**October 6, 2014**

 **Monday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 461**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the galatian’s**

[**gal 1:6-12**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/1%3A6)

Brothers and sisters:
I am amazed that you are so quickly forsaking
the one who called you by the grace of Christ
for a different gospel (not that there is another).
But there are some who are disturbing you
and wish to pervert the Gospel of Christ.
But even if we or an angel from heaven
should preach to you a gospel
other than the one that we preached to you,
let that one be accursed!
As we have said before, and now I say again,
if anyone preaches to you a gospel
other than the one that you received,
let that one be accursed!
Am I now currying favor with human beings or God?
Or am I seeking to please people?
If I were still trying to please people,
I would not be a slave of Christ.
Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters,
that the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin.
For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it,
but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/111%3A1)

R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**
I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart
in the company and assembly of the just.
Great are the works of the LORD,
exquisite in all their delights.
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**
The works of his hands are faithful and just;
sure are all his precepts,
Reliable forever and ever,
wrought in truth and equity.
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**
He has sent deliverance to his people;
he has ratified his covenant forever;
holy and awesome is his name.
His praise endures forever.
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

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

[**lk 10:25-37**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/10%3A25)

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said,
“Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law?
How do you read it?”
He said in reply,
“You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself.”
He replied to him, “You have answered correctly;
do this and you will live.”
But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus,
“And who is my neighbor?”
Jesus replied,
“A man fell victim to robbers
as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.
They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.
A priest happened to be going down that road,
but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
Likewise a Levite came to the place,
and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him
was moved with compassion at the sight.
He approached the victim,
poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.
Then he lifted him up on his own animal,
took him to an inn, and cared for him.
The next day he took out two silver coins
and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction,
‘Take care of him.
If you spend more than what I have given you,
I shall repay you on my way back.’
Which of these three, in your opinion,
was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?”
He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.”
Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

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**October 7, 2014**

 **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Lectionary: 462**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the galatian’s**

[**gal 1:13-24**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/1%3A13)

Brothers and sisters:
You heard of my former way of life in Judaism,
how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure
and tried to destroy it,
and progressed in Judaism
beyond many of my contemporaries among my race,
since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions.
But when he, who from my mother’s womb had set me apart
and called me through his grace,
was pleased to reveal his Son to me,
so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles,
I did not immediately consult flesh and blood,
nor did I go up to Jerusalem
to those who were Apostles before me;
rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus.
Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas
and remained with him for fifteen days.
But I did not see any other of the Apostles,
only James the brother of the Lord.
(As to what I am writing to you, behold,
before God, I am not lying.)
Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
And I was unknown personally to the churches of Judea
that are in Christ;
they only kept hearing that “the one who once was persecuting us
is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.”
So they glorified God because of me.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139%3A1)

R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**
O LORD, you have probed me and you know me;
you know when I sit and when I stand;
you understand my thoughts from afar.
My journeys and my rest you scrutinize,
with all my ways you are familiar.
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**
Truly you have formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother’s womb.
I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works.
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**
My soul also you knew full well;
nor was my frame unknown to you
When I was made in secret,
when I was fashioned in the depths of the earth.
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**

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

[**lk 10:38-42**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/10%3A38)

Jesus entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,
“Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”
The Lord said to her in reply,
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**October 9, 2014**

 **Thursday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 464**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the galatian’s**

[**gal 3:1-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/3%3A1)

O stupid Galatians!
Who has bewitched you,
before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?
I want to learn only this from you:
did you receive the Spirit from works of the law,
or from faith in what you heard?
Are you so stupid?
After beginning with the Spirit,
are you now ending with the flesh?
Did you experience so many things in vain?–
if indeed it was in vain.
Does, then, the one who supplies the Spirit to you
and works mighty deeds among you
do so from works of the law
or from faith in what you heard?

