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my Body, which will be given up for you.”*

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# THE ORDER OF MASS

*Options are indicated by A, B, C, D in the margin.*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Acts of prayer and penitence prepare us to meet Christ as he comes in Word and Sacrament. We gather as a worshipping community to celebrate our unity with him and with one another in faith.

### 1 ENTRANCE CHANT

**STAND**

*If it is not sung, it is recited by all or some of the people.*

Joined together as Christ's people, we open the celebration by raising our voices in praise of God who is present among us. This song should deepen our unity as it introduces the Mass we celebrate today.

→ **Turn to Today's Mass**

### 2 GREETING (3 forms)

*When the Priest comes to the altar, he makes the customary reverence with the ministers and kisses the altar. Then, with the ministers, he goes to his chair. After the Entrance Chant, all make the Sign of the Cross:*

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE:** Amen.



# Liturgy of the WORD

The proclamation of God's Word is always centered on Christ, present through his Word. Old Testament writings prepare for him; New Testament books speak of him directly. All of scripture calls us to believe once more and to follow. After the reading we reflect on God's words and respond to them.

**As in Today's Mass**

**SIT**

## 8 FIRST READING

*At the end of the reading: Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## 9 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The people repeat the response sung by the cantor the first time and then after each verse.*

## 10 SECOND READING

*At the end of the reading: Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

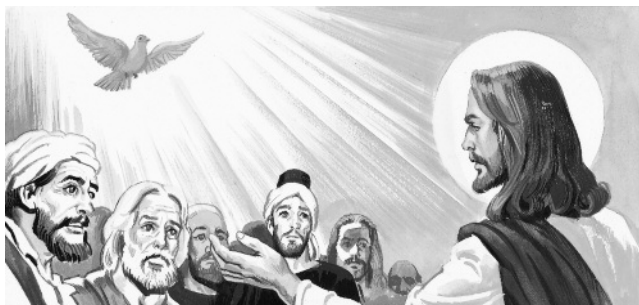
## 11 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**STAND**

Jesus will speak to us in the Gospel. We rise now out of respect and prepare for his message with the Alleluia.

*The people repeat the Alleluia after the cantor's Alleluia and then after the verse. During Lent one of the following invocations is used as a response instead of the Alleluia:*

- (a) Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
- (b) Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God the Father!
- (c) Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
- (d) Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God!
- (e) Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



*"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate."*

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Theme: Diversity in Unity.** The founders of any endeavor cannot expect their work to be lasting and to continue unless their disciples accept the message wholeheartedly. Those disciples must be faithful to the traditions of the founder and have an open mind for the intuitive vision concerning the future of the particular work. Guided by the spirit of the founder, those who continue the work must operate creatively, constantly adapting themselves to new situations. This is what the early Church has tried to do as we see in the readings from the Acts of the Apostles on the Sundays of Easter Time.

Jesus' disciples knew their mission was to preach the Gospel to all nations (Mt 28:19). Today we will read that Philip took the "Good News" to Samaria. The apostles in Jerusalem heard about this and were rather surprised. Jews and Samaritans did not socialize (Jn 4:9). We notice the same surprise when the first Roman joined the Church (Acts 10:45f). Indeed, this going beyond the boundaries of traditional Judaism was a daring and creative step!

From that moment on the Church has had the task to accept diversity in its bosom and guard unity in the Spirit. That is why the apostles went to Samaria to impose hands on the converted Samaritans as a seal of approval. "And they received the Holy Spirit" (First Reading). We should accept this same situation in the Church of our time and culture. "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit" (1 Cor 12:4). There are charismatics, floating parishes, conservatives and liberals. We have young and old emotionally involved and more cerebral members in one congregation. Let us bear with one another, as long as the same Spirit breathes upon all under the guidance of our bishops.

*When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated the following Sunday, the Second Reading and Gospel from the 7th Sunday of Easter (pp. 478-479) may be read on the 6th Sunday of Easter.*

**ENTRANCE ANT.** Cf. Is 48:20

[Spiritual Freedom]

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

→ No. 2, p. 10

**COLLECT**

[Heartfelt Devotion]

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these  
days of joy,  
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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. **R/. Amen. ↓**

**FIRST READING** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 [Reception of Holy Spirit]

We read about the success of the disciples witnessing to the Lord Jesus. Their words and signs bring people of all walks of life, even “the despised Samaritans,” to faith in the risen Lord Jesus. By imposing hands on them, the apostles receive them into the Christian fellowship whose headquarters are still in Jerusalem at this time.

