was the victim of murder. Miracles have been reported at Silverius' grave, and he has been invoked as a saint since at least the 11th century.

*Merciful Father, through the intercession of
Saint Silverius, be my comfort when I am stripped of all
worldly consolations.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Saint Denis and Companions; Saint John Leonardi

Prayer for the Morning

To God our praise is due!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: LM

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

When God restored our captive state,
Joy was our song, and grace our theme,
The grace beyond our hopes so great
That joy appeared a painted dream.

When we review our dismal fears
’Twas hard to think they’d vanish so;
With God we left our flowing tears;
He makes our joys like rivers flow.

PSALM 65

2-4, 6

The Lord GOD will wipe away/ the tears from all faces;/ The reproach of his people he will remove/ from the whole earth. (Is 25:8)

The psalm calls to mind Saint Gregory of Nyssa’s word portrait of Christ the artist, tenderly wiping away all the grime of sin that disfigures the human face and restoring God’s image to its full beauty.

To you our praise is due
in Zion, O God.
To you we pay our vows,
you who hear our prayer.

To you all flesh will come
with its burden of sin.

Too heavy for us, our offenses,
but you wipe them away.

You keep your pledge with wonders,
O God our savior,
the hope of all the earth
and of far distant isles.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Isaiah 43:20-21, 25

I PUT WATER in the desert/ and
rivers in the wasteland/ for
my chosen people to drink,/ The people whom I formed
for myself,/ that they might announce my praise.

It is I, I, who wipe out,/ for my own sake, your offenses;/
your sins I remember no more.

*O wash me more and more from my guilt/
and cleanse me from my sin. (Ps 51:4)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

Cease your cries of mourning,/ wipe the tears from your eyes./ The
sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. (Jer 31:16)

INTERCESSIONS

God rewards with joy those who mourn for their sins and
the sins of all our race. Let us pray with contrite hearts:

R Hear our prayer; forgive our sins.

Where we have failed to be compassionate as you are
compassionate:

– deepen our love for those who have fallen under the
burden of their weakness. **R**

Where we have failed to be faithful as you are faithful:
– renew our commitment to live the vows we made in
baptism. *R*

Where we have failed to be loving as you are loving:
– sharpen our willingness to put you and our neighbor
before our own desires. *R*

Where we have failed to be joyful as you free us to be:
– strengthen our trust in your unfailing love for us. *R*

Personal intentions

Our Father...

Most merciful Lord and Savior, you wash away all our sins in the blood you shed upon the cross. Grant us the grace to rejoice in the freedom you have bought for us and to turn and set others free by the power of the love you have shown us, who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

MASS

Friday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

SAINT JOHN LEONARDI

Optional memorial

• *John was born in 1541 in Lucca, Italy. A long course of study for the certification to practice as a pharmacist ended when he accepted the calling to the priesthood. Shortly after ordination, he founded the Clerics Regular of the Mother of God in the spirit of the reforms of the Council of Trent. John insisted that the Church could survive only by cleaving to Christ. "Christ first of all," he preached. And: "Either Christ or nothing." John helped to found a missionary college for priests that would later become the Congregation*

*for the Propagation of the Faith. He died in 1609,
having attended victims of the plague. ●*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him/ who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

COLLECT

O God, giver of all good things,
who through the Priest Saint John Leonardi
caused the Gospel to be announced to the nations,
grant, through his intercession,
that the true faith may always and everywhere prosper.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *The day of the Lord is coming, a day of darkness
and of gloom. ●*

**A reading from
the Book of the Prophet Joel**

1:13-15; 2:1-2

GIRD YOURSELVES and weep,
O priests!/ wail, O minis-
ters of the altar!/ Come, spend the night in sackcloth,/
O ministers of my God!/ The house of your God is de-
prived/ of offering and libation./ Proclaim a fast,/ call
an assembly;/ Gather the elders,/ all who dwell in the
land,/ Into the house of the LORD, your God,/ and cry
to the LORD!

Alas, the day!/ for near is the day of the LORD,/ and it
comes as ruin from the Almighty.

Blow the trumpet in Zion,/ sound the alarm on my
holy mountain!/ Let all who dwell in the land tremble,/
for the day of the LORD is coming;/ Yes, it is near, a day
of darkness and of gloom,/ a day of clouds and som-
berness!/ Like dawn spreading over the mountains,/ a

people numerous and mighty!/ Their like has not been
 from of old,/ nor will it be after them,/ even to the years
 of distant generations.
 The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 9 •—

R (9) The Lord will judge the world with justice.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart;

I will declare all your wondrous deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, Most High. **R**

You rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked;
 their name you blotted out forever and ever.

The nations are sunk in the pit they have made;
 in the snare they set, their foot is caught. **R**

But the LORD sits enthroned forever;

he has set up his throne for judgment.

He judges the world with justice;

he governs the peoples with equity. **R**

Alleluia, alleluia. The prince of this world will now be
 cast out,/ and when I am lifted up from the earth/ I will
 draw all to myself, says the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

• *If it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons,
 then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.* •

**A reading from
 the holy Gospel according to Luke**

11:15-26

WHEN JESUS HAD driven
 out a demon, some of the
 crowd said: "By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of
 demons, he drives out demons." Others, to test him,
 asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their

thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When an unclean spirit goes out of someone, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but, finding none, it says, ‘I shall return to my home from which I came.’ But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there, and the last condition of that man is worse than the first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the sacrificial gifts we offer, almighty God,
 on the feast day of blessed Saint John Leonardi,
 and grant that we, who celebrate the mysteries of the
 Lord's Passion,
 may imitate what we now do.
 Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ez 34:15

I will pasture my sheep;/ I myself will give them rest, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the power of this mystery, O Lord,
 confirm your servants in the true faith,
 that they may everywhere profess in word and deed
 the faith for which blessed Saint John Leonardi never
 ceased to labor
 and for which he spent his whole life.
 Through Christ our Lord.

