

# THE ROMAN MISSAL

RESTORED BY DECREE OF THE SECOND ECUMENICAL  
COUNCIL OF THE VATICAN AND PROMULGATED BY  
AUTHORITY OF POPE PAUL VI

# LECTIONARY FOR MASS

FOR USE IN THE DIOCESES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SECOND TYPICAL EDITION

Volume II:  
Proper of Seasons for Weekdays, Year I  
Proper of Saints  
Common of Saints

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



CATHOLIC BOOK PUBLISHING CORP.  
New Jersey  
2002

# CONTENTS

Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, 1st Edition .....	7
Decree of the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship, 2nd Edition .....	8
Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments .....	10
Decree of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.....	11

## **INTRODUCTION: PREAMBLE**

Chapter One: General Principles for the Liturgical Celebration of the Word of God .....	13
--	----

## **FIRST PART:**

### **THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS**

Chapter Two: The Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.....	16
Chapter Three: Offices and Ministries in the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word within Mass .....	20

## **SECOND PART:**

### **THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORDER OF READINGS FOR MASS**

Chapter Four: The General Arrangement of Readings for Mass.....	23
Chapter Five: Description of the Order of Readings .....	29
Chapter Six: Adaptations, Translations, and Format of the Order of Readings .....	33

## **TABLES**

Table I: Principal Celebrations of the Liturgical Year .....	36
Table II: Order of the First Reading for Weekdays in Ordinary Time.....	38
Table III: Abbreviations of the Books of the Bible .....	39

## **PROPER OF SEASONS**

### **WEEKDAY READINGS**

Season of Advent.....	43
Season of Christmas .....	119
Season of Lent .....	165
Holy Week .....	279
Season of Easter .....	295

Ordinary Time .....419  
Alleluia Verses for Weekdays in Ordinary Time .....987  
Common Texts for Sung Responsorial Psalms.....993

**PROPER OF SAINTS**

January .....1007  
February .....1031  
March .....1054  
April .....1072  
May .....1095  
June .....1123  
July .....1158  
August .....1190  
September .....1242  
October .....1276  
November .....1305  
December .....1354

**COMMONS**

The Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church .....1389  
The Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary .....1399  
The Common of Martyrs .....1417  
The Common of Pastors .....1433  
The Common of Doctors of the Church.....1454  
The Common of Virgins .....1466  
The Common of Holy Men and Women.....1472

**APPENDICES**

Appendix I: Sequence .....1513  
Appendix II: Table of Readings .....1515  
Appendix III: Table of Responsorial Psalms and Canticles .....1535



## DECEMBER 29

202

## The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

## FIRST READING

*Those who love their brother remain in the light.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

2:3-11

**B**eloved:  
 The way we may be sure that we know Jesus  
 is to keep his commandments.  
 Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his command-  
 ments  
 is a liar, and the truth is not in him.  
 But whoever keeps his word,  
 the love of God is truly perfected in him.  
 This is the way we may know that we are in union with him:  
 whoever claims to abide in him ought to walk just as he walked.

Beloved, I am writing no new commandment to you  
 but an old commandment that you had from the beginning.  
 The old commandment is the word that you have heard.  
 And yet I do write a new commandment to you,  
 which holds true in him and among you,  
 for the darkness is passing away,  
 and the true light is already shining.

Whoever says he is in the light,  
 yet hates his brother, is still in the darkness.  
 Whoever loves his brother remains in the light,  
 and there is nothing in him to cause a fall.  
 Whoever hates his brother is in darkness;  
 he walks in darkness  
 and does not know where he is going  
 because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

The word of the Lord.

## FRIDAY

228

## FIRST READING

Do I derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked  
and not rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live?

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

18:21-28

**T**hus says the Lord GOD:

If the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed,  
if he keeps all my statutes and does what is right and just,  
he shall surely live, he shall not die.

None of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against  
him;

he shall live because of the virtue he has practiced.

Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked?  
says the Lord GOD.

Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way  
that he may live?

And if the virtuous man turns from the path of virtue to do evil,  
the same kind of abominable things that the wicked man does,  
can he do this and still live?

None of his virtuous deeds shall be remembered,  
because he has broken faith and committed sin;  
because of this, he shall die.

You say, “The LORD’S way is not fair!”

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?  
When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity,  
and dies,

it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if the wicked, turning from the wickedness he has committed,  
does what is right and just,

he shall preserve his life;

since he has turned away from all the sins that he committed,  
he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The word of the Lord.

[251]

Daniel said to him,  
“Offspring of Canaan, not of Judah, beauty has seduced you,  
lust has subverted your conscience.  
This is how you acted with the daughters of Israel,  
and in their fear they yielded to you;  
but a daughter of Judah did not tolerate your wickedness.  
Now, then, tell me under what tree you surprised them together.”  
“Under an oak,” he said.  
Daniel replied, “Your fine lie has cost you also your head,  
for the angel of God waits with a sword to cut you in two  
so as to make an end of you both.”

The whole assembly cried aloud,  
blessing God who saves those who hope in him.  
They rose up against the two elders,  
for by their own words Daniel had convicted them of perjury.  
According to the law of Moses,  
they inflicted on them  
the penalty they had plotted to impose on their neighbor:  
they put them to death.  
Thus was innocent blood spared that day.

The word of the Lord.

**OR**

**SHORT FORM**

Here I am about to die, though I have done  
none of the things charged against me.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

13:41c-62

**T**he assembly condemned Susanna to death.

But Susanna cried aloud:

“O eternal God, you know what is hidden  
and are aware of all things before they come to be:  
you know that they have testified falsely against me.  
Here I am about to die,  
though I have done none of the things  
with which these wicked men have charged me.”

The Lord heard her prayer.

As she was being led to execution,  
God stirred up the holy spirit of a young boy named Daniel,  
and he cried aloud:  
“I will have no part in the death of this woman.”

## THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

273

MONDAY

### FIRST READING

They could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit  
with which he spoke.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

6:8-15

**S**tephen, filled with grace and power,  
was working great wonders and signs among the people.  
Certain members of the so-called Synagogue of Freedmen,  
Cyrenians, and Alexandrians,  
and people from Cilicia and Asia,  
came forward and debated with Stephen,  
but they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with  
which he spoke.

Then they instigated some men to say,

“We have heard him speaking blasphemous words  
against Moses and God.”

They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes,  
accosted him, seized him,  
and brought him before the Sanhedrin.

They presented false witnesses who testified,

“This man never stops saying things against this holy place and  
the law.

For we have heard him claim

that this Jesus the Nazorean will destroy this place  
and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.”

All those who sat in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him  
and saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

The word of the Lord.



## FIRST READING

Year I

So now praise God. Behold, I am about to ascend to him who sent me.

A reading from the Book of Tobit

12:1, 5-15, 20

**T**obit called his son Tobiah and said to him,  
 “Son, see to it that you give what is due to the man  
 who made the journey with you; give him a bonus too.”  
 So he called Raphael and said,  
 “Take as your wages half of all that you have brought back,  
 and go in peace.”

Raphael called the two men aside privately and said to them:

“Thank God! Give him the praise and the glory.

Before all the living,

acknowledge the many good things he has done for you,  
 by blessing and extolling his name in song.

Honor and proclaim God’s deeds,

and do not be slack in praising him.

A king’s secret it is prudent to keep,

but the works of God are to be declared and made known.

Praise them with due honor.

Do good, and evil will not find its way to you.

Prayer and fasting are good,

but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness.

A little with righteousness is better than abundance with wickedness.

It is better to give alms than to store up gold;

for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin.

Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life;

but those habitually guilty of sin are their own worst enemies.

“I will now tell you the whole truth;

I will conceal nothing at all from you.

I have already said to you,

‘A king’s secret it is prudent to keep,

but the works of God are to be made known with due honor.’

I can now tell you that when you, Tobit, and Sarah prayed,

it was I who presented and read the record of your prayer  
 before the Glory of the Lord;

and I did the same thing when you used to bury the dead.

457

## WEDNESDAY

## FIRST READING

Year I

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

**I**n 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.

498

## TUESDAY

## FIRST READING

Year I

I will leave to the young a noble example of how  
to die willingly and generously for the revered and holy laws.

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

6:18-31

**E**leazar, one of the foremost scribes,  
a man of advanced age and noble appearance,  
was being forced to open his mouth to eat pork.  
But preferring a glorious death to a life of defilement,  
he spat out the meat,  
and went forward of his own accord to the instrument of torture,  
as people ought to do who have the courage to reject the food  
which it is unlawful to taste even for love of life.  
Those in charge of that unlawful ritual meal took the man aside privately,  
because of their long acquaintance with him,  
and urged him to bring meat of his own providing,  
such as he could legitimately eat,  
and to pretend to be eating some of the meat of the sacrifice  
prescribed by the king;  
in this way he would escape the death penalty,  
and be treated kindly because of their old friendship with him.  
But Eleazar made up his mind in a noble manner,  
worthy of his years, the dignity of his advanced age,  
the merited distinction of his gray hair,  
and of the admirable life he had lived from childhood;  
and so he declared that above all  
he would be loyal to the holy laws given by God.

He told them to send him at once  
to the abode of the dead, explaining:  
“At our age it would be unbecoming to make such a pretense;  
many young people would think the ninety-year-old Eleazar  
had gone over to an alien religion.  
Should I thus pretend for the sake of a brief moment of life,  
they would be led astray by me,  
while I would bring shame and dishonor on my old age.  
Even if, for the time being, I avoid the punishment of men,  
I shall never, whether alive or dead,  
escape the hands of the Almighty.

669

November 3

**Saint Martin de Porres,**  
religious

From the Common of Holy Men and Women:  
For Religious, p. 1472,

OR:

## FIRST READING

Think about whatever is worthy of praise.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul  
to the Philippians 4:4-9

**B**rothers and sisters:  
Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I shall say it again: rejoice!  
Your kindness should be known to all.  
The Lord is near.  
Have no anxiety at all, but in every-  
thing,  
by prayer and petition, with thanks-  
giving,  
make your requests known to God.  
Then the peace of God that surpasses  
all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in  
Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
whatever is true, whatever is honor-  
able,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is gra-  
cious,  
if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of  
praise,  
think about these things.  
Keep on doing what you have learned  
and received  
and heard and seen in me.  
Then the God of peace will be with you.  
The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 131:1bcde, 2, 3

*R.* In you, Lord, I have found my  
peace.

**O LORD, my heart is not proud,  
nor are my eyes haughty;  
I busy not myself with great things,  
nor with things too sublime for me.**

*R.* In you, Lord, I have found my  
peace.

**Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted  
my soul like a weaned child.  
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,  
so is my soul within me.**

*R.* In you, Lord, I have found my  
peace.

**O Israel, hope in the LORD,  
both now and forever.**

*R.* In you, Lord, I have found my  
peace.

## ALLELUIA John 13:34

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.**

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as  
yourself.

**✠** A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 22:34-40

**W**hen the Pharisees heard that  
Jesus had silenced the  
Sadducees,  
they gathered together, and one of  
them,  
a scholar of the law, tested him by  
asking,  
“Teacher, which commandment in  
the law is the greatest?”

December 27

697

**Saint John,**  
Apostle and evangelist

Feast

**FIRST READING**

What we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you.

A reading from the beginning of the first Letter of Saint John

1:1-4

**B**eloved:  
 What was from the beginning,  
 what we have heard,  
 what we have seen with our eyes,  
 what we looked upon  
 and touched with our hands  
 concerns the Word of life—  
 for the life was made visible;  
 we have seen it and testify to it  
 and proclaim to you the eternal life  
 that was with the Father and was made visible to us—  
 what we have seen and heard  
 we proclaim now to you,  
 so that you too may have fellowship with us;  
 for our fellowship is with the Father  
 and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

**R.** (12) Rejoice in the Lord, you just!  
 The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
 let the many isles be glad.  
 Clouds and darkness are around him,  
 justice and judgment are the founda-  
 tion of his throne.