Be on your guard to insure that diversity remains under the umbrella of unity in the Spirit. “Vae Soli!”—Do not be a loner! Opinions shared only by a very few or by no one else are suspicious, to say the least.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**P**HILIP went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For un-

clean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.—The word of the Lord. *R.* **Thanks be to God.** ↓

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 66

[Glorious Deeds]



*R.* Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Or: *R.* Alleluia.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!

*R.* **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Or: *R.* Alleluia.

Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you,  
sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God,  
his tremendous deeds among the children of men.

*R.* **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Or: *R.* Alleluia.

He has changed the sea into dry land;  
through the river they passed on foot;  
therefore let us rejoice in him.

He rules by his might forever.



**R/. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

**Or: R/. Alleluia.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not  
my prayer or his kindness!

**R/. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. ↓**

**Or: R/. Alleluia. ↓**

## **SECOND READING 1 Pt 3:15-18**

**[Life in the Spirit]**

Peter addresses Christians who are defamed because of their way of life in Christ. He urges them to have hope and to be ready to reply when anyone asks them questions. The point (God's word to you and me) seems to be: This can happen to you as well.

Do your coworkers know that you are a Christian in the Catholic tradition? You have a hopeful, optimistic outlook on life. Can you reply when people ask questions? It requires reading. Are you up-to-date concerning the "daring and creative steps" the Church is taking nowadays, adapting itself to new situations? (See Theme.)

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

**B**ELOVED: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.—The word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God. ↓**

**ALLELUIA** Jn 14:23

[Divine Love]

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia. ↓****GOSPEL** Jn 14:15-21

[Eternal Presence]

Jesus reminds his followers that he will not remain with them visibly. But in the Spirit he will! He will send a Paraclete (advocate), a counselor, a defender, to help them. Jesus calls him “the Spirit of truth,” and this Spirit is promised to all of us, “to be with you always.” This is the reason for our hope (see Second Reading) and optimistic outlook on life. Being different, let us remain one in the Spirit! In faith “you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.”

**V. The Lord be with you. R/. And with your spirit.****✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.****R/. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS said to his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”—The Gospel of the Lord. **R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

→ No. 15, p. 18

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

[God's Mighty Love]

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,  
together with the sacrificial offerings,

so that, purified by your graciousness,  
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty  
love.

Through Christ our Lord.

R/. **Amen.**

→ No. 21, p. 22 (Pref. P 21-25)

**COMMUNION ANT.** Jn 14:15-16 [Role of the Paraclete]

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,  
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another  
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia. ↓**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** [Eucharistic Strength]

Almighty ever-living God,  
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of  
Christ,  
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacra-  
ment  
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving  
food.

Through Christ our Lord.

R/. **Amen.**

→ No. 30, p. 77

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# CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: AN OVERVIEW

**T**o mark the twentieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul II convoked an extraordinary Synod of Bishops to study the teachings of the Council and make appropriate recommendations to ensure that its purposes would be fulfilled to the maximum degree.

During that convocation the Synod Fathers declared: "Very many have expressed the desire that a Catechism or compendium of all Catholic doctrine regarding faith and morals be composed, that it might be, as it were, a point of reference for the catechisms or compendiums that are prepared in various regions. The presentation of doctrine must be biblical and liturgical. It must be sound doctrine suited to the present life of Christians."

Pope John Paul II was enthusiastic in his support of this proposal, considering it as "fully responding to a real need of the universal Church and of the particular Churches."

According to the Pope in his Apostolic Constitution *Fidei Depositum* to mark the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the Catechism took six years to bring to completion, the main work being entrusted to a commission of twelve cardinals and bishops, assisted by an editorial committee of seven diocesan bishops who are experts in theology and catechesis. It was formally issued in its original French form by John Paul II on December 8, 1992. The English Edition appeared in June 1994.

Therefore, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clearly has its basic roots in the Second Vatican Council, as can be seen from the fact that about eighty percent of the citations from conciliar sources are from the documents of Vatican II.

## USE OF THE CATECHISM

**T**he Catechism encompasses more than eight hundred pages, and after the introductory Apostolic Constitution

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# TREASURY OF PRAYERS

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## MORNING PRAYERS

Most holy and adorable Trinity, one God in three Persons, I praise you and give you thanks for all the favors you have bestowed upon me. Your goodness has preserved me until now. I offer you my whole being and in particular all my thoughts, words and deeds, together with all the trials I may undergo this day. Give them your blessing. May your Divine Love animate them and may they serve your greater glory.