 • M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y •

Divisive Demons

God deliver you from the peace of many kinds that worldly people have. May he never allow us to try it, for it brings perpetual war.

When such persons of the world remain quiet, while going about in serious sin, and so tranquil about their vices, for their consciences don't feel remorseful about anything, their peace, you have read, is a sign that they and the devil are friends. While they live, the devil does not wage war against them. For bad as they are they would then return to God somewhat, not out of love for him but so as to flee from this war.

Those who would act in such a way would never persevere in serving God. Soon, since the devil understands this, he would again give them delight in their pleasure and they would return to their friendship with him, until he has them in that place where he shows them how false their peace was. There is no reason to speak of these persons here; let them worry about it, for I hope in the Lord that so much evil will not be found among you. But the devil could begin to offer you another peace in small things, and always, while we live,...we must fear.

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA

Saint Teresa of Ávila († 1582), Doctor of the Church, reformed the Carmelite Order.

Prayer for the Evening

*Christ is our peace:
let us give thanks and praise!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 77 77 D

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
Angels, saints, and nations sing:
“Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of earth and sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.”

Christ, thou King of truth and might,
Be to us eternal light,
Till in peace each nation rings
With thy praises, King of kings.
Angels, saints, and nations sing:
“Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of earth and sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.”

PSALM 72

1-4, 7, 12-14, 18-19

I will appoint peace your governor, / and justice your ruler. (Is 60:17)

When we pray “Thy kingdom come,” we commit ourselves to serve its coming by living in peace and by seeking peace and justice for all who suffer in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our world.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

May the mountains bring forth peace for the people
and the hills, justice.

May he defend the poor of the people
and save the children of the needy
and crush the oppressor.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.
From oppression he will rescue their lives,
to him their blood is dear.

Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel,
who alone works wonders,
ever blessed his glorious name.
Let his glory fill the earth.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Ephesians 2:13-14, 15b-16

NOW IN CHRIST JESUS you
who once were far off have
become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke
down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, [...] that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile

both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it.

He shall be peace. (Mi 5:4)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Blessed are the peacemakers,/ for they will be called children of God.
(Mt 5:9)

INTERCESSIONS

Ours were the sufferings Christ bore; by his death we are healed. Trusting in his love, we pray:

℟ Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.

In the name of the poor, we pray: ℟

In the name of the children of the needy, we pray: ℟

In the name of the weak and oppressed, we pray: ℟

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard our hearts in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.
(cf. Phil 4:7)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint Publia

Abbess (+ c. 370)

Feast: October 9

Publia was a widow who founded a community of consecrated women in Antioch. She did not die a martyr, yet she witnessed in a powerful way to the truth for which many early martyrs gave their lives.

In 362, the emperor Julian came to Antioch as military preparations for his campaign against the Persians were underway. Julian was half-brother to Constantine the Great, the emperor who had legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire. Julian, however, had renounced the Christian faith. After becoming emperor himself he had restored pagan worship and stripped Christians of their privileges. Although Julian instigated no new persecutions, he tolerated violence against Christians who refused to accept the Roman deities.

Publia knew all of this. And when Julian marched past her convent, she led her sisters in song: *Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths but they cannot speak; they have eyes but they cannot see.... Their makers will come to be like them and so will all who trust in them* (Ps 115:4-5, 8). The emperor stopped and ordered that the women be silenced. Yet, they began again: *Let God arise, let his foes be scattered* (Ps 68:2). Julian had Publia beaten. He intended to bring her and her sisters to trial upon his return from Persia, but died before this could be carried out.

Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saint Publia, grant me holy daring in the face of persecution.

SHE PONDERED THESE THINGS IN HER HEART (SEE LK 2:51)

“Open to Life”

Elizabeth Hansen

One dreary morning, I was dragging my kids across a parking lot, already late. The three-year-old hated all her clothes, and her younger brother was imitating her whining flawlessly. Worn down from the ordeal of leaving the house, I looked at them trudging behind me with the stricken thought that, somehow, this all had to do with being “open to life.”

Honestly, I’d started regarding the phrase as somewhat cliché, or, depending on its timing, an irrelevant question for me and my husband. But there in the drizzle, I realized that “open to life” is more than a monthly question of possible conception. It’s not just about, “Should we have another baby?”

It’s about being open, in the most trustful sense, to a God who fills even these moments of exhaustion and tedium with his promise of abundant life. It means literally facing life with an open posture, saying to its Author, *Speak, your servant is listening.*

What are you teaching me about myself as I wait impatiently for my kids? What are you showing me in this mess of picked at dinners and dirty chairs? Who is begging for my touch?

It’s easy to shut down against intrusions, be it a child at the bathroom door, or grace ready at the heart. I’d like to say that morning drastically changed for the better. It didn’t. I was still tired, my kids were still whiny, and the weather was still terrible. But I was more open. And that was enough.

(Elizabeth Hansen lives in Connecticut with her husband and three young children.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer for the Morning

Come, let us sing a new song to the Lord!

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 D

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Holy light on earth's horizon,
Star of hope to those who fall,
Light amid a world of shadows,
Dawn of God's design for all,
Chosen from eternal ages,
You alone of all our race,
By your Son's atoning merits
Were conceived in perfect grace.

Mother of the world's Redeemer,
Promised from the dawn of time:
How could one so highly favored
Share the guilt of Adam's crime?
Sun and moon and stars adorn you,
Sinless Eve, triumphant sign;
You it is who crushed the serpent,
Mary, pledge of life divine.

Earth below and highest heaven,
Praise the splendor of your state,
You who now are crowned in glory
Were conceived immaculate.
Hail, beloved of the Father,
Mother of his only Son,

Mystic bride of Love eternal,
Hail, O fair and spotless one!