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/1%3A69)

R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**
Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.**
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
R. **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to his people.**

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

[**lk 11:5-13**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11%3A5)

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Suppose one of you has a friend
to whom he goes at midnight and says,
‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,
for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey
and I have nothing to offer him,’
and he says in reply from within,
‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked
and my children and I are already in bed.
I cannot get up to give you anything.’
I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves
because of their friendship,
he will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence.
“And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
What father among you would hand his son a snake
when he asks for a fish?
Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?
If you then, who are wicked,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit
to those who ask him?”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

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**October 10, 2014**

 **Friday of the Twenty-seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 465**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the galatian’s**

[**gal 3:7-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/3%3A7)

Brothers and sisters:
Realize that it is those who have faith
who are children of Abraham.
Scripture, which saw in advance that God
would justify the Gentiles by faith,
foretold the good news to Abraham, saying,
*Through you shall all the nations be blessed*.
Consequently, those who have faith are blessed
along with Abraham who had faith.
For all who depend on works of the law are under a curse;
for it is written, *Cursed be everyone
who does not persevere in doing all the things
written in the book of the law*.
And that no one is justified before God by the law is clear,
for *the one who is righteous by faith will live*.
But the law does not depend on faith;
rather, *the one who does these things will live by them*.
Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,
for it is written, *Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree*,
that the blessing of Abraham might be extended
to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus,
so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/111%3A1)

R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**
I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart
in the company and assembly of the just.
Great are the works of the LORD,
exquisite in all their delights.
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**
Majesty and glory are his work,
and his justice endures forever.
He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;
gracious and merciful is the LORD.
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**
He has given food to those who fear him;
he will forever be mindful of his covenant.
He has made known to his people the power of his works,
giving them the inheritance of the nations.
R. **The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

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

[**lk 11:15-26**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11%3A15)

When Jesus had driven out a demon, some of the crowd said:
“By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons,
he drives out demons.”
Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven.
But he knew their thoughts and said to them,
“Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste
and house will fall against house.
And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?
For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons.
If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul,
by whom do your own people drive them out?
Therefore they will be your judges.
But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons,
then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.
When a strong man fully armed guards his palace,
his possessions are safe.
But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him,
he takes away the armor on which he relied
and distributes the spoils.
Whoever is not with me is against me,
and whoever does not gather with me scatters.
“When an unclean spirit goes out of someone,
it roams through arid regions searching for rest
but, finding none, it says,
‘I shall return to my home from which I came.’
But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order.
Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits
more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there,
and the last condition of that man is worse than the first.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**October 13, 2014**

 **Monday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 467**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the galatian’s**

[**gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/4%3A22)

Brothers and sisters:
It is written that Abraham had two sons,
one by the slave woman and the other by the freeborn woman.
The son of the slave woman was born naturally,
the son of the freeborn through a promise.
Now this is an allegory.
These women represent two covenants.
One was from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery;
this is Hagar.
But the Jerusalem above is freeborn, and she is our mother.
For it is written:
*Rejoice, you barren one who bore no children;
break forth and shout, you who were not in labor;
for more numerous are the children of the deserted one
than of her who has a husband*.
Therefore, brothers and sisters,
we are children not of the slave woman
but of the freeborn woman.
For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm
and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/113%3A1)

R. **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**
Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.
R. **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**
From the rising to the setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD to be praised.
High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.
R. **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**
Who is like the LORD, our God,
who looks upon the heavens and the earth below?
He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor.
R. **Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.**

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

[**lk 11:29-32**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11%3A29)

While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them,
“This generation is an evil generation;
it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it,
except the sign of Jonah.
Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites,
so will the Son of Man be to this generation.
At the judgment
the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation
and she will condemn them,
because she came from the ends of the earth
to hear the wisdom of Solomon,
and there is something greater than Solomon here.
At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation
and condemn it,
because at the preaching of Jonah they repented,
and there is something greater than Jonah here.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**October 14, 2014**

 **Tuesday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 468**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the galatian’s**

[**gal 5:1-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/galatians/5%3A1)