I make this morning offering in union with the Divine intentions of Jesus Christ who offers himself daily in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and in union with Mary, his Virgin Mother and our Mother, who was always the faithful handmaid of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Prayer for Divine Guidance through the Day

*Partial indulgence (No. 21) \**

Lord, God Almighty, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Defend us today by your mighty power, that we may not fall into any sin, but that all our words may so proceed and all our thoughts and actions be so directed, as to be always just in your sight. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* The indulgences quoted in this Missal are taken from the 1968 Vatican edition of the "Enchiridion Indulgentiarum" (published by Catholic Book Publishing Corp.).

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# GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR

[including the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses  
of the United States of America]

## JANUARY

1. The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD Solemnity
2. Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church Memorial
3. *The Most Holy Name of Jesus\**
4. [USA] St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Memorial
5. [USA] St. John Neumann, Bishop Memorial
6. [USA] *St. André Bessette, Religious*
7. *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*
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13. *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.
17. St. Anthony, Abbot Memorial
- 18.
- 19.
20. *St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr*  
*St. Sebastian, Martyr*
21. St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Memorial
22. [USA] Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children\*\*
23. [USA] *St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*
24. [USA] *St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*
25. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church Memorial
26. THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE Feast
27. Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Memorial
28. *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*
29. St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church Memorial

\*When the rank of the celebration is not indicated, it is an  
Optional Memorial.

\*\*January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday

**COMMUNION ANT.**

Cf. Rev 22:12

**Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each. ↓**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**R/. Amen.**

→ No. 30, p. 693

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**MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

*For the Masses from December 17 to 24, see pp. 63-91.*

All authority in heaven and on earth comes from God. He shares it with us since we are his children, made to his image and likeness. Everyone who exercises this authority, however, must be accountable to God.

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Jer 31:10; Is 35:4

**Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.**

→ No. 2, p. 626

**COLLECT**

Incline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord,  
and, casting light on the darkness of our hearts,  
visit us with the grace of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **R/. Amen. ↓**

**FIRST READING**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Balaam foretells what Israel shall do to Moab in the days to come. The stars of Jacob shall prevail and the tribes of Israel shall rise up. Balaam's oracle is wholly and emphatically a blessing on Israel.

A reading from the Book of Numbers

**W**HEN Balaam raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle:

The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor,  
the utterance of a man whose eye is true,  
The utterance of one who hears what God says,  
and knows what the Most High knows,  
Of one who sees what the Almighty sees,  
enraptured, and with eyes unveiled:  
How goodly are your tents, O Jacob;  
your encampments, O Israel!  
They are like gardens beside a stream,  
like the cedars planted by the LORD.  
His wells shall yield free-flowing waters,  
he shall have the sea within reach;  
His king shall rise higher,  
and his royalty shall be exalted.

Then Balaam gave voice to his oracle:

The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor,  
the utterance of the man whose eye is true,  
The utterance of one who hears what God says,  
and knows what the Most High knows,  
Of one who sees what the Almighty sees,  
enraptured, and with eyes unveiled.  
I see him, though not now;  
I behold him, though not near:  
A star shall advance from Jacob,  
and a staff shall rise from Israel.

The word of the Lord. *R*. **Thanks be to God.** ↓

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

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

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.—*R*.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your kindness are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.—R/.  
Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
he teaches the humble his way.—R/. ↓

**ALLELUIA**

Ps 85:8

R/. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Show us, LORD, your love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
R/. **Alleluia, alleluia.** ↓

**GOSPEL**

Mt 21:23-27

The answer of Jesus to the chief priests is a counter question about the commission of John the Baptist. Jesus' refusal to answer the question about his own commission is a tacit rejection of the authority of his questioners.

℣. The Lord be with you. R/. **And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**HEN Jesus had come into the temple area, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them in reply, "I shall ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I shall tell you by what authority I do these things. Where was John's baptism from? Was it of heavenly or of human origin?" They discussed this among themselves and said, "If we say 'Of heavenly origin,' he will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet." So they said to Jesus in reply, "We do not know." He himself said to them, "Neither shall I tell you by what authority I

do these things.”—The Gospel of the Lord. *R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.* → No. 16, p. 635

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here  
below

gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

*R/. Amen.*

→ No. 21, p. 638 (Pref. P 1)

### **COMMUNION ANT.**

Cf. Ps 106 (105):4-5; Is 38:3

**Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice  
before you with a blameless heart. ↓**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.

Through Christ our Lord.