**R.** Rejoice in the Lord, you just!  
 The mountains melt like wax before  
 the LORD,  
 before the LORD of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim his justice,  
 and all peoples see his glory.**

**R.** Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

**Light dawns for the just;  
 and gladness, for the upright of  
 heart.**

**Be glad in the LORD, you just,  
 and give thanks to his holy name.**

**R.** Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

	Sunday			Weekday				Sunday			Weekday		
	A	B	C	I	II	I, II		A	B	C	I	II	I, II
<b>GENESIS</b>													
1:1—2:2*	41	41	41										
1-19				329									
20—2:4a				330									
2:4b-9, 15-17				331									
7-9; 3:1-7	22												
18-25				332									
18-24		140											
3:1-8				333									
9-24				334									
9-15		89											
4:1-15, 25				335									
6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10				336									
8:6-13, 20-22				337									
9:1-13				338									
8-15		23											
11:1-9	62	62	62	339									
12:1-9				371									
1-4a	25												
13:2, 5-18				372									
14:18-20			169										
15:1-12, 17-18				373									
1-6; 21:1-3		17											
5-12, 17-18			27										
16:1-12, 15-16*				374									
17:1, 9-10, 15-22				375									
3-9				254	254								
18:1-15				376									
1-10a			108										
16-33				377									
20-32			111										
19:15-29				378									
21:5, 8-20				379									
22:1-19				380									
1-18*	41	41	41										
1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18		26											
23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67				381									
27:1-5, 15-29				382									
28:10-22a				383									
32:22-32				384									
37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28				234	234								
41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a				385									
44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5				386									
46:1-7, 28-30				387									
49:2, 8-10				193	193								
29-32; 50:15-26a				388									
<b>EXODUS</b>													
1:8-14, 22				389									
2:1-15a				390									
3:1-8a, 13-15			30										
1-6, 9-12				391									
13-20				392									
11:10—12:14				393									
12:1-8, 11-14	39	39	39										
37-42				394									
14:5-18				395									
15—15:1	41	41	41										
21—15:1													396
16:1-5, 9-15													397
2-4, 12-15		113											
17:1-7											236	236	
3-7	28												
8-13			147										
19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b													398
2-6a	91												
3-8a, 16-20b	62	62	62										
20:1-17*		29											399
22:20-26	148												
24:3-8		168											400
32:7-14												247	401
7-11, 13-14			132										402
15-24, 30-34													403
33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28													404
34:4b-6, 8-9	164												
29-35													
40:16-21, 34-38													
<b>LEVITICUS</b>													
13:1-2, 44-46		77											
19:1-2, 11-18											224	224	
1-2, 17-18	79												
23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37..													405
25:1, 8-17													406
<b>NUMBERS</b>													
6:22-27	18	18	18										
11:4b-15													407
25-29		137											
12:1-13													408
13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35													409
20:1-13													410
21:4-9													252
24:2-7, 15-17a													187
<b>DEUTERONOMY</b>													
4:1-2, 6-8		125											
1:5-9													239
32-40													411
32-34, 39-40		165											
5:12-15		86											
6:2-6		152											
4-13													412
7:6-11	170												
8:2-3, 14b-16a	167												
10:12-22													413
11:18, 26-28, 32	85												
18:15-20		71											
26:4-10													
16-19													229
30:10-14			105										
15-20													220
31:1-8													414
34:1-12													415
<b>JOSHUA</b>													
3:7-10a, 11, 13-17													416
5:9a, 10-12			33										
24:1-13													417

\* The long and short readings of the same pericope are indicated by an asterisk. The numbers refer to chapters and verses, not to pages.

# THE ROMAN MISSAL

RESTORED BY DECREE OF THE SECOND ECUMENICAL  
COUNCIL OF THE VATICAN AND PROMULGATED BY  
AUTHORITY OF POPE PAUL VI

# LECTIONARY FOR MASS

FOR USE IN THE DIOCESES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SECOND TYPICAL EDITION

Volume III:

Proper of Seasons for Weekdays, Year II  
Proper of Saints  
Common of Saints

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



CATHOLIC BOOK PUBLISHING CORP.  
New Jersey  
2002

# CONTENTS

Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, 1st Edition .....	7
Decree of the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship, 2nd Edition .....	8
Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments .....	10
Decree of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.....	11

## **INTRODUCTION: PREAMBLE**

Chapter One: General Principles for the Liturgical Celebration of the Word of God .....	13
--	----

## **FIRST PART:**

### **THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS**

Chapter Two: The Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.....	16
Chapter Three: Offices and Ministries in the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word within Mass .....	20

## **SECOND PART:**

### **THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORDER OF READINGS FOR MASS**

Chapter Four: The General Arrangement of Readings for Mass.....	23
Chapter Five: Description of the Order of Readings .....	29
Chapter Six: Adaptations, Translations, and Format of the Order of Readings .....	33

## **TABLES**

Table I: Principal Celebrations of the Liturgical Year .....	36
Table II: Order of the First Reading for Weekdays in Ordinary Time.....	38
Table III: Abbreviations of the Books of the Bible .....	39

## **PROPER OF SEASONS**

### **WEEKDAY READINGS**

Season of Advent.....	43
Season of Christmas .....	119
Season of Lent .....	165
Holy Week .....	279
Season of Easter .....	295



Ordinary Time .....419  
Alleluia Verses for Weekdays in Ordinary Time .....989  
Common Texts for Sung Responsorial Psalms.....993

**PROPER OF SAINTS**

January .....1007  
February .....1031  
March .....1054  
April .....1072  
May .....1095  
June .....1123  
July .....1158  
August .....1190  
September .....1242  
October .....1276  
November .....1305  
December .....1354

**COMMONS**

The Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church .....1389  
The Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary .....1399  
The Common of Martyrs .....1417  
The Common of Pastors .....1433  
The Common of Doctors of the Church.....1454  
The Common of Virgins .....1466  
The Common of Holy Men and Women.....1472

**APPENDICES**

Appendix I: Sequence .....1513  
Appendix II: Table of Readings .....1515  
Appendix III: Table of Responsorial Psalms and Canticles .....1535

**FIRST READING**

The birth of Samson is announced by an angel.

