**November 3, 2014**

 **Monday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 485**

**a Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the philippians**

[**phil 2:1-4**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2%3A1)

Brothers and sisters:
If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any solace in love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any compassion and mercy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love,
united in heart, thinking one thing.
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,
each looking out not for his own interests,
but also everyone for those of others.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/131%3A1)

R. **In you, O 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, O 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, O Lord, I have found my peace.**
O Israel, hope in the LORD,
both now and forever.
R. **In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 14:12-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/14%3A12)

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine
at the home of one of the leading Pharisees.
He said to the host who invited him,
“When you hold a lunch or a dinner,
do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters
or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors,
in case they may invite you back and you have repayment.
Rather, when you hold a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.
For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

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**November 4, 2014**

**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Lectionary: 486**

**a Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the philippians**

[**phil 2:5-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/2%3A5)

Brothers and sisters:
Have among yourselves the same attitude
that is also yours in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and, found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/22%3A26)

R. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**
I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.
The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:
“May your hearts be ever merry!”
R. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**
All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the LORD;
All the families of the nations
shall bow down before him.
R. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**
For dominion is the LORD’s,
and he rules the nations.
To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth.
R. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**
To him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown.
R. **I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 14:15-24**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/14%3A15)

One of those at table with Jesus said to him,
“Blessed is the one who will dine in the Kingdom of God.”
He replied to him,
“A man gave a great dinner to which he invited many.
When the time for the dinner came,
he dispatched his servant to say to those invited,
‘Come, everything is now ready.’
But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves.
The first said to him,
‘I have purchased a field and must go to examine it;
I ask you, consider me excused.’
And another said, ‘I have purchased five yoke of oxen
and am on my way to evaluate them;
I ask you, consider me excused.’
And another said, ‘I have just married a woman,
and therefore I cannot come.’
The servant went and reported this to his master.
Then the master of the house in a rage commanded his servant,
‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town
and bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.’
The servant reported, ‘Sir, your orders have been carried out
and still there is room.’
The master then ordered the servant,
‘Go out to the highways and hedgerows
and make people come in that my home may be filled.
For, I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

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**November 6, 2014**

 **Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 488**

**a Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the philippians**

[**phil 3:3-8a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/3%3A3)

Brothers and sisters:
We are the circumcision,
we who worship through the Spirit of God,
who boast in Christ Jesus and do not put our confidence in flesh,
although I myself have grounds for confidence even in the flesh.
If anyone else thinks he can be confident in flesh, all the more can I. Circumcised on the eighth day,
of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of Hebrew parentage,
in observance of the law a Pharisee,
in zeal I persecuted the Church,
in righteousness based on the law I was blameless.
But whatever gains I had,
these I have come to consider a loss because of Christ.
More than that, I even consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/105%3A2)

R.  **Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**
Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.
Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
R. **Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**
Look to the LORD in his strength;
seek to serve him constantly.
Recall the wondrous deeds that he has wrought,
his portents, and the judgments he has uttered.
R. **Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**
You descendants of Abraham, his servants,
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God;
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.
R. **Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 15:1-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/15%3A1)

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus,
but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying,
“This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”
So Jesus addressed this parable to them.
“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them
would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert
and go after the lost one until he finds it?
And when he does find it,
he sets it on his shoulders with great joy
and, upon his arrival home,
he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them,
‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’
I tell you, in just the same way
there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents
than over ninety-nine righteous people
who have no need of repentance.

“Or what woman having ten coins and losing one
would not light a lamp and sweep the house,
searching carefully until she finds it?
And when she does find it,
she calls together her friends and neighbors
and says to them,
‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’
In just the same way, I tell you,
there will be rejoicing among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**November 7, 2014**

 **Friday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 489**

**a Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the philippians**

[**phil 3:17-4:1**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/3%3A17)

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters,
and observe those who thus conduct themselves
according to the model you have in us.
For many, as I have often told you
and now tell you even in tears,
conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.
Their end is destruction.
Their God is their stomach;
their glory is in their “shame.”
Their minds are occupied with earthly things.
But our citizenship is in heaven,
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
He will change our lowly body
to conform with his glorified Body
by the power that enables him also
to bring all things into subjection to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/122%3A1)

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**
According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David.
R. **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 16:1-8**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/16%3A1)

Jesus said to his disciples, “A rich man had a steward
who was reported to him for squandering his property.
He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you?
Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’ The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’ He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note.
Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.’ Then to another he said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’ And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation
than the children of light.”