Brothers and sisters:
For freedom Christ set us free;
so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.
It is I, Paul, who am telling you
that if you have yourselves circumcised,
Christ will be of no benefit to you.
Once again I declare to every man who has himself circumcised
that he is bound to observe the entire law.
You are separated from Christ,
you who are trying to be justified by law;
you have fallen from grace.
For through the Spirit, by faith, we await the hope of righteousness.
For in Christ Jesus,
neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything,
but only faith working through love.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119%3A41)

R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord**.
Let your mercy come to me, O LORD,
your salvation according to your promise.
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**
Take not the word of truth from my mouth,
for in your ordinances is my hope.
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**
And I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever.
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**
And I will walk at liberty,
because I seek your precepts.
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**
And I will delight in your commands,
which I love.
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**
And I will lift up my hands to your commands
and meditate on your statutes.
R. **Let your mercy come to me, O Lord.**

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

[**lk 11:37-41**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11%3A37)

After Jesus had spoken,
a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home.
He entered and reclined at table to eat.
The Pharisee was amazed to see
that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal.
The Lord said to him, “Oh you Pharisees!
Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish,
inside you are filled with plunder and evil.
You fools!
Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?
But as to what is within, give alms,
and behold, everything will be clean for you.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**October 16, 2014**

 **Thursday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 470**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 1:1-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/1%3A1)

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
to the holy ones who are in Ephesus
and faithful in Christ Jesus:
grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed 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 Christ we have redemption by his Blood,
the forgiveness of transgressions,
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.
In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us
the mystery of his will in accord with his favor
that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times,
to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/98%3A1)

R. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**
Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.
R. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**
The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.
R. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.
R. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**
Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.
R. **The Lord has made known his salvation.**

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

[**lk 11:47-54**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/11%3A47)

The Lord said:
“Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets
whom your fathers killed.
Consequently, you bear witness and give consent
to the deeds of your ancestors,
for they killed them and you do the building.
Therefore, the wisdom of God said,
‘I will send to them prophets and Apostles;
some of them they will kill and persecute’
in order that this generation might be charged
with the blood of all the prophets
shed since the foundation of the world,
from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah
who died between the altar and the temple building.
Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood!
Woe to you, scholars of the law!
You have taken away the key of knowledge.
You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter.”
When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees
began to act with hostility toward him
and to interrogate him about many things,
for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

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**October 17, 2014**

 **Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Lectionary: 471**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 1:11-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/1%3A11)

Brothers and sisters:
In Christ 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.
In him you also, who have heard the word of truth,
the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him,
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
which is the first installment of our inheritance
toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33%3A1)

R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**
Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten stringed lyre chant his praises.
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**
For upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
From heaven the LORD looks down;
he sees all mankind.
R. **Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

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

[**lk 12:1-7**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/12%3A1)

At that time:
So many people were crowding together
that they were trampling one another underfoot.
Jesus began to speak, first to his disciples,
“Beware of the leaven–that is, the hypocrisy–of the Pharisees.
“There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be known.
Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness
will be heard in the light,
and what you have whispered behind closed doors
will be proclaimed on the housetops.
I tell you, my friends,
do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but after that can do no more.
I shall show you whom to fear.
Be afraid of the one who after killing
has the power to cast into Gehenna;
yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one.
Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins?
Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God.
Even the hairs of your head have all been counted.
Do not be afraid.
You are worth more than many sparrows.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**October 20, 2014**

 **Monday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 473**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 2:1-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2%3A1)

Brothers and sisters:
You were dead in your transgressions and sins
in which you once lived following the age of this world,
following the ruler of the power of the air,
the spirit that is now at work in the disobedient.
All of us once lived among them in the desires of our flesh,
following the wishes of the flesh and the impulses,
and we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest.
But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
raised us up with him,
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,
that in the ages to come
he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;
it is not from works, so no one may boast.
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