PSALM 57

8-12

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. (Rv 12:1)

Mary the Mother of God, conceived without sin, courageous participant in the mystery of redemption wrought by her Son, loving mother to all the world, is herself the song of salvation sung by all the human race as the dawn of our own hope.

My heart is ready, O God,
my heart is ready.
I will sing, I will sing your praise.
Awake, my soul,
awake, lyre and harp,
I will awake the dawn.

I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples,
among the nations I will praise you
for your love reaches to the heavens
and your truth to the skies.

O God, arise above the heavens;
may your glory shine on earth!

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Judith 15:9-10

YOU ARE THE GLORY of
Jerusalem,/ the surpassing
joy of Israel;/ you are the splendid boast of our people./ With your own hand you have done all this;/ you have done good to Israel,/ and God is pleased with what you have wrought./ May you be blessed by the LORD Almighty/ forever and ever!

O sing a new song to the LORD! (Ps 96:1)

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, / as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun? (Song 6:10)

INTERCESSIONS

Encouraged by the faith of Mary, our Mother, we pray:

R Through the intercession of Mary, grant our prayer!

For those who hear only the dissonant clamor of despair:

– fill them with the new song of salvation. **R**

For those who see only the endless night of sin and death:

– awaken them to the day of salvation. **R**

For those who place their hope in you:

– reward their faith with joy. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

God, the Father of lights, let the light of your face shine upon the darkness of our sin. Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, free us from the shadows to which we cling and draw us into the light of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS**Saturday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time**

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” When, as the prophet Joel recounts, “The Lord roars and raises his voice,” the “heavens and the earth quake.” But not his people: “The Lord is a refuge to his people.” For them, the voice, the Word of God is not something to be feared, but a privilege to be obeyed. For us as well. Our blessing? “Then shall you know that I am your God.”

(Today, the prayers of the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, given below, could be used.)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, who bore the Creator of all things./ You became the Mother of your Maker,/ and you remain for ever Virgin.

COLLECT

Grant us, O merciful God,
protection in our weakness,
that we, who keep the Memorial of the holy
Mother of God,
may, with the help of her intercession,
rise up from our iniquities.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *Apply the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.* ●

**A reading from
the Book of the Prophet Joel**

4:12-21

THUS SAYS THE LORD:/ Let the nations bestir themselves and come up/ to the Valley of Jehoshaphat;/ For there will I sit in judgment/ upon all the neighboring nations.

Apply the sickle,/ for the harvest is ripe;/ Come and tread,/ for the wine press is full;/ The vats overflow,/ for great is their malice./ Crowd upon crowd/ in the valley of decision;/ For near is the day of the LORD/ in the valley of decision./ Sun and moon are darkened,/ and the stars withhold their brightness./ The LORD roars from Zion,/ and from Jerusalem raises his voice;/ The heavens and the earth quake,/ but the LORD is a refuge to his people,/ a stronghold to the children of Israel.

Then shall you know that I, the LORD, am your God,
 dwelling on Zion, my holy mountain;/ Jerusalem shall
 be holy,/ and strangers shall pass through her no more.
 And then, on that day,/ the mountains shall drip new
 wine,/ and the hills shall flow with milk;/ And the chan-
 nels of Judah/ shall flow with water:/ A fountain shall
 issue from the house of the LORD,/ to water the Valley
 of Shittim./ Egypt shall be a waste,/ and Edom a des-
 ert waste,/ Because of violence done to the people of
 Judah,/ because they shed innocent blood in their land.
 But Judah shall abide forever,/ and Jerusalem for all
 generations./ I will avenge their blood,/ and not leave it
 unpunished./ The LORD dwells in Zion.
 The word of the Lord.

—• PSALM 97 •—

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

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
 let the many isles be glad.
 Clouds and darkness are round about him,
 justice and judgment are the foundation of his
 throne. **R**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
 before the LORD of all the earth.
 The heavens proclaim his justice,
 and all peoples see his glory. **R**

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are those who hear the word
 of God/ and observe it. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

• *Blessed is the womb that carried you. Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.* •

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Luke**

11:27-28

WHILE JESUS WAS speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed.” He replied, “Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we honor the memory of the Mother of your Son,
we pray, O Lord,
that the oblation of this sacrifice
may, by your grace, make of us an eternal offering
to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lk 1:49

He who is mighty has done great things for me,/ and holy is his name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been made partakers of eternal redemption,
we pray, O Lord,
that we, who commemorate the Mother of your Son,
may glory in the fullness of your grace
and experience its continued increase for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

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M E D I T A T I O N O F T H E D A Y
• ————— •

Blessed Is the Womb

Thus, in Mary’s womb, there comes to life a humanity that will never be able to say: “I” and “me,” which

will never be able to appropriate anything to itself because it is radically dispossessed of itself, because it is not an end in itself, because it is infinitely open to God, because it is totally subjected to the magnetization and the attraction of God, because it is surrendered, in order to subsist there, as to its true self, to the self of the Word, that is to the personality of the Son who invests it with his eternal poverty since the personality of God is itself an eternal dispossession....

Hence, the mystery of Jesus is a mystery of poverty, a mystery of dispossession, a mystery of detachment, that we are all the more ready to live since we reach ourselves only at the moment we are freed from ourselves....

The mystery of Jesus, because of the absolute detachment which constitutes it, is ultimately accessible only to the one who enters into a state of poverty, only to the one who assimilates in himself the beatitude of poverty, who makes his soul the soul of a pauper, who listens attentively to God, who disappears in his own eyes and who fades away.

FATHER MAURICE ZUNDEL

Father Zundel († 1975) was a Swiss mystic, poet, philosopher, liturgist, and author.

Prayer for the Evening

Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord is our wealth and our salvation!