A reading from the Book of Judges

13:2-7, 24-25a

**T**here was a certain man from Zorah, of the clan of the Danites, whose name was Manoah.

His wife was barren and had borne no children.

An angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her,

“Though you are barren and have had no children,  
yet you will conceive and bear a son.

Now, then, be careful to take no wine or strong drink  
and to eat nothing unclean.

As for the son you will conceive and bear,  
no razor shall touch his head,  
for this boy is to be consecrated to God from the womb.

It is he who will begin the deliverance of Israel  
from the power of the Philistines.”

The woman went and told her husband,

“A man of God came to me;  
he had the appearance of an angel of God, terrible indeed.

I did not ask him where he came from, nor did he tell me his name.

But he said to me,

‘You will be with child and will bear a son.

So take neither wine nor strong drink, and eat nothing unclean.

For the boy shall be consecrated to God from the womb,  
until the day of his death.’ ”

The woman bore a son and named him Samson.

The boy grew up and the LORD blessed him;  
the Spirit of the LORD stirred him.

The word of the Lord.

If the Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday, January 7 or 8, the following readings are used for the Mass on January 6.

**FIRST READING**

The Spirit, the water, and the Blood.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

5:5-13

**B**eloved:

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and Blood.

The Spirit is the one who testifies,  
and the Spirit is truth.

So there are three that testify,  
the Spirit, the water, and the Blood,  
and the three are of one accord.

If we accept human testimony,  
the testimony of God is surely greater.

Now the testimony of God is this,  
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Whoever believes in the Son of God  
has this testimony within himself.

Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar  
by not believing the testimony God has given about his Son.

And this is the testimony:  
God gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son.

Whoever possesses the Son has life;  
whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you so that you may know  
that you have eternal life,  
you who believe in the name of the Son of God.

The word of the Lord.

## FRIDAY

241

## FIRST READING

*We will not say to the work of our hands: our god.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Hosea

14:2-10

**T**hus says the LORD:  
 Return, O Israel, to the LORD, your God;  
 you have collapsed through your guilt.  
 Take with you words,  
 and return to the LORD;  
 Say to him, “Forgive all iniquity,  
 and receive what is good, that we may render  
 as offerings the bullocks from our stalls.  
 Assyria will not save us,  
 nor shall we have horses to mount;  
 We shall say no more, ‘Our god,’  
 to the work of our hands;  
 for in you the orphan finds compassion.”

I will heal their defection, says the LORD,  
 I will love them freely;  
 for my wrath is turned away from them.  
 I will be like the dew for Israel:  
 he shall blossom like the lily;  
 He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar,  
 and put forth his shoots.  
 His splendor shall be like the olive tree  
 and his fragrance like the Lebanon cedar.  
 Again they shall dwell in his shade  
 and raise grain;  
 They shall blossom like the vine,  
 and his fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

Ephraim! What more has he to do with idols?  
 I have humbled him, but I will prosper him.  
 “I am like a verdant cypress tree”—  
 Because of me you bear fruit!

Let him who is wise understand these things;  
 let him who is prudent know them.  
 Straight are the paths of the LORD,  
 in them the just walk,  
 but sinners stumble in them.

The word of the Lord.

## TUESDAY

274

## FIRST READING

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

7:51—8:1a

**S**tephen said to the people, the elders, and the scribes:  
 “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears,  
 you always oppose the Holy Spirit;  
 you are just like your ancestors.

Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute?  
 They put to death those who foretold the coming of the righteous  
 one,  
 whose betrayers and murderers you have now become.  
 You received the law as transmitted by angels,  
 but you did not observe it.”

When they heard this, they were infuriated,  
 and they ground their teeth at him.  
 But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
 looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God  
 and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,  
 and Stephen said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened  
 and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”  
 But they cried out in a loud voice,  
 covered their ears, and rushed upon him together.  
 They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him.  
 The witnesses laid down their cloaks  
 at the feet of a young man named Saul.  
 As they were stoning Stephen, he called out,  
 “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”  
 Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice,  
 “Lord, do not hold this sin against them”;  
 and when he said this, he fell asleep.

Now Saul was consenting to his execution.

The word of the Lord.



## FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

When the Baptism of the Lord occurs on Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time, the readings assigned to Monday may be joined to those of Tuesday so that the opening of each book will be read.

### MONDAY

305

#### FIRST READING

Year II

Hannah's rival turned it into a constant reproach to her  
that the LORD had left her barren.

A reading from the beginning of the first Book of Samuel 1:1-8

**T**here was a certain man from Ramathaim, Elkanah by name,  
a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim.  
He was the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu,  
son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite.  
He had two wives, one named Hannah, the other Peninnah;  
Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless.  
This man regularly went on pilgrimage from his city  
to worship the LORD of hosts and to sacrifice to him at Shiloh,  
where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas,  
were ministering as priests of the LORD.  
When the day came for Elkanah to offer sacrifice,  
he used to give a portion each to his wife Peninnah  
and to all her sons and daughters,  
but a double portion to Hannah because he loved her,  
though the LORD had made her barren.  
Her rival, to upset her, turned it into a constant reproach to her  
that the LORD had left her barren.  
This went on year after year;  
each time they made their pilgrimage to the sanctuary of the LORD,  
Peninnah would approach her,  
and Hannah would weep and refuse to eat.  
Her husband Elkanah used to ask her:  
“Hannah, why do you weep, and why do you refuse to eat?  
Why do you grieve?  
Am I not more to you than ten sons?”  
The word of the Lord.

378

## TUESDAY

FIRST READING

Year II

The Lord GOD speaks—who will not prophesy!