*R/. Amen.*

→ No. 30, p. 693

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## **TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

*For the Masses from December 17 to 24, see pp. 63-91.*

“The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works” (Ps 145:9). His ways differ from ours since we are more like the proud Pharisees. Jesus helps us become aware of our frailty and weakness. We must have sorrow for our sins.

### **ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Zec 14:5, 7

**Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with  
him; and on that day there will be a great light.**

→ No. 2, p. 626

**TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

Lent is for special graces; marvelous things happen during this sacred time. We ourselves do not lay down the conditions for our salvation. God does that. When we pray, we should mean what we say and keep our mind on what we are doing. Glorify God, adore him, praise him—then ask!

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Ps 90 (89):1-2

**O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are.** → No. 2, p. 626

**COLLECT**

Look upon your family, Lord,  
that, through the chastening effects of bodily discipline,  
our minds may be radiant in your presence  
with the strength of our yearning for you.  
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. R/. **Amen.** ↓

**FIRST READING**

Is 55:10-11

Isaiah directs his hearers to come to the Lord, especially when in need. It is necessary to seek the Lord while he may be found. God alone lays down the conditions for salvation.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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

achieving the end for which I sent it.  
The word of the Lord. *R/. Thanks be to God.* ↓

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

*R/.* (18b) **From all their distress God rescues the just.**

Glorify the LORD with me,

let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.—*R/.*

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,

and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,

and from all his distress he saved him.—*R/.*

The LORD has eyes for the just,

and ears for their cry.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,

to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.—*R/.*

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,

and from all their distress he rescues them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;

and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.—*R/.* ↓

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Mt 4:4b

*R/.* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God the Father!\***

One does not live on bread alone,

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of  
God.

*R/.* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God the Father!** ↓

**GOSPEL**

Mt 6:7-15

Jesus gives advice about prayer. He notes that sincerity and attention are required. Then he gives an example of how to pray. God forgives those who forgive others' faults.

\* See p. 632 for other Gospel Acclamations.



℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. **And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
℟. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS said to his disciples: "In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

"This is how you are to pray:

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.

"If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions."—The Gospel of the Lord. ℟. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** → No. 16, p. 635

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive, O Creator, almighty God,  
what we bring from your bountiful goodness,  
and be pleased to transform  
this temporal sustenance you have given us,  
that it may bring us eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

℟. **Amen.**

→ No. 21, p. 638 (Pref. P 8-11)

### **COMMUNION ANT.**

Cf. Ps 4:2

**When I called, the God of justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me; have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer! ↓**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us through these mysteries, Lord,  
that by moderating earthly desires  
we may learn to love the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. **Amen.** ↓

## PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*for optional use*

May your faithful be strengthened,  
O God, by your blessing:  
in grief, may you be their consolation,  
in tribulation, their power to endure,  
and in peril, their protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. **Amen.**

→ No. 32, p. 693

## WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Many of those now separated from God will again one day hear the voice of God as did the people of Nineveh. This should help us reflect on the tremendous love God has for his people. Let us consider Jesus' great love for us, and we shall be led to offer him our love in return. Our Divine Master shows his love by his sufferings for us.

## ENTRANCE ANT.

Cf. Ps 25 (24):6, 2, 22

**Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

→ No. 2, p. 626

## COLLECT

Look kindly, Lord, we pray,  
on the devotion of your people,  
that those who by self-denial are restrained in body  
may by the fruit of good works be renewed in mind.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

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#### I. FOR HOLY CHURCH

##### 1. FOR THE CHURCH

###### ENTRANCE ANT.

Cf. Eph 1:9-10

**God has made known to us the mystery of his will, to bring together all things in Christ, all things in heaven and on earth in him.**

→ No. 2, p. 626

###### COLLECT

O God, who in your wonderful providence  
decreed that Christ's Kingdom  
should be extended throughout the earth  
and that all should become partakers of his saving  
redemption,  
grant, we pray, that your Church  
may be the universal sacrament of salvation  
and that Christ may be revealed to all  
as the hope of the nations and their Savior.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **R/. Amen.**

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# GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR

[including the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses  
of the United States of America]

## JANUARY

1. The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD Solemnity
2. Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church Memorial
3. *The Most Holy Name of Jesus\**
4. [USA] St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Memorial
5. [USA] St. John Neumann, Bishop Memorial
6. [USA] *St. André Bessette, Religious*
7. *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*
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- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
13. *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
- 14.
- 15.
- 16.
17. St. Anthony, Abbot Memorial
- 18.
- 19.
20. *St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr*  
*St. Sebastian, Martyr*
21. St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Memorial
22. [USA] Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children\*\*
23. [USA] *St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*
24. [USA] *St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*
25. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church Memorial
26. THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE Feast
27. Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Memorial
28. *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*
29. St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church Memorial

\*When the rank of the celebration is not indicated, it is an  
Optional Memorial.