Let us give thanks and praise!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!*

HYMN

Meter: 87 87 D

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Heedless soul of mine, bethink thee
Ere thine hours on earth are past—
Ere thou fly to spirit-regions,
If thou real treasure hast.
Where will be thine endless dwelling?
Where thine everlasting home?
What thy portion, joy or mourning,
In the world beyond the tomb?

When these eyes shall lose their luster—
Fading with the failing breath,
And roll, lightless, in the conflict,
With inexorable death;
How wilt thou survive the anguish—
How sustain all earthly loss,
If thou know not the Redeemer,
If thou cling not to his cross?

PSALM 18

29-33

Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? (Mk 10:17)

The rich young man earnestly sought to follow the will of God. We often seek to do God's will, but clinging to our own will seems to be an insurmountable wall. However, God's love can break through any obstacle and bring us from darkness to light.

You, O Lord, are my lamp,
my God who lightens my darkness.
With you I can break through any barrier,
with my God I can scale any wall.

As for God, his ways are perfect;
the word of the Lord, purest gold.
He indeed is the shield
of all who make him their refuge.

For who is God but the Lord?
 Who is a rock but our God?
 The God who girds me with strength
 and makes the path safe before me.
 Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Leviticus 23:22

WHEN YOU REAP the harvest of your land, you shall not be so thorough that you reap the field to its very edge, nor shall you glean the stray ears of your grain. These things you shall leave for the poor and the alien. I, the LORD, am your God.

Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me. (Mk 10:21)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD. (Ps 4:7)

INTERCESSIONS

Christ teaches us the way to eternal life, to him we pray:

R Illumine us, O Lord.

You came to bring Good News to the poor:

– make us poor in spirit. **R**

You are the light of the world:

– dissipate the darkness of our hearts. **R**

You show us the way to the Father:

– lead us to the heavenly kingdom. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May he remember all our offerings/ and receive our sacrifice with favor. Amen. (cf. Ps 20:4)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

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SAINT WHO?

Saints Who Died for a Truth of the Faith

Saint Peter of Verona

Priest († 1252)

Feast: April 6

Peter was born in Verona, Italy, to a Cathar mother and father. The Cathars held that all spiritual realities had God as their Father, but that material things sprang from an evil principle or evil deity. They advocated a spiritual purity (*katharos* means pure) that rejected the things of the body.

As a boy, Peter went to a Catholic school, where he learned that God was one, the Creator of all. When he met the Dominicans while studying in Bologna, he decided to join them. Saint Dominic himself clothed him in the habit. Peter immediately became a leader in the new order. Thousands flocked to hear his open-air sermons. Eventually, he was made one of the first papal inquisitors, charged with expunging heresy. His zeal no doubt sprang from his upbringing; Peter knew well the lure of Catharism and its dangers. Yet he approached each person with the desire to win him or her for Christ. Peter successfully converted many Cathar leaders.

Peter died as a direct result of his preaching. He was traveling north of Milan when a Cathar assassin killed him with an axe-blow to the head. It was reported that Peter died with the words of the Creed on his lips. In the Church's art, he is sometimes shown tracing the words *Credo in unum Deum* on the ground in his own blood. His assassin eventually repented and became a Dominican lay brother.

Father of mercy, through the intercession of Saint Peter of Verona, make me a steadfast preacher of your word.

A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Father Robert Barron

Saint John Paul II used the story of the rich young man as a sort of Scriptural icon at the beginning of his magnificent encyclical on the moral life, *Veritatis Splendor*. John Paul intuited that the young man, who comes to Jesus asking what to do in order to inherit eternal life, stands for many spiritual searchers in the present day. On John Paul's reading, the Lord first brings the young man back to basics. If eternal life is the life of God, and if God is love, then one must rid one's life of all egregious violations of love: dishonoring God, stealing, murdering, committing adultery, lying, etc. In a word, one must follow the Commandments. When the young man tells the Lord that he has kept all of these from his youth, Jesus looks at him with love and calls him to give away his great wealth and become Jesus' disciple. In a word, he is summoning a beginner in the spiritual and moral life to real heroism. Jesus is never satisfied with spiritual mediocrity, for he wants all of his followers *to be perfect as their heavenly Father is perfect*.

At this, we are told, the young man went away sad, *for he had many possessions*. This is one of the very few times in the Gospels that Jesus calls someone who does not respond. Léon Bloy said that the only real tragedy in life is not to be a saint, not to become the person God wants us to be. What do we do when Jesus invites us to go beyond the demands of the Commandments and to give ourselves utterly to him? Everything depends upon how we respond.

Lectio Divina

A PRAYERFUL READING OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

The Gospel for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 10:17-30

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?” (10:17).

On the verge of a trip, Jesus permits this interruption from a stranger. Three helps for growing closer to Jesus: run up to him, kneel before him, ask him. *To inherit eternal life*: the only other reference to “inheritance” in the Gospel is Mk 12:7—the heir gets murdered.

Jesus answered him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.” (10:18).

Goodness is what strikes us as desirable. To be good is to be of value, where value is consequent on perfection. Saint Thomas Aquinas says there is a threefold perfection in things: they exist; they possess properties to perfect their activity; a third perfection comes when they attain some extrinsic goal. This threefold perfection belongs by nature only to God. Does the rich man consider himself to be on par with God? *Catena in Marcum* (5th century): “Why on earth did Jesus reply to the man in this way? He wishes to lead him on by a step at a time and to teach him to avoid all flattery, and to direct him towards God, and to know the one who is truly good, who is also the root and fountain of all things, and to render honor to him.”

“You know the commandments...” He replied and said to him, “Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth” (10:19-20).

Pope Francis: “Following the Ten Commandments means being faithful to ourselves and to our most authentic nature,

and walking towards the genuine freedom that Christ taught. Here lies the heart of the Ten Commandments: the Love that comes from God and gives life meaning, love that makes us live, not as slaves but as true sons and daughters. True freedom is not that of following our own selfishness, our blind passions; rather it is that of loving, of choosing what is good in every situation."