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

3:1-8; 4:11-12

**H**ear this word, O children of Israel, that the LORD pronounces over you,

over the whole family that I brought up from the land of Egypt:

You alone have I favored,  
 more than all the families of the earth;  
 Therefore I will punish you  
 for all your crimes.

Do two walk together  
 unless they have agreed?

Does a lion roar in the forest  
 when it has no prey?

Does a young lion cry out from its den  
 unless it has seized something?

Is a bird brought to earth by a snare  
 when there is no lure for it?

Does a snare spring up from the ground  
 without catching anything?

If the trumpet sounds in a city,  
 will the people not be frightened?

If evil befalls a city,  
 has not the LORD caused it?

Indeed, the Lord GOD does nothing  
 without revealing his plan  
 to his servants, the prophets.

The lion roars—  
 who will not be afraid!

The Lord GOD speaks—  
 who will not prophesy!

I brought upon you such upheaval  
 as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah:  
 you were like a brand plucked from the fire;  
 Yet you returned not to me,  
 says the LORD.



## WEDNESDAY

451

## FIRST READING

Year II

Give me neither poverty nor riches; provide me only with the food I need.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

30:5-9

**E**very word of God is tested;  
 he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.  
 Add nothing to his words,  
 lest he reprove you, and you will be exposed as a deceiver.

Two things I ask of you,  
 deny them not to me before I die:  
 Put falsehood and lying far from me,  
 give me neither poverty nor riches;  
 provide me only with the food I need;  
 Lest, being full, I deny you,  
 saying, "Who is the LORD?"  
 Or, being in want, I steal,  
 and profane the name of my God.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

**R.** (105) Your word, O Lord, is a  
 lamp for my feet.

**Remove from me the way of falsehood,  
 and favor me with your law.**

**R.** Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for  
 my feet.

**The law of your mouth is to me more  
 precious  
 than thousands of gold and silver  
 pieces.**

**R.** Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for  
 my feet.

**Your word, O LORD, endures forever;  
 it is firm as the heavens.**

**R.** Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for  
 my feet.

**From every evil way I withhold my feet,  
 that I may keep your words.**

**R.** Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for  
 my feet.

**Through your precepts I gain discern-  
 ment;  
 therefore I hate every false way.**

**R.** Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for  
 my feet.

**Falsehood I hate and abhor;  
 your law I love.**

**R.** Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for  
 my feet.

500

## THURSDAY

## FIRST READING

Year II

The Lamb that was slain purchased us with  
his Blood from every nation.

A reading from the Book of Revelation

5:1-10

**I**, John, saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne.

It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals.

Then I saw a mighty angel who proclaimed in a loud voice,

“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth  
was able to open the scroll or to examine it.

I shed many tears because no one was found worthy  
to open the scroll or to examine it.

One of the elders said to me, “Do not weep.

The lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed,  
enabling him to open the scroll with its seven seals.”

Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne  
and the four living creatures and the elders  
a Lamb that seemed to have been slain.

He had seven horns and seven eyes;

these are the seven spirits of God sent out into the whole world.

He came and received the scroll from the right hand  
of the one who sat on the throne.

When he took it,

the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders  
fell down before the Lamb.

Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense,  
which are the prayers of the holy ones.

They sang a new hymn:

“Worthy are you to receive the scroll  
and break open its seals,

for you were slain and with your Blood you purchased for God  
those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation.

You made them a kingdom and priests for our God,  
and they will reign on earth.”

The word of the Lord.

[540]

*R.* I will bless the Lord at all times.

**or:**

*R.* Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
for nought is lacking to those who  
fear him.**

**The great grow poor and hungry;  
but those who seek the LORD want  
for no good thing.**

*R.* I will bless the Lord at all times.

**or:**

*R.* Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## ALLELUIA

John 13:34

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.**

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*You shall love the Lord your God, and your  
neighbor as yourself.*

**✠ A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 22:34-40**

**W**hen the Pharisees heard that  
Jesus had silenced the Sad-  
ducees,  
they gathered together, and one of  
them,  
a scholar of the law, tested him by  
asking,  
“Teacher, which commandment in  
the law is the greatest?”

**He said to him,**

**“You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.**

**This is the greatest and the first com-  
mandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself.**

**The whole law and the prophets de-  
pend on these two command-  
ments.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**541**

**March 17**

**Saint Patrick,  
bishop**

*From the Common of Pastors: For  
Missionaries, p. 1433,*

**OR:**

## FIRST READING

*Each one has received a gift; use it to serve  
one another.*

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint  
Peter 4:7b-11**

**B**eloved:

**Be serious and sober-minded  
so that you will be able to pray.**

**Above all, let your love for one an-  
other be intense,  
because love covers a multitude of  
sins.**

**Be hospitable to one another without  
complaining.**

**As each one has received a gift, use it  
to serve one another  
as good stewards of God’s varied  
grace.**

	Sunday			Weekday		
	A	B	C	I	II	I, II
<b>GENESIS</b>						
1:1—2:2*	41	41	41			
1-19				329		
20—2:4a				330		
2:4b-9, 15-17				331		
7-9; 3:1-7	22					
18-25				332		
18-24		140				
3:1-8				333		
9-24				334		
9-15		89				
4:1-15, 25				335		
6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10				336		
8:6-13, 20-22				337		
9:1-13				338		
8-15		23				
11:1-9	62	62	62	339		
12:1-9				371		
1-4a	25					
13:2, 5-18				372		
14:18-20			169			
15:1-12, 17-18				373		
1-6; 21:1-3		17				
5-12, 17-18			27			
16:1-12, 15-16*				374		
17:1, 9-10, 15-22				375		
3-9				254	254	
18:1-15				376		
1-10a			108			
16-33				377		
20-32			111			
19:15-29				378		
21:5, 8-20				379		
22:1-19				380		
1-18*	41	41	41			
1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18		26				
23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67				381		
27:1-5, 15-29				382		
28:10-22a				383		
32:22-32				384		
37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28				234	234	
41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a				385		
44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5				386		
46:1-7, 28-30				387		
49:2, 8-10				193	193	
29-32; 50:15-26a				388		
<b>EXODUS</b>						
1:8-14, 22				389		
2:1-15a				390		
3:1-8a, 13-15			30			
1-6, 9-12				391		
13-20				392		
11:10—12:14				393		
12:1-8, 11-14	39	39	39			
37-42				394		
14:5-18				395		
15—15:1	41	41	41			