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**November 10, 2014**

 **Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Lectionary: 491**

**a Reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus**

[**ti 1:1-9**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/titus/1%3A1)

Paul, a slave of God and Apostle of Jesus Christ
for the sake of the faith of God’s chosen ones
and the recognition of religious truth,
in the hope of eternal life
that God, who does not lie, promised before time began,
who indeed at the proper time revealed his word
in the proclamation with which I was entrusted
by the command of God our savior,
to Titus, my true child in our common faith:
grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our savior.
For this reason I left you in Crete
so that you might set right what remains to be done
and appoint presbyters in every town, as I directed you,
on condition that a man be blameless,
married only once, with believing children
who are not accused of licentiousness or rebellious.
For a bishop as God’s steward must be blameless, not arrogant,
not irritable, not a drunkard, not aggressive,
not greedy for sordid gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness,
temperate, just, holy, and self-controlled,
holding fast to the true message as taught
so that he will be able both to exhort with sound doctrine
and to refute opponents.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24%3A1)

R. **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.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 17:1-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/17%3A1)

Jesus said to his disciples,
“Things that cause sin will inevitably occur,
but woe to the one through whom they occur.
It would be better for him if a millstone were put around his neck
and he be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
And if he wrongs you seven times in one day
and returns to you seven times saying, ‘I am sorry,’
you should forgive him.”
And the Apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”
The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

 **November 11, 2014**

 **Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Lectionary: 492**

**a Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Titus**

[**ti 2:1-8, 11-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/titus/2%3A1)

Beloved:
You must say what is consistent with sound doctrine,
namely, that older men should be temperate, dignified,
self-controlled, sound in faith, love, and endurance.
Similarly, older women should be reverent in their behavior,
not slanderers, not addicted to drink,
teaching what is good, so that they may train younger women
to love their husbands and children,
to be self-controlled, chaste, good homemakers,
under the control of their husbands,
so that the word of God may not be discredited.
Urge the younger men, similarly, to control themselves,
showing yourself as a model of good deeds in every respect,
with integrity in your teaching, dignity, and sound speech
that cannot be criticized,
so that the opponent will be put to shame
without anything bad to say about us.
For the grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires
and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of the great God
and of our savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness
and to cleanse for himself a people as his own,
eager to do what is good.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/37%3A3)

R. **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 salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**
The LORD watches over the lives of the wholehearted;
their inheritance lasts forever.
By the LORD are the steps of a man made firm,
and he approves his way.
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**
Turn from evil and do good,
that you may abide forever;
The just shall possess the land
and dwell in it forever.
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 17:7-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/17%3A7)

Jesus said to the Apostles:
“Who among you would say to your servant
who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,
‘Come here immediately and take your place at table’?
Would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat.
Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.
You may eat and drink when I am finished’?
Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you.
When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

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**November 13, 2014**

 **Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Lectionary: 494**

**a Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the philemon**

[**phlm 7-20**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philemon/1%3A7)

Beloved:
I have experienced much joy and encouragement from your love,
because the hearts of the holy ones
have been refreshed by you, brother.
Therefore, although I have the full right in Christ
to order you to do what is proper,
I rather urge you out of love,
being as I am, Paul, an old man,
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus.
I urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,
whose father I have become in my imprisonment,
who was once useless to you but is now useful to both you and me.
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.
I should have liked to retain him for myself,
so that he might serve me on your behalf
in my imprisonment for the Gospel,
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,
so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,
that you might have him back forever,
no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother,
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,
as a man and in the Lord.
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.
And if he has done you any injustice
or owes you anything, charge it to me.
I, Paul, write this in my own hand: I will pay.
May I not tell you that you owe me your very self.
Yes, brother, may I profit from you in the Lord.
Refresh my heart in Christ.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/146%3A7)

R.  **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**
The LORD secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.
R. **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**
The LORD gives sight to the blind.
The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;
the LORD loves the just.
The LORD protects strangers.
R. **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**
The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.
R. **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 17:20-25**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/17%3A20)

Asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come,
Jesus said in reply,
“The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed,
and no one will announce, ‘Look, here it is,’ or, ‘There it is.’
For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.”

Then he said to his disciples,
“The days will come when you will long to see
one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.
There will be those who will say to you,
‘Look, there he is,’ or ‘Look, here he is.’
Do not go off, do not run in pursuit.
For just as lightning flashes
and lights up the sky from one side to the other,
so will the Son of Man be in his day.
But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation.”