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" (10:21).

This word for "love" in Mark: Mk 1:11; 9:7; 12:6. Father Ceslaus Spicq, O.P.: "This is the only place in the synoptic Gospels where *agapan* [to love] is used to express what Jesus himself felt. At the end of the searching examination of his heart, Jesus was unable not to love the young man whose sincere and exceptional attachment to God he saw and admired. *Agapan* always expresses a manifest affection, a love that displays itself in action. It could be understood that Jesus, looking at him, made a gesture of friendship toward him. His face must have lighted with a smile of approval and of encouragement that invited the young man to confidence; *agapan* often has a nuance of spontaneous delight. *Agapan* contains the sense of divine choice. The young man's worth caused an attachment which showed itself in the gift of grace." *Catena in Marcum*: "When these obstacles are removed, may your path be clear to follow the one who guides you towards true life."

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions (10:22).

It's hard to go through life without a face. *Catena in Marcum*: "The man's desire was for life, but he was held by a most dangerous passion. Those who have little are not

held back in the same way as those drowning in affluence, for the addition of wealth kindles the flame more, and renders those who have possessions the poorer. Jesus says this to him to draw him on, and he shows him that that reward is great: for in following Jesus there is a great reward."

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" (10:23).

Catena in Marcum: "Jesus does not impugn the riches themselves, but those who are infatuated by them without moderation. With a soft and gentle look, Jesus calmed the disciples' trembling minds, then he also took the pressure off them by his words, introducing God's power into the discussion, and in this way making them feel confident."

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" (10:24-25).

Saint Bede: "How could the very many rich persons in the Bible enter into the Kingdom of God unless it be that they learned through the inspiration of God either to count their riches as nothing, or to quit them altogether. In a higher sense, it is easier for Christ to suffer for those who love him than for the lovers of this world to turn to Christ."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God" (10:26-27).

Theophylact († 1107): "When we listen to God, it becomes possible, but as long as we keep our human notions, it is impossible."

Suggested Prayer of the Faithful

(Each local community should compose its own Universal Prayer, but may find inspiration in the texts proposed here.)

God the Father fills us with his kindness and makes us glad. We turn to him now and pray:

That the Church will act as a mediator in finding solutions to problems affecting peace, social harmony, the defense of life, and human and civil rights.

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

That all will work together against the increasing threats to conscience rights and religious liberty.

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated. (*Holy Father's Universal Intention*)

For those suffering from debilitating illness or chronic pain: that God will strengthen and uplift them.

For the grace this week to be detached from possessions, and to follow Christ in faith.

Loving Father, let your merciful work be seen by your servants. May the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ■

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

Jesus is the divine teacher. He shows us the way to life.

Let us give thanks and praise!

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 77 77

This hymn can be sung to the tune used for
Savior of the Nations, Come

Come my way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
Such a life as killeth death.

Come my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a love as none can part;
Such a heart as joys in love.

PSALM 19

8-11, 15

I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. (Wis 7:7)

Keeping the commandments and the precepts of the Church are reliable ways to grow closer to the wisdom of God, but by themselves they are not enough. We must love Jesus Christ in a personal way. Through imitation of Christ we grow closer to the Source of Wisdom himself.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold,
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favor in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock!

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

Wisdom 8:5-6

IF RICHES be a desirable possession in life,/ what is more rich than Wisdom, who produces all things?/ And if prudence renders service,/ who in the world is a better craftsman than she?

*The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword. (Heb 4:12)*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

(Text, back cover B)

There is only One who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments. (Mt 19:17)

INTERCESSIONS

Jesus illumines the darkness of ignorance and gives
hungering humanity the fruit of knowledge it craves.
Let us pray:

R You are the Source of Wisdom.

For those who are seduced by the lies of the enemy:
– may they be shown the beauty of eternal truth. **R**

For all who teach the Christian faith:
– may they always remain true to the Gospel. **R**

For all who seek wisdom but do not know Christ:
– may they ever proceed on the path of truth which
leads to God. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

Father, you have given us the commandments through
Moses, and the new covenant through your Son. By imi-
tating Jesus may we grow ever closer to the heart of your
wisdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beyond all else, we prefer “the spirit of wisdom.” Why? Because the wise person knows what he desires, since wisdom enables him to see what is really there. This is what the rich young man lacks. He comes to Jesus with constricting preconceptions that betray just how unaware he is of the One who stands before him. Christ sends him to the poor so that there he will experience the deepest need and longing of his heart. In such self-abandonment the young man can exchange his crippling self-reliance for total dependence on Christ. The living “Word of God” gives us back our own life.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 130 (129):3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,/ Lord, who could stand?/ But with you is found forgiveness,/ O God of Israel.

GLORIA

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COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

● *I deemed riches nothing in comparison to wisdom.* ●

**A reading from
the Book of Wisdom**

7:7-11

I PRAYED, AND PRUDENCE WAS given me;/ I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me./ I preferred her to scepter and throne,/ and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her,/ nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;/ because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand,/ and before her, silver is to be accounted mire./ Beyond health and comeliness I loved her,/ and I chose to have her rather than the light,/ because the splendor of her never yields to sleep./ Yet all good things together came to me in her company,/ and countless riches at her hands.
The word of the Lord.

————— **• PSALM 90 •** —————

℟ (14) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

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*

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us,
for the years when we saw evil. *R*

Let your work be seen by your servants
and your glory by their children;
and may the gracious care of the LORD our God
be ours;

prosper the work of our hands for us!

Prosper the work of our hands! *R*

- *The word of God discerns reflections and thoughts of the heart.* ●

**A reading from
the Letter to the Hebrews**

4:12-13

BROTHERS AND SISTERS:
Indeed 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 every-
thing is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom
we must render an account.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,/ for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

- *Sell what you have, and follow me.* ●

**A reading from
the holy Gospel according to Mark**

10:17-30

[For the shorter form (10:17-27), omit the text in brackets.]