	Sunday			Weekday		
	A	B	C	I	II	I, II
21—15:1				396		
16:1-5, 9-15				397		
2-4, 12-15		113				
17:1-7				236	236	
3-7	28					
8-13			147			
19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b				398		
2-6a	91					
3-8a, 16-20b	62	62	62			
20:1-17*		29		399		
22:20-26	148					
24:3-8		168		400		
32:7-14				247	247	
7-11, 13-14			132			
15-24, 30-34				401		
33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28				402		
34:4b-6, 8-9	164					
29-35				403		
40:16-21, 34-38				404		
<b>LEVITICUS</b>						
13:1-2, 44-46		77				
19:1-2, 11-18				224	224	
1-2, 17-18	79					
23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37				405		
25:1, 8-17				406		
<b>NUMBERS</b>						
6:22-27	18	18	18			
11:4b-15				407		
25-29		137				
12:1-13				408		
13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29, 34-35				409		
20:1-13				410		
21:4-9				252	252	
24:2-7, 15-17a				187	187	
<b>DEUTERONOMY</b>						
4:1-2, 6-8		125				
1:5-9				239	239	
32-40				411		
32-34, 39-40		165				
5:12-15		86				
6:2-6		152				
4-13				412		
7:6-11	170					
8:2-3, 14b-16a	167					
10:12-22				413		
11:18, 26-28, 32	85					
18:15-20		71				
26:4-10			24			
16-19				229	229	
30:10-14			105			
15-20				220	220	
31:1-8				414		
34:1-12				415		
<b>JOSHUA</b>						
3:7-10a, 11, 13-17				416		
5:9a, 10-12		33				
24:1-13				417		

\* The long and short readings of the same pericope are indicated by an asterisk. The numbers refer to chapters and verses, not to pages.

# THE ROMAN MISSAL

RESTORED BY DECREE OF THE SECOND ECUMENICAL  
COUNCIL OF THE VATICAN AND PROMULGATED BY  
AUTHORITY OF POPE PAUL VI

# LECTIONARY FOR MASS

FOR USE IN THE DIOCESES OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SECOND TYPICAL EDITION

Volume IV:  
Common of Saints,  
Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs,  
Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS



CATHOLIC BOOK PUBLISHING CORP.  
New Jersey  
2002

# CONTENTS

Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, 1st Edition .....	9
Decree of the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship, 2nd Edition .....	10
Decree of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments .....	12
Decree of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.....	13

## **INTRODUCTION: PREAMBLE**

Chapter One: General Principles for the Liturgical Celebration of the Word of God .....	15
--	----

## **FIRST PART:**

### **THE WORD OF GOD IN THE CELEBRATION OF MASS**

Chapter Two: The Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass.....	18
Chapter Three: Offices and Ministries in the Celebration of the Liturgy of the Word within Mass .....	22

## **SECOND PART:**

### **THE STRUCTURE OF THE ORDER OF READINGS FOR MASS**

Chapter Four: The General Arrangement of Readings for Mass.....	25
Chapter Five: Description of the Order of Readings .....	31
Chapter Six: Adaptations, Translations, and Format of the Order of Readings .....	35

## **TABLES**

Table I: Principal Celebrations of the Liturgical Year .....	38
Table II: Order of the First Reading for Weekdays in Ordinary Time.....	40
Table III: Abbreviations of the Books of the Bible .....	41

## **COMMONS**

The Common of the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church .....	45
The Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary .....	62
The Common of Martyrs .....	92
The Common of Pastors .....	117
The Common of Doctors of the Church.....	151
The Common of Virgins .....	171
The Common of Holy Men and Women.....	181

**RITUAL MASSES**

I. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION	
1. Catechumenate and Christian Initiation of Adults	
Entrance into the Order of Catechumens.....	247
Election or Enrollment of Names.....	250
First Scrutiny.....	250
Second Scrutiny.....	250
Third Scrutiny.....	250
Presentation of the Creed.....	251
Presentation of the Lord's Prayer.....	256
Baptism during the Easter Vigil.....	260
Christian Initiation Apart from the Easter Vigil.....	260
2. Conferral of Infant Baptism.....	297
3. Reception of Baptized Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.....	316
4. Confirmation.....	330
5. First Communion for Children.....	355
II. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF HOLY ORDERS.....	356
III. FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR THE DIACONATE AND THE PRIESTHOOD.....	386
IV. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF MINISTRIES	
1. Institution of Readers.....	398
2. Institution of Acolytes.....	410
V. FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND THE DYING	
1. Anointing of the Sick.....	431
2. Viaticum.....	486
VI. FOR THE CONFERRAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE.....	496
VII. FOR THE BLESSING OF ABBOTS AND ABBESSES.....	532
VIII. FOR THE CONSECRATION OF VIRGINS AND RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.....	542
IX. FOR THE DEDICATION OR BLESSING OF A CHURCH OR ALTAR	
1. Dedication of a Church.....	580
2. Dedication of an Altar.....	582
3. Blessing of a Chalice and Paten.....	593

## MASSES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS

### I. FOR THE HOLY CHURCH

1. For the Church.....	601
2. For the Pope or a Bishop, especially on their anniversaries .....	622
3. For the Election of the Pope or a Bishop .....	622
4. For a Council or Synod or a Spiritual or Pastoral Meeting.....	628
5. For Priests .....	632
6. For Ministers of the Church.....	646
7. For Religious.....	656
8. For Vocations to Holy Orders or Religious Life .....	672
9. For the Laity .....	692
10. For the Unity of Christians .....	710
11. For the Evangelization of Peoples.....	732
12. For Persecuted Christians .....	749