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**November 14, 2014**

 **Friday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 495**

**a Reading from the second letter of john**

[**2 jn 4-9**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2john/1%3A4)

[Chosen Lady:]
I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth
just as we were commanded by the Father.
But now, Lady, I ask you,
not as though I were writing a new commandment
but the one we have had from the beginning:
let us love one another.
For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments;
this is the commandment, as you heard from the beginning,
in which you should walk.

Many deceivers have gone out into the world,
those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh;
such is the deceitful one and the antichrist.
Look to yourselves that you do not lose what we worked for
but may receive a full recompense.
Anyone who is so “progressive”
as not to remain in the teaching of the Christ does not have God;
whoever remains in the teaching has the Father and the Son.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119%3A1)

R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**
Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**
With all my heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commands.
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**
Within my heart I treasure your promise,
that I may not sin against you.
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**
Be good to your servant, that I may live
and keep your words.
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**
Open my eyes, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.
R. **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 17:26-37**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/17%3A26)

Jesus said to his disciples:
“As it was in the days of Noah,
so it will be in the days of the Son of Man;
they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage up to the day
that Noah entered the ark,
and the flood came and destroyed them all.
Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot:
they were eating, drinking, buying,
selling, planting, building;
on the day when Lot left Sodom,
fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them all.
So it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed.
On that day, someone who is on the housetop
and whose belongings are in the house
must not go down to get them,
and likewise one in the field
must not return to what was left behind.
Remember the wife of Lot.
Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it,
but whoever loses it will save it.
I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed;
one will be taken, the other left.
And there will be two women grinding meal together;
one will be taken, the other left.”
They said to him in reply, “Where, Lord?”
He said to them, “Where the body is,
there also the vultures will gather.”

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**November 17, 2014**

 **Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Lectionary: 497**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/1%3A1)

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him,
to show his servants what must happen soon.
He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
who gives witness to the word of God
and to the testimony of Jesus Christ by reporting what he saw.
Blessed is the one who reads aloud
and blessed are those who listen to this prophetic message
and heed what is written in it, for the appointed time is near.
John, to the seven churches in Asia: grace to you and peace
from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits before his throne.
I heard the Lord saying to me:
“To the angel of the Church in Ephesus, write this:
“‘The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand
and walks in the midst of the seven gold lampstands says this:
“I know your works, your labor, and your endurance,
and that you cannot tolerate the wicked;
you have tested those who call themselves Apostles but are not,
and discovered that they are impostors.
Moreover, you have endurance and have suffered for my name,
and you have not grown weary.
Yet I hold this against you:
you have lost the love you had at first.
Realize how far you have fallen.
Repent, and do the works you did at first.
Otherwise, I will come to you
and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”’”

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/1%3A1)

R. **Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.**
Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked
Nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
But delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.
R. **Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.**
He is like a tree
planted near running water,
That yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.
R. **Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.**
Not so the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.
R. **Those who are victorious I will feed from the tree of life.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 18:35-43**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/18%3A35)

As Jesus approached Jericho
a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging,
and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening.
They told him,
“Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”
He shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!”
The people walking in front rebuked him,
telling him to be silent,
but he kept calling out all the more,
“Son of David, have pity on me!”
Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him;
and when he came near, Jesus asked him,
“What do you want me to do for you?”
He replied, “Lord, please let me see.”
Jesus told him, “Have sight; your faith has saved you.”
He immediately received his sight
and followed him, giving glory to God.
When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

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**November 18, 2014**

 **Tuesday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 498**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 3:1-6, 14-22**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/3%3A1)

I, John, heard the Lord saying to me:
“To the angel of the Church in Sardis, write this:
 “‘The one who has the seven spirits of God
and the seven stars says this: “I know your works,
that you have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.
Be watchful and strengthen what is left, which is going to die,
for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.
Remember then how you accepted and heard; keep it, and repent. If you are not watchful, I will come like a thief,
and you will never know at what hour I will come upon you.
However, you have a few people in Sardis
who have not soiled their garments;
they will walk with me dressed in white,
because they are worthy.
“‘The victor will thus be dressed in white,
and I will never erase his name from the book of life
but will acknowledge his name in the presence of my Father
and of his angels.
 “‘Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”
 “To the angel of the Church in Laodicea, write this:
 “‘The Amen, the faithful and true witness,
the source of God’s creation, says this:
“I know your works;
I know that you are neither cold nor hot.
I wish you were either cold or hot.
So, because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold,
I will spit you out of my mouth.
For you say, ‘I am rich and affluent and have no need of anything,’ and yet do not realize that you are wretched,
pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.
I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich, and white garments to put on
so that your shameful nakedness may not be exposed,
and buy ointment to smear on your eyes so that you may see.
Those whom I love, I reprove and chastise.
Be earnest, therefore, and repent.
“‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
then I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.
I will give the victor the right to sit with me on my throne,
as I myself first won the victory
and sit with my Father on his throne.
“‘Whoever has ears ought to hear
what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/15%3A2)