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 human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” [Peter began to say to him, “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.”]
The Gospel of the Lord.

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME ——— page 308

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 34 (33):11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,/ but those who seek the
Lord lack no blessing.

Or: 1 Jn 3:2

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,/ for we shall
see him as he is.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood
of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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*What the Rich Young Man
May Have Thought Later On*

Who am I? Where do I come from? Where am I going? I am nothing. Everything I possess, my being, life, understanding, will, and memory—all were given me by God, so all belong to him.

Twenty short years ago, all that I see around me was already here. Everything was proceeding in its appointed way under the watchful eyes of divine providence. And I? I was not here. Everything was being done without me, nobody was thinking of me, nobody could imagine me, even in dreams, because I did not exist. And you, O God, with a wonderful gesture of love, you who are from the beginning and before all time, you drew me forth from my nothingness, you gave me being, life, a soul, in fact all the faculties of my body and spirit; you opened my eyes to this light which sheds its radiance around me, you created me.

So you are my Master and I am your creature. I am nothing without you, and through you I am all that I am. I can do nothing without you; indeed, if at every moment you did not support me I should slip back whence I came, into nothingness.

SAINT JOHN XXIII

Saint John XXIII († 1963) reigned as pope from 1958 until 1963.

Prayer for the Evening

*God searches, knows, loves, and calls us:
come, let us adore!*

Glory to the Father... Alleluia!

HYMN

Meter: 87 87

*This hymn may be sung to the tune used for
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

In your mercy, Lord, you called me,
Taught my sinful heart and mind,
Else this world had still enthralled me,
And to glory kept me blind.

Lord, I did not freely choose you
Till by grace you set me free;

For my heart would still refuse you
Had your love not chosen me.

Now my heart sets none above you,
For your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well, that if I love you,
You, O Lord, have loved me first.

PSALM 139

1-3, 13-15, 23-24

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, / before you were born
I dedicated you, / a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:5)

Vocation is the special call that God gives to each one of us. By following God's plan we will be brought to joy. We should not seek for a "higher calling" but embrace the one the Lord has given us. For the rich young man, riches led him away from following Christ, but anything that leads us off the path will lead us away from God. We should reject anything in our lives that is not of God.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you.

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and molded in the depths of the earth.

O search me, God, and know my heart.
O test me and know my thoughts.
See that I follow not the wrong path
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

1 Corinthians 12:28-29

SOME PEOPLE GOD has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then, gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds?

All things are possible for God. (Mk 10:27)

CANTICLE OF MARY

(Text, back cover A)

With him are wisdom and might;/ his are counsel and understanding. (Jb 12:13)

INTERCESSIONS

The Lord has created each of his children for a special purpose. May we always seek to follow him, especially when the way is difficult. We pray, asking him:

R Lord, show us the way to eternal life.

For young people:

– that they may earnestly seek to follow you. **R**

For those discerning priestly or religious vocations:

– that they may not be led away by worldly concerns, or become discouraged. **R**

For those who work for the betterment of society and care of the poor:

– may they be rewarded for their good works. **R**

Personal intentions

Our Father...

May the LORD, our God, bless us in all that we undertake. Amen. (cf. Dt 14:29)

MARIAN ANTIPHON

(page 102 or 103)

THE ORDER OF MASS

Greeting

- In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Or:

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

Or:

- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

- Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Then all recite together the formula of general confession:

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

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

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

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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

Or:

- Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

- Have mercy on us, O Lord.
- For we have sinned against you.
- Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
- And grant us your salvation.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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

Or:

- Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

*The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister,
then says the following or other invocations with
Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):*

- You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
- Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
- You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.
- Christ, have mercy. *Or:* Christe, eleison.
- You are seated at the right hand of the Father
to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.
- Lord, have mercy. *Or:* Kyrie, eleison.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

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

Kyrie

The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in a formula of the Penitential Act.

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| ■ Lord, have mercy. | K yrie, eleison. |
| ■ Lord, have mercy. | Kyrie, eleison. |
| ■ Christ, have mercy. | Christe, eleison. |
| ■ Christ, have mercy. | Christe, eleison. |
| ■ Lord, have mercy. | Kyrie, eleison. |
| ■ Lord, have mercy. | Kyrie, eleison. |

Then, when it is prescribed, this hymn is either sung or said:

Gloria

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

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram;
qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

The Priest, bowing before the altar, says quietly:

Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God,
that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel.

- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.
- A reading from the holy Gospel according to **N**.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then the Priest [or the Deacon] kisses the book, saying quietly:

Through the words of the Gospel
may our sins be wiped away.

Homily

Profession of Faith

The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed

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

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

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

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
 he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.

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

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

Credo in unum Deum,
 Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae,
 visibilium omnium et invisibilium.
 Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum,
 Filium Dei unigenitum,
 et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula.
 Deum de Deo,
 lumen de lumine,
 Deum verum de Deo vero,
 genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri:
 per quem omnia facta sunt.
 Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem
 descendit de caelis.

*At the words that follow,
 up to and including et homo factus est, all bow.*

Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine,
 et homo factus est.

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato,
 passus et sepultus est,

et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas,
et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris.

Et iterum venturus est cum gloria,
iudicare vivos et mortuos,
cuius regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum,
Dominum et vivificantem:
qui ex Patre Filioque procedit;
qui cum Patre et Filio,
simul adoratur et conglorificatur:
qui locutus est per prophetas.

Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam.
Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.
Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum,
et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

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

Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the altar and the offerings

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

By the mystery of this water and wine
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

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

With humble spirit and contrite heart
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

- Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.
- May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings
Eucharistic Prayer

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

Preface VI of the Sundays in Ordinary Time
The pledge of the eternal Passover

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For in you we live and move and have our being,
and while in this body
we not only experience the daily effects of your care,
but even now possess the pledge of life eternal.
For, having received the first fruits of the Spirit,
through whom you raised up Jesus from the dead,
we hope for an everlasting share in the Paschal Mystery.
And so, with all the Angels, we praise you,
as in joyful celebration we acclaim: Holy...

Common Preface VI
The mystery of salvation in Christ

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
your Word through whom you made all things,
whom you sent as our Savior and Redeemer,
incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin.
Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people,
he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion,
so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection.

And so, with all the Angels and all the Saints,
we declare your glory,
as with one voice we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Eucharistic Prayers

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Eucharistic Prayer I (Roman Canon)

(In the first Eucharistic Prayer the words in brackets may be omitted.)

To you, therefore, most merciful Father,
we make humble prayer and petition
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:
that you accept
and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,
which we offer you firstly
for your holy catholic Church.
Be pleased to grant her peace,
to guard, unite and govern her
throughout the whole world,
together with your servant **N.** our Pope
and **N.** our Bishop,

and all those who, holding to the truth,
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

Remember, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**

and all gathered here,

whose faith and devotion are known to you.

For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise
or they offer it for themselves

and all who are dear to them:

for the redemption of their souls,

in hope of health and well-being,

and paying their homage to you,

the eternal God, living and true.

In communion with those whose memory we venerate,

especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,

Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,

† and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,

your blessed Apostles and Martyrs,

Peter and Paul, Andrew,

(James, John,

Thomas, James, Philip,

Bartholomew, Matthew,

Simon and Jude;

Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,

Cornelius, Cyprian,

Lawrence, Chrysogonus,

John and Paul,

Cosmas and Damian)

and all your Saints;

we ask that through their merits and prayers,

in all things we may be defended

by your protecting help.

(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Therefore, Lord, we pray:

graciously accept this oblation of our service,

that of your whole family;

order our days in your peace,

and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation

and counted among the flock of those you have chosen.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Be pleased, O God, we pray,
to bless, acknowledge,
and approve this offering in every respect;
make it spiritual and acceptable,
so that it may become for us
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer,
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,
and with eyes raised to heaven
to you, O God, his almighty Father,
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took this precious chalice
in his holy and venerable hands,
and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

- The mystery of faith.
- We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

- When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

- Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Therefore, O Lord,
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,
the Resurrection from the dead,
and the glorious Ascension into heaven
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,
we, your servants and your holy people,
offer to your glorious majesty
from the gifts that you have given us,
this pure victim,
this holy victim,
this spotless victim,
the holy Bread of eternal life
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings
with a serene and kindly countenance,
and to accept them,
as once you were pleased to accept
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:
command that these gifts be borne
by the hands of your holy Angel
to your altar on high
in the sight of your divine majesty,
so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar
receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Remember also, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**,
 who have gone before us with the sign of faith
 and rest in the sleep of peace.

Grant them, O Lord, we pray,
 and all who sleep in Christ,
 a place of refreshment, light and peace.
 (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

To us, also, your servants,
 who, though sinners,
 hope in your abundant mercies,
 graciously grant some share
 and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs:
 with John the Baptist, Stephen,
 Matthias, Barnabas,
 (Ignatius, Alexander,
 Marcellinus, Peter,
 Felicity, Perpetua,
 Agatha, Lucy,
 Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia)
 and all your Saints;
 admit us, we beseech you,
 into their company,
 not weighing our merits,
 but granting us your pardon,
 through Christ our Lord.

Through whom
 you continue to make all these good things, O Lord;
 you sanctify them, fill them with life,
 bless them, and bestow them upon us.

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

■ Amen.

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Eucharistic Prayer II

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

Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people,
 he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion,
 so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the
 resurrection.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints
 we declare your glory,
 as with one voice we acclaim: **Holy...**

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

At the time he was betrayed
 and entered willingly into his Passion,
 he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it,
 and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
 he took the chalice
 and, once more giving thanks,
 he gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
 FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
 THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
 WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY

FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

- The mystery of faith.
- We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

- When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

- Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Therefore, as we celebrate
the memorial of his Death and Resurrection,
we offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray
that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ,
we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

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

■ Amen.

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Eucharistic Prayer III

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

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,
that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,

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

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

- The mystery of faith.
- We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

- When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

- Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,

so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
(with Saint N.: **the Saint of the day or Patron Saint**)
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant N. our Pope and N. our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

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

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

■ Amen.

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Eucharistic Prayer IV

It is truly right to give you thanks,
truly just to give you glory, Father most holy,
for you are the one God living and true,
existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity,
dwelling in unapproachable light;
yet you, who alone are good, the source of life,
have made all that is,
so that you might fill your creatures with blessings
and bring joy to many of them by the glory of your light.
And so, in your presence are countless hosts of Angels,
who serve you day and night
and, gazing upon the glory of your face,
glorify you without ceasing.

With them we, too, confess your name in exultation,
giving voice to every creature under heaven,
as we acclaim: Holy...

We give you praise, Father most holy,
for you are great
and you have fashioned all your works
in wisdom and in love.
You formed man in your own image
and entrusted the whole world to his care,
so that in serving you alone, the Creator,
he might have dominion over all creatures.
And when through disobedience he had lost your friendship,
you did not abandon him to the domain of death.
For you came in mercy to the aid of all,
so that those who seek might find you.
Time and again you offered them covenants
and through the prophets
taught them to look forward to salvation.
And you so loved the world, Father most holy,
that in the fullness of time
you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Savior.
Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,

he shared our human nature
in all things but sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation,
to prisoners, freedom,
and to the sorrowful of heart, joy.