\*\*January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday

**J**ESUS said to his Apostles: “As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give. Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts; no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick. The laborer deserves his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy person in it, and stay there until you leave. As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you. Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words—go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet. Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.”—The Gospel of the Lord. *R.* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** → No. 16, p. 625

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## FRIDAY OF THE FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30

Jacob, named Israel, obeys God's bidding and takes his family into Egypt to meet Joseph. Joseph weeps on seeing his father. Israel can now die a happy death, knowing that Joseph is alive.

A reading from the Book of Genesis

**I**SRAEL set out with all that was his. When he arrived at Beer-sheba, he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. There God, speaking to Israel in a vision by night, called, “Jacob! Jacob!” He answered, “Here I am.” Then he said: “I am God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make you a great nation. Not only will I go down to Egypt with you; I will also bring you back here, after Joseph has closed your eyes.”

So Jacob departed from Beer-sheba, and the sons of Israel put their father and their wives and children on the wagons that Pharaoh had sent for his transport. They took with them their livestock and the possessions they had acquired in the land of Canaan. Thus Jacob and all his descendants migrated to Egypt. His sons and his grandsons, his daughters and his granddaughters—all his descendants—he took with him to Egypt.

Israel had sent Judah ahead to Joseph, so that he might meet him in Goshen. On his arrival in the region of Goshen, Joseph hitched the horses to his chariot and rode to meet his father Israel in Goshen. As soon as Joseph saw him, he flung himself on his neck and wept a long time in his arms. And Israel said to Joseph, “At last I can die, now that I have seen for myself that Joseph is still alive.”—The word of the Lord. **R/. Thanks be to God. ↓**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40

**R/. (39a) The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

Trust in the LORD and do good,

that you may dwell in the land and be fed in security.

Take delight in the LORD,

and he will grant you your heart's requests.—**R/.**The LORD watches over the lives of the wholehearted;  
their inheritance lasts forever.

They are not put to shame in an evil time;

in days of famine they have plenty.—**R/.**

Turn from evil and do good,

that you may abide forever;

For the LORD loves what is right,

and forsakes not his faithful ones.—**R/.**

The salvation of the just is from the LORD;

he is their refuge in time of distress.

And the LORD helps them and delivers them;

he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.—**R/. ↓**

**ALLELUIA**

Jn 16:13a; 14:26d

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia.**

When the Spirit of truth comes,  
he will guide you to all truth  
and remind you of all I told you.

**R/. Alleluia, alleluia. ↓****GOSPEL**

Mt 10:16-23

In instructing his Apostles, Jesus says, “Beware of [others].” He tells them not to worry about what to say if they are brought to trial, for “it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

**℣. The Lord be with you. R/. And with your spirit.****✙ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.****R/. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS said to his Apostles: “Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves. But beware of men, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to another. Amen, I say to you, you will not finish the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”—The Gospel of the Lord. **R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**ALLELUIA**

Lk 11:28

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia. ↓

**GOSPEL**

Lk 10:38-42

Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. Each of the sisters sees where her responsibility is—one in observing the regular custom of hospitality, the other in making the Lord feel personally welcome. Neither is wrong, yet one benefits more.

*℣.* The Lord be with you. *R.* **And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*R.* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS 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.  
*R.* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** → No. 16, p. 625

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**WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING**

Jon 4:1-11

Jonah, pursued by the Lord, sees only his own personal needs and fails to marvel at the wonder that God has not destroyed the city. Jonah does not see that God worked through him and his preaching and brought Nineveh to repentance.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah

**J**ONAH 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. *R/*.  
**Thanks be to God. ↓**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*P*s 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10

*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.—R̃.

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.—R̃. ↓

**ALLELUIA**

Rom 8:15bc

R̃. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

You have received a spirit of adoption as sons  
through which we cry: Abba! Father!

R̃. **Alleluia, alleluia.** ↓

**GOSPEL**

Lk 11:1-4

The disciples ask Jesus how they should pray. The prayer is a sign of dependence on the Father and confidence in mankind. The two are intimately connected. A sharing between them both allows us to raise our voices in thanksgiving to the Father.

℣. The Lord be with you. R̃. **And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R̃. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS 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.”

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###### **ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Eph 1:9-10

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###### **COLLECT**

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