### II. FOR PUBLIC NEEDS

13. For the Country or a City or For Those who Serve in Public Office or For the Congress or For the President or For the Progress of Peoples .....	766
14. For Peace and Justice.....	797
15. For Reconciliation.....	806
16. In Time of War or Civil Disturbance .....	818

### III. IN VARIOUS PUBLIC CIRCUMSTANCES

17. For the Beginning of the Civil Year .....	826
18. For the Blessing of Human Labor .....	832
19. For Productive Land .....	840
20. After the Harvest.....	846
21. In Time of Famine or For Those who Suffer from Famine .....	854
22. For Refugees and Exiles.....	868
23. For Those Held Captive .....	880
24. For the Sick.....	882
25. In Time of Earthquake or For Rain or For Good Weather or To Avert Storms or For Any Need .....	891
26. In Thanksgiving to God .....	901



IV. FOR VARIOUS NEEDS

27. For the Remission of Sins .....915

28. For the Promotion of Charity or To Foster Harmony or  
For Family and Friends .....930

29. For the Family.....938

30. For our Oppressors .....939

31. For the Grace of a Happy Death.....946

**VOTIVE MASSES**

The Most Holy Trinity .....955

The Mystery of the Holy Cross .....956

The Most Holy Eucharist.....987

Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest .....1020

The Most Holy Name of Jesus .....1025

The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ .....1036

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus .....1048

The Holy Spirit .....1074

The Blessed Virgin Mary

    I. The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.....1074

    II. The Most Holy Name of Mary .....1077

The Holy Angels .....1080

Saint Joseph .....1080

All the Holy Apostles .....1080

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles .....1080

Saint Peter, Apostle .....1081

Saint Paul, Apostle .....1081

One Holy Apostle .....1081

All the Saints.....1081

**MASSES FOR THE DEAD**

Masses for the Dead.....1085

Funerals for Baptized Children .....1136

Funerals for Children who Died Before Baptism .....1148

**APPENDICES**

Appendix I: Sequence .....1153

Appendix II: Table of Readings .....1155

Appendix III: Table of Responsorial Psalms and Canticles .....1175

## THE COMMON OF MARTYRS

### 713 READING I FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

1

*Zechariah was stoned to death in the court of the LORD's temple.*

A reading from the second Book of Chronicles

24:18-22

**T**he princes of Judah forsook the temple of the LORD,  
the God of their fathers,  
and began to serve the sacred poles and the idols;  
and because of this crime of theirs,  
wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem.  
Although prophets were sent to them to convert them to the LORD,  
the people would not listen to their warnings.  
Then the spirit of God possessed Zechariah,  
son of Jehoiada the priest.  
He took his stand above the people and said to them:  
“God says, ‘Why are you transgressing the LORD’s commands,  
so that you cannot prosper?  
Because you have abandoned the LORD, he has abandoned you.’”  
But the people conspired against him,  
and at the king’s order they stoned him to death  
in the court of the LORD’s temple.  
Thus King Joash was unmindful of the devotion shown him  
by Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, and slew his son.  
And as he was dying, he said, “May the LORD see and avenge.”  
The word of the Lord.

2

*I am suffering it with joy in my soul because of my devotion to him.*

A reading from the second Book of Maccabees

6:18, 21, 24-31

**E**leazar, one of the foremost scribes,  
a man of advanced age and noble appearance,  
was being forced to open his mouth to eat pork.

Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

3:12-17

**B**rothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,  
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,  
if one has a grievance against another;  
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,  
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

### For Widows

The real widow, who is all alone, has set her hope on God.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

5:3-10

**B**eloved:

Honor widows who are truly widows.

But if a widow has children or grandchildren,  
let these first learn to perform their religious duty  
to their own family and to make recompense to their parents,  
for this is pleasing to God.

The real widow, who is all alone,  
has set her hope on God  
and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.

## 2. CONFERRAL OF INFANT BAPTISM

### READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

756

#### FIRST OPTION

Give us water to drink  
(Exodus 17:2).

A reading from the Book of Exodus

17:3-7

**I**n their thirst for water,  
the people grumbled against Moses,  
saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?  
Was it just to have us die here of thirst  
with our children and our livestock?”  
So Moses cried out to the LORD,  
“What shall I do with this people?  
A little more and they will stone me!”  
The LORD answered Moses,  
“Go over there in front of the people,  
along with some of the elders of Israel,  
holding in your hand, as you go,  
the staff with which you struck the river.  
I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb.  
Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it  
for the people to drink.”  
This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel.  
The place was called Massah and Meribah,  
because the children of Israel quarreled there  
and tested the LORD, saying,  
“Is the LORD in our midst or not?”  
The word of the Lord.

**777 RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**FIRST OPTION**

16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

**R.** (see 5a) You are my inheritance,  
O Lord.

**Keep me, O God, for in you I take  
refuge;**

**I say to the LORD, “My Lord are  
you.”**

**O LORD, my allotted portion and my  
cup,**

**you it is who hold fast my lot.**

**R.** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**I bless the LORD who counsels me;  
even in the night my heart exhorts  
me.**

**I set the LORD ever before me;  
with him at my right hand I shall  
not be disturbed.**

**R.** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**You will show me the path to life,  
fullness of joys in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand  
forever.**

**R.** You are my inheritance, O Lord.

**SECOND OPTION**

24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

**R.** (see 6) Lord, this is the people  
that longs to see your face.

**The LORD’s are the earth and its  
fullness;**

**the world and those who dwell in it.**

**For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

**R.** Lord, this is the people that longs  
to see your face.

**Who can ascend the mountain of the  
LORD?**

**or who may stand in his holy place?**

**He whose hands are sinless, whose  
heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.**

**R.** Lord, this is the people that longs  
to see your face.

**He shall receive a blessing from the  
LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.**

**Such is the race that seeks for him,  
that seeks the face of the God of  
Jacob.**

**R.** Lord, this is the people that longs  
to see your face.

863

## READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

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

Now there were devout Jews  
from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,  
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues  
of the mighty acts of God.”