To accomplish your plan,
he gave himself up to death,
and, rising from the dead,
he destroyed death and restored life.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves
but for him who died and rose again for us,
he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father,
as the first fruits for those who believe,
so that, bringing to perfection his work in the world,
he might sanctify creation to the full.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray:
may this same Holy Spirit
graciously sanctify these offerings,
that they may become
the Body and \times Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
for the celebration of this great mystery,
which he himself left us
as an eternal covenant.

For when the hour had come
for him to be glorified by you, Father most holy,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end:
and while they were at supper,
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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

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

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

- The mystery of faith.
- We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Or:

- When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

Or:

- Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.

Pater noster, qui es in caelis:
 sanctificetur nomen tuum;
 adveniat regnum tuum;
 fiat voluntas tua,
 sicut in caelo, et in terra.
 Panem nostrum cotidianum
 da nobis hodie;
 et dimitte nobis debita nostra,
 sicut et nos dimittimus
 debitoribus nostris;
 et ne nos inducas in tentationem;
 sed libera nos a malo.

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

Sign of Peace

- Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your Apostles:
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
 look not on our sins,

but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

- Amen.
- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And with your spirit.

Then, if appropriate, the Deacon, or the Priest, adds:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

*Then he takes the host, breaks it over the paten,
and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:*

- May this mingling of the Body and Blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Meanwhile the following is sung or said:

- Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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- Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.
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*The invocation may even be repeated several times if the fraction is
prolonged. Only the final time, however, is grant us peace said.*

Then the Priest, with hands joined, says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who, by the will of the Father

and the work of the Holy Spirit,
 through your Death gave life to the world,
 free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood,
 from all my sins and from every evil;
 keep me always faithful to your commandments,
 and never let me be parted from you.

Or:

May the receiving of your Body and Blood,
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 not bring me to judgment and condemnation,
 but through your loving mercy
 be for me protection in mind and body
 and a healing remedy.

Communion

*The Priest genuflects, takes the host and, holding it slightly raised
 above the paten or above the chalice, while facing the people,
 says aloud:*

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

And together with the people he adds once:

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

The Priest, facing the altar, says quietly:

May the Body of Christ
 keep me safe for eternal life.

*And he reverently consumes the Body of Christ.
 Then he takes the chalice and says quietly:*

May the Blood of Christ
 keep me safe for eternal life.

And he reverently consumes the Blood of Christ.

Communion Chant

When the distribution of Communion is over, the Priest or a Deacon or an acolyte purifies the paten over the chalice and also the chalice itself.

While he carries out the purification, the Priest says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord,
may we possess in purity of heart,
that what has been given to us in time
may be our healing for eternity.

Period of silence or song of praise

Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITES

Brief announcements

- The Lord be with you.
- And with your spirit.

Blessing

- May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Dismissal

Then the Deacon, or the Priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

- Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Or:

- Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

Or:

- Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Or:

- Go in peace.
- Thanks be to God.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

“The worship given to the Trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... must fill our churches also outside the timetable of Masses.... This worship must be prominent in all our encounters with the Blessed Sacrament.... Adoration of Christ in this sacrament of love must also find expression in various forms of Eucharistic devotion: personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, hours of adoration, periods of exposition—short, prolonged, and annual (Forty Hours)—Eucharistic benediction, Eucharistic processions, Eucharistic Congresses.... Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease.”

Saint John Paul II

EXPOSITION

Once the people have assembled, a song such as the following may be sung while the priest or deacon prepares the Holy Eucharist for adoration.

O Saving Victim/O Salutaris Hostia

Meter: LM

O Saving Victim, op'ning wide
The gate of heav'n to us below!
Our foes press on from ev'ry side:
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

O *salutáris hóstia,
Quae caeli pandis óstium:
Bella premunt hostília,
Da robur fer auxiliium.*

To your great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;

O grant us endless length of days
When our true native land we see.

*Uni trinóque Dómino
Sit sempitérna glória:
Qui vitam sine término
Nobis donet in pátria.*

ADORATION

The Liturgy of the Hours may be celebrated during the period of exposition, or there may be prayers, songs, readings from Scripture, and a brief homily to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of the Lord.

A reading from

the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

11:23-26

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

The word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

A Eucharistic song such as the following may be sung.

Come Adore/Tantum Ergo Sacramentum

Meter: 87 87 87

Come adore this wondrous presence,
Bow to Christ the source of grace.
Here is kept the ancient promise
Of God's earthly dwelling place.
Sight is blind before God's glory,
Faith alone may see his face.

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.*

Glory be to God the Father,
Praise to his coequal Son,
Adoration to the Spirit,
Bond of love, in Godhead one.
Blest be God by all creation
Joyously while ages run.

*Genitori Genitôque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.*

BENEDICTION

The priest or deacon may give a blessing. Before the blessing a prayer such as the following may be said.

Minister: You have given them bread from heaven.

R Containing in itself all delight.

Minister: Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

R Amen.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

REPOSITION

After the blessing the minister reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

A closing song such as the following may be sung.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.*

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!*

Holy Father, Holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
 While in essence only One,
 Undivided God we claim thee,
 And adoring bend the knee,
 While we own the mystery.*

* Repeat the last two lines.

Anima Christi

*Anima Christi, sanctifica me.
 Corpus Christi, salva me.
 Sanguis Christi, inebria me.
 Aqua lateris Christi, lava me.
 Passio Christi, conforta me.
 O Bone Iesu, exaudi me.
 Intra tua vulnera absconde me.
 Ne permittas me separari a te.
 Ab hoste maligno defende me.
 In hora mortis meae voca me.
 Et iube me venire ad te,
 ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te
 in saecula saeculorum. Amen.*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O good Jesus, hear me.
 Within thy wounds hide me.
 Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
 From the malicious enemy defend me.
 In the hour of my death call me
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 that with thy saints I may praise thee
 for ever and ever. Amen.

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