R. **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**
He who walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.
R. **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**
Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
By whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.
R. **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**
Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things
shall never be disturbed.
R. **I will seat the victor beside me on my throne.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 19:1-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19%3A1)

At that time Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town.
Now a man there named Zacchaeus,
who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man,
was seeking to see who Jesus was;
but he could not see him because of the crowd,
for he was short in stature.
So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus,
who was about to pass that way.
When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said,
“Zacchaeus, come down quickly,
for today I must stay at your house.”
And he came down quickly and received him with joy.
When they saw this, they began to grumble, saying,
“He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.”
But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,
“Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor,
and if I have extorted anything from anyone
I shall repay it four times over.”
And Jesus said to him,
“Today salvation has come to this house
because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.
For the Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**November 20, 2014**

 **Thursday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 500**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 5:1-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/5%3A1)

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)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/149%3A1)

R. **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**
Sing to the LORD a new song
of praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in their maker,
let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.
R. **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**
Let them praise his name in the festive dance,
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
For the LORD loves his people,
and he adorns the lowly with victory.
R. **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God..**
Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy upon their couches;
Let the high praises of God be in their throats.
This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia.
R. **The Lamb has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 19:41-44**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19%3A41)

As Jesus drew near Jerusalem, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If this day you only knew what makes for peace–
but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you;
they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides.
They will smash you to the ground and your children within you,
and they will not leave one stone upon another within you
because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

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 **November 21, 2014**

 **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Lectionary: 501**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 10:8-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/10%3A8)

I, John, heard a voice from heaven speak to me.
Then the voice spoke to me and said:
“Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel
who is standing on the sea and on the land.”
So I went up to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll.
He said to me, “Take and swallow it.
It will turn your stomach sour,
but in your mouth it will taste as sweet as honey.”
I took the small scroll from the angel’s hand and swallowed it.
In my mouth it was like sweet honey,
but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.
Then someone said to me, “You must prophesy again
about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119%3A14)

R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**
In the way of your decrees I rejoice,
as much as in all riches.
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**
Yes, your decrees are my delight;
they are my counselors.
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**
The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**
How sweet to my palate are your promises,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**
Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
the joy of my heart they are.
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**
I gasp with open mouth
in my yearning for your commands.
R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 19:45-48**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/19%3A45)

Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out
those who were selling things, saying to them,
“It is written, *My house shall be a house of prayer,
but you have made it a den of thieves*.”
And every day he was teaching in the temple area.
The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people, meanwhile,
were seeking to put him to death,
but they could find no way to accomplish their purpose
because all the people were hanging on his words.

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**November 24, 2014**

 **Memorial of Saint Andrew Dŭng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Lectionary: 503**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 14:1-3, 4b-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/14%3A1)

I, John, looked and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion,
and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand
who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.
I heard a sound from heaven
like the sound of rushing water or a loud peal of thunder.
The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.
They were singing what seemed to be a new hymn before the throne,
before the four living creatures and the elders.
No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand
who had been ransomed from the earth.
These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.
They have been ransomed as the first fruits
of the human race for God and the Lamb.
On their lips no deceit has been found; they are unblemished.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 42:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/24%3A1)

R. **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.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 21:1-4**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/21%3A1)

When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people
putting their offerings into the treasury
and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins.
He said, “I tell you truly,
this poor widow put in more than all the rest;
for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**November 25, 2014**

 **Tuesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 504**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 14:14-19**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/14%3A14)

I, John, looked and there was a white cloud,
and sitting on the cloud one who looked like a son of man,
with a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.
Another angel came out of the temple,
crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud,
“Use your sickle and reap the harvest,
for the time to reap has come,
because the earth’s harvest is fully ripe.”
So the one who was sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth,
and the earth was harvested.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven
who also had a sharp sickle.
Then another angel came from the altar, who was in charge of the fire,
and cried out in a loud voice
to the one who had the sharp sickle,
“Use your sharp sickle and cut the clusters from the earth’s vines,
for its grapes are ripe.”
So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and cut the earth’s vintage.
He threw it into the great wine press of God’s fury.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 96:10, 11-12, 13**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/96%3A10)

R. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**
Say among the nations: The LORD is king.
He has made the world firm, not to be moved;
he governs the peoples with equity.
R. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.
R. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**
Before the LORD, for he comes;
for he comes to rule the earth.
He shall rule the world with justice
and the peoples with his constancy.
R. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 21:5-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/21%3A5)

While some people were speaking about
how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, “All that you see here–
the days will come when there will not be left
a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”
 Then they asked him, “Teacher, when will this happen?
And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?” He answered, “See that you not be deceived,
for many will come in my name, saying,
‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’
Do not follow them!
When you hear of wars and insurrections,
do not be terrified; for such things must happen first,
but it will not immediately be the end.”
Then he said to them,
“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.
There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues
from place to place;
and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**November 27, 2014 | Thursday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

 **Thursday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 506**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/18%3A1)

I, John, saw another angel coming down from heaven,
having great authority, and the earth became illumined by his splendor. He cried out in a mighty voice:
 “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great. She has become a haunt for demons. She is a cage for every unclean spirit,
a cage for every unclean bird, a cage for every unclean and disgusting beast.”
A mighty angel picked up a stone like a huge millstone
and threw it into the sea and said:
“With such force will Babylon the great city be thrown down,
and will never be found again.
No melodies of harpists and musicians,
flutists and trumpeters,
will ever be heard in you again.
No craftsmen in any trade
will ever be found in you again.
No sound of the millstone
will ever be heard in you again.
No light from a lamp
will ever be seen in you again.
No voices of bride and groom
will ever be heard in you again.
Because your merchants were the great ones of the world,
all nations were led astray by your magic potion.”
After this I heard what sounded like
the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying:

“Alleluia!
Salvation, glory, and might belong to our God,
for true and just are his judgments.
He has condemned the great harlot
who corrupted the earth with her harlotry.
He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”
They said a second time:
“Alleluia! Smoke will rise from her forever and ever.”
Then the angel said to me, “Write this:
Blessed are those who have been called
to the wedding feast of the Lamb.”

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/100%3A1)

R. **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful song.
R. **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**
Know that the LORD is God;
he made us, his we are;
his people, the flock he tends.

R. **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
R. **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**
For he is good:
the LORD, whose kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness, to all generations.
R. **Blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 21:20-28**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/21%3A20)

Jesus said to his disciples:
“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies,
know that its desolation is at hand.
Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains.
Let those within the city escape from it,
and let those in the countryside not enter the city,
for these days are the time of punishment
when all the Scriptures are fulfilled.
Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days,
for a terrible calamity will come upon the earth
and a wrathful judgment upon this people.
They will fall by the edge of the sword
and be taken as captives to all the Gentiles;
and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles
until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
People will die of fright
in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**November 28, 2014**

 **Friday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 507**

**a Reading from the book of revelation**

[**rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/20%3A1)

I, John, saw an angel come down from heaven,
holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain.
He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent,
which is the Devil or Satan,
and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss,
which he locked over it and sealed,
so that it could no longer lead the nations astray
until the thousand years are completed.
After this, it is to be released for a short time.

Then I saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment.
I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded
for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God,
and who had not worshiped the beast or its image
nor had accepted its mark on their foreheads or hands.
They came to life and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.
The earth and the sky fled from his presence
and there was no place for them.
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,
and scrolls were opened.
Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.
The dead were judged according to their deeds,
by what was written in the scrolls.
The sea gave up its dead;
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.
(This pool of fire is the second death.)
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life
was thrown into the pool of fire.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/84%3A3)

R.  **Here God lives among his people.**
My soul yearns and pines
for the courts of the LORD.
My heart and my flesh
cry out for the living God.
R. **Here God lives among his people.**
Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest
in which she puts her young–
Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my king and my God!
R. **Here God lives among his people.**
Blessed they who dwell in your house!
continually they praise you.
Blessed the men whose strength you are!
They go from strength to strength.
R. **Here God lives among his people.**

**a reading from the holy gospel according to luke**

[**lk 21:29-33**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/21%3A29)

Jesus told his disciples a parable.
“Consider the fig tree and all the other trees.
When their buds burst open,
you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near;
in the same way, when you see these things happening,
know that the Kingdom of God is near.
Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.”

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