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

R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**
Sing joyfully to the LORD all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful song.
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**
Know that the LORD is God;
he made us, his we are;
his people, the flock he tends.
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
his courts with praise.
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**
Give thanks to him; bless his name, for he is good:
the LORD, whose kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness, to all generations.
R. **The Lord made us, we belong to him.**

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

[**lk 12:13-21**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/12%3A13)

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,
“Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.”
He replied to him,
“Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?”
Then he said to the crowd,
“Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich,
one’s life does not consist of possessions.”
Then he told them a parable.
“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest.
He asked himself, ‘What shall I do,
for I do not have space to store my harvest?’
And he said, ‘This is what I shall do:
I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.
There I shall store all my grain and other goods
and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you,
you have so many good things stored up for many years,
rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’
But God said to him,
‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;
and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’
Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself
but is not rich in what matters to God.”

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**October 21, 2014**

 **Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 474**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 2:12-22**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2%3A12)

Brothers and sisters:
You were at that time without Christ,
alienated from the community of Israel
and strangers to the covenants of promise,
without hope and without God in the world.
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the Blood of Christ.
For he is our peace, he made both one
and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his Flesh,
abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims,
that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God,
in one Body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it.
He came and preached peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near,
for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.
So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones
and members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.
Through him the whole structure is held together
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;
in him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/85%3A9)

R.  **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**
I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD–for he proclaims peace.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.
R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**
Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.
R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**
The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and salvation, along the way of his steps.
R. **The Lord speaks of peace to his people.**

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

[**lk 12:35-38**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/12%3A35)

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.
Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.
Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.
And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.”

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 **Thursday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 476**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 3:14-21**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/3%3A14)

Brothers and sisters:
I kneel before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory
to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self,
and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine,
by the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33%3A1)

R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**
Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**
For upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**
But the plan of the LORD stands forever;
the design of his heart, through all generations.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**
But see, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

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

[**lk 12:49-53**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/12%3A49)

Jesus said to his disciples:
“I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!
There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!
Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division.
From now on a household of five will be divided,
three against two and two against three;
a father will be divided against his son
and a son against his father,
a mother against her daughter
and a daughter against her mother,
a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

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 **Friday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 477**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 4:1-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/4%3A1)

Brothers and sisters:
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit
through the bond of peace;
one Body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 24:1-2, 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 12:54-59**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/12%3A54)

Jesus said to the crowds,
“When you see a cloud rising in the west
you say immediately that it is going to rain–and so it does;
and when you notice that the wind is blowing from the south
you say that it is going to be hot–and so it is.
You hypocrites!
You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky;
why do you not know how to interpret the present time?
“Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?
If you are to go with your opponent before a magistrate,
make an effort to settle the matter on the way;
otherwise your opponent will turn you over to the judge,
and the judge hand you over to the constable,
and the constable throw you into prison.
I say to you, you will not be released
until you have paid the last penny.”

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 **Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 479**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 4:32-5:8**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/4%3A32)

Brothers and sisters:
Be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.
Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.
Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you,
as is fitting among holy ones,
no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place,
but instead, thanksgiving.
Be sure of this, that no immoral or impure or greedy person,
that is, an idolater,
has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.
Let no one deceive you with empty arguments,
for because of these things
the wrath of God is coming upon the disobedient.
So do not be associated with them.
For you were once darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Live as children of light.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

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

R. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**
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. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**
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. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**
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. **Behave like God as his very dear children.**

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

[**lk 13:10-17**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/13%3A10)

Jesus was teaching in a synagogue on the sabbath.
And a woman was there who for eighteen years
had been crippled by a spirit;
she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect.
When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said,
“Woman, you are set free of your infirmity.”
He laid his hands on her,
and she at once stood up straight and glorified God.
But the leader of the synagogue,
indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath,
said to the crowd in reply,
“There are six days when work should be done.
Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day.”
The Lord said to him in reply, “Hypocrites!
Does not each one of you on the sabbath
untie his ox or his ass from the manger
and lead it out for watering?
This daughter of Abraham,
whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now,
ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day
from this bondage?”
When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated;
and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by him.