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL

937

## FIRST OPTION

*Christ bore our diseases.*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 8:14-17

**J**esus entered the house of Peter,  
and saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever.  
Jesus touched her hand, the fever left her,  
and she rose and waited on him.

When it was evening, people brought Jesus many  
who were possessed by demons,  
and he drove out the spirits by a word and cured all the sick,  
to fulfill what had been said by Isaiah the prophet:

*He took away our infirmities  
and bore our diseases.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

## SECOND OPTION

*They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.*

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20

**J**esus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:  
"Go into the whole world  
and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.  
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;  
whoever does not believe will be condemned.  
These signs will accompany those who believe:  
in my name they will drive out demons,  
they will speak new languages.  
They will pick up serpents with their hands,  
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.  
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,  
was taken up into heaven  
and took his seat at the right hand of God.  
But they went forth and preached everywhere,  
while the Lord worked with them  
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

2:1a, 12-22

**T**he wicked said among themselves, thinking not aright:  
“Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;  
he sets himself against our doings,  
Reproaches us for transgressions of the law  
and charges us with violations of our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God  
and styles himself a child of the LORD.  
To us he is the censure of our thoughts;  
merely to see him is a hardship for us.  
Because his life is not like that of others,  
and different are his ways.  
He judges us debased;  
he holds aloof from our paths as from things impure.  
He calls blest the destiny of the just  
and boasts that God is his Father.  
Let us see whether his words be true;  
let us find out what will happen to him.  
For if the just one be the son of God, he will defend him  
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.  
With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test  
that we may have proof of his gentleness  
and try his patience.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death;  
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.”  
These were their thoughts, but they erred;  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
And they knew not the hidden counsels of God;  
neither did they count on a recompense of holiness  
nor discern the innocent souls’ reward.

The word of the Lord.



## II. THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

The following readings for the votive Mass of the Holy Name of Mary may also be used in the votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### FIRST READING

#### FIRST OPTION

God sent his Son, born of a woman.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

4:4-7

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

The word of the Lord.

OR

#### SECOND OPTION

He chose us in him before the foundation of the world.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

1:3-6, 11-12

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

The word of the Lord.

	Sunday			Weekday		
	A	B	C	I	II	I, II
1-2a, 15-17, 18b.....	122					
14-29 .....				418		
<b>JUDGES</b>						
2:11-19 .....				419		
6:11-24a .....				420		
9:6-15 .....				421		
11:29-39a .....				422		
13:2-7, 24-25a.....				195	195	
<b>RUTH</b>						
1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22.....				423		
2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 .....				424		
<b>1 SAMUEL</b>						
1:1-8 .....					305	
9-20 .....					306	
20-22, 24-28.....			17			
24-28 .....				198	198	
3:1-10, 19-20.....					307	
3b-10, 19 .....		65				
4:1-11 .....					308	
8:4-7, 10-22a.....					309	
9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a.....					310	
15:16-23 .....					311	
16:1-13 .....					312	
1b, 6-7, 10-13a.....	31					
17:32-33, 37, 40-51.....					313	
18:6-9; 19:1-7.....					314	
24:3-21 .....					315	
26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 .....			81			
<b>2 SAMUEL</b>						
1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 .....					316	
5:1-7, 10 .....					317	
1-3 .....			162			
6:12b-15, 17-19.....					318	
7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16.....		11		200	200	
4-17 .....					319	
18-19, 24, 29 .....					320	
11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 .....					321	
12:1-7a, 10-17.....					322	
7-10, 13 .....			93			
15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13a.....					323	
18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3					324	
24:2, 9-17 .....					325	
<b>1 KINGS</b>						
2:1-4, 10-12.....					326	
3:4-13 .....					328	
5, 7-12 .....	109					
8:1-7, 9-13.....					329	
22-23, 27-30.....					330	
41-43 .....			87			
10:1-10 .....					331	
11:4-13 .....					332	
29-32; 12:19 .....					333	
12:26-32; 13:33-34.....					334	
17:1-6 .....					359	
7-16 .....					360	
10-16 .....		155				
17-24 .....			90			

	Sunday			Weekday		
	A	B	C	I	II	I, II
18:20-39 .....						361
41-46 .....						362
19:4-8 .....		116				
9a, 11-16 .....						363
9a, 11-13a.....	115					
16b, 19-21 .....			99			
19-21 .....						364
21:1-16 .....						365
17-29 .....						366
<b>2 KINGS</b>						
2:1, 6-14 .....						367
4:8-11, 14-16a.....	97					
18b-21, 32-37.....					250	250
42-44 .....		110				
5:1-15a .....					237	237
14-17 .....			144			
11:1-4, 9-18, 20.....						369
17:5-8, 13-15a, 18.....						371
19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 ...						372
22:8-13; 23:1-3.....						373
24:8-17 .....						374
25:1-12 .....						375
<b>2 CHRONICLES</b>						
24:17-25 .....						370
36:14-16, 19-23.....		32				
<b>EZRA</b>						
1:1-6 .....						449
6:7-8, 12b, 14-20.....						450
9:5-9 .....						451
<b>NEHEMIAH</b>						
2:1-8 .....						457
8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 .....						458
2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 .....			69			
<b>TOBIT</b>						
1:3; 2:1a-8 .....						353
2:9-14 .....						354
3:1-11a, 16-17a.....						355
6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9a .....						356
11:5-17 .....						357
12:1, 5-15, 20 .....						358
<b>ESTHER</b>						
4:17, n; p-r; aa-bb; gg-hh (C:12, 14-16, 23-25).....						227
227						227
<b>1 MACCABEES</b>						
1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64...						497
2:15-29 .....						500
4:36-37, 52-59.....						501
6:1-13 .....						502
<b>2 MACCABEES</b>						
6:18-31 .....						498
7:1-2, 9-14.....			156			
1, 20-31 .....						499
<b>JOB</b>						
1:6-22 .....						455
3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23.....						456
7:1-4, 6-7.....		74				
9:1-12, 14-16.....						457