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**October 28, 2014**

**Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Lectionary: 666**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 2:19-22**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/2%3A19)

Brothers and sisters:
You are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones
and members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone.
Through him the whole structure is held together
and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord;
in him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 19:2-3, 4-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/19%3A2)

R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**
The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day pours out the word to day,
and night to night imparts knowledge.
R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**
Not a word nor a discourse
whose voice is not heard;
Through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message.
R. **Their message goes out through all the earth.**

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

[**lk 6:12-16**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/6%3A12)

Jesus went up to the mountain to pray,
and he spent the night in prayer to God.
When day came, he called his disciples to himself,
and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles:
Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew,
James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew,
Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon who was called a Zealot,
and Judas the son of James,
and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

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**October 30, 2014**

 **Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 482**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the ephesian’s**

[**eph 6:10-20**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ephesians/6%3A10)

Brothers and sisters:
Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power.
Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm
against the tactics of the Devil.
For our struggle is not with flesh and blood
but with the principalities, with the powers,
with the world rulers of this present darkness,
with the evil spirits in the heavens.
Therefore, put on the armor of God,
that you may be able to resist on the evil day
and, having done everything, to hold your ground.
So stand fast with your loins girded in truth,
clothed with righteousness as a breastplate,
and your feet shod in readiness for the Gospel of peace.
In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield,
to quench all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.
And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God.
With all prayer and supplication,
pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.
To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication
for all the holy ones and also for me,
that speech may be given me to open my mouth,
to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel
for which I am an ambassador in chains,
so that I may have the courage to speak as I must.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/144%3A1)

R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**
Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war.
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**
My mercy and my fortress,
my stronghold, my deliverer,
My shield, in whom I trust,
who subdues my people under me.
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**
O God, I will sing a new song to you;
with a ten stringed lyre I will chant your praise,
You who give victory to kings,
and deliver David, your servant from the evil sword.
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

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

[**lk 13:31-35**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/13%3A31)

Some Pharisees came to Jesus and said,
“Go away, leave this area because Herod wants to kill you.”
He replied, “Go and tell that fox,
‘Behold, I cast out demons and I perform healings today and tomorrow,
and on the third day I accomplish my purpose.
Yet I must continue on my way today, tomorrow, and the following day, for it is impossible that a prophet should die
outside of Jerusalem.’ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you,
how many times I yearned to gather your children together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
but you were unwilling! Behold, your house will be abandoned.
But I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,
*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*.”

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 **October 31, 2014**

 **Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time
Lectionary: 483**

**a Reading from the letter of st. paul to the phillipian’s**

[**phil 1:1-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/philippians/1%3A1)

Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus,
to all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,
with the bishops and deacons:
grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you,
praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you,
because of your partnership for the Gospel
from the first day until now. I am confident of this,
that the one who began a good work in you
will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.
It is right that I should think this way about all of you,
because I hold you in my heart,
you who are all partners with me in grace,
both in my imprisonment
and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel.
For God is my witness,
how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness
that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/111%3A1)

R. **How great are the works of the Lord!**
I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart
in the company and assembly of the just.
Great are the works of the LORD,
exquisite in all their delights.
R. **How great are the works of the Lord!**
Majesty and glory are his work,
and his justice endures forever.
He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;
gracious and merciful is the LORD.
R. **How great are the works of the Lord!**
He has given food to those who fear him;
he will forever be mindful of his covenant.
He has made known to his people the power of his works,
giving them the inheritance of the nations.
R. **How great are the works of the Lord!**

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

[**lk 14:1-6**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/14%3A1)

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine
at the home of one of the leading Pharisees,
and the people there were observing him carefully.
In front of him there was a man suffering from dropsy.
Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and Pharisees in reply, asking, “Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath or not?”
But they kept silent; so he took the man and,
after he had healed him, dismissed him.
Then he said to them “Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the sabbath day?” But they were unable to answer his question.

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