**August 18, 2014**

**Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 419**

**a Reading from the book of the prophet ezekiel**

[**ez 24:15-23**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/24:15)

The word of the LORD came to me:   
Son of man, by a sudden blow  
I am taking away from you the delight of your eyes,  
but do not mourn or weep or shed any tears.  
Groan in silence, make no lament for the dead,  
bind on your turban, put your sandals on your feet,  
do not cover your beard, and do not eat the customary bread.  
That evening my wife died,  
and the next morning I did as I had been commanded.  
Then the people asked me, “Will you not tell us what all these things that you are doing mean for us?”  
I therefore spoke to the people that morning, saying to them:  
Thus the word of the LORD came to me: Say to the house of Israel: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will now desecrate my sanctuary, the stronghold of your pride, the delight of your eyes, the desire of your soul. The sons and daughters you left behind shall fall by the sword. Ezekiel shall be a sign for you:  
all that he did you shall do when it happens.  
Thus you shall know that I am the LORD.  
You shall do as I have done,  
not covering your beards nor eating the customary bread.  
Your turbans shall remain on your heads, your sandals on your feet. You shall not mourn or weep,  
but you shall rot away because of your sins and groan one to another.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**dt 32:18-19, 20-21**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/32:18)

R. **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you.  
You forgot the God who gave you birth.  
When the LORD saw this, he was filled with loathing  
and anger toward his sons and daughters.  
R. **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
“I will hide my face from them,” he said,  
“and see what will then become of them.  
What a fickle race they are,  
sons with no loyalty in them!”  
R. **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**  
“Since they have provoked me with their ‘no-god’  
and angered me with their vain idols,  
I will provoke them with a ‘no-people’;  
with a foolish nation I will anger them.”  
R. **You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO matthew**

[**mt 19:16-22**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/19:16)

A young man approached Jesus and said,  
“Teacher, what good must I do to gain eternal life?”  
He answered him, “Why do you ask me about the good?  
There is only One who is good.  
If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.”  
He asked him, “Which ones?”  
And Jesus replied, “*You shall not kill;  
you shall not commit adultery;  
you shall not steal;  
you shall not bear false witness;  
honor your father and your mother;  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself*.”  
The young man said to him,  
“All of these I have observed. What do I still lack?”  
Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go,  
sell what you have and give to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven.  
Then come, follow me.”  
When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad,  
for he had many possessions.

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**August 19, 2014**

**Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 420**

**a Reading from the book of the prophet ezekiel**

[**ez 28:1-10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/28:1)

The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man,  
say to the prince of Tyre:   
Thus says the Lord GOD:  
  
Because you are haughty of heart,  
you say, “A god am I!  
I occupy a godly throne  
in the heart of the sea!”—  
And yet you are a man, and not a god,  
however you may think yourself like a god.  
Oh yes, you are wiser than Daniel,  
there is no secret that is beyond you.  
By your wisdom and your intelligence  
you have made riches for yourself;  
You have put gold and silver  
into your treasuries.  
By your great wisdom applied to your trading  
you have heaped up your riches;  
your heart has grown haughty from your riches–  
therefore thus says the Lord GOD:  
Because you have thought yourself  
to have the mind of a god,  
Therefore I will bring against you  
foreigners, the most barbarous of nations.  
They shall draw their swords  
against your beauteous wisdom,  
they shall run them through your splendid apparel.  
They shall thrust you down to the pit, there to die  
a bloodied corpse, in the heart of the sea.  
Will you then say, “I am a god!”  
when you face your murderers?  
No, you are man, not a god,  
handed over to those who will slay you.  
You shall die the death of the uncircumcised  
at the hands of foreigners,  
for I have spoken, says the Lord GOD.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm**

[**dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/deuteronomy/32:26)

R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
“I would have said, ‘I will make an end of them  
and blot out their name from men’s memories,’  
Had I not feared the insolence of their enemies,  
feared that these foes would mistakenly boast.”  
R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
“‘Our own hand won the victory;  
the LORD had nothing to do with it.’”  
For they are a people devoid of reason,  
having no understanding.  
R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
“How could one man rout a thousand,  
or two men put ten thousand to flight,  
Unless it was because their Rock sold them  
and the LORD delivered them up?”  
R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**  
Close at hand is the day of their disaster,  
and their doom is rushing upon them!  
Surely, the LORD shall do justice for his people;  
on his servants he shall have pity.  
R. **It is I who deal death and give life.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO matthew**

[**mt 19:23-30**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/19:23)

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich  
to enter the Kingdom of heaven.  
Again I say to you,  
it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle  
than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God.”  
When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and said,  
“Who then can be saved?”  
Jesus looked at them and said,  
“For men this is impossible,  
but for God all things are possible.”  
Then Peter said to him in reply,  
“We have given up everything and followed you.  
What will there be for us?”  
Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you  
that you who have followed me, in the new age,  
when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory,  
will yourselves sit on twelve thrones,  
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.  
And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters  
or father or mother or children or lands  
for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more,  
and will inherit eternal life.  
But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**August 21, 2014**

**Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope  
Lectionary: 422**

**a Reading from the book of the prophet ezekiel**

[**ez 36:23-28**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/36:23)

Thus says the LORD:  
I will prove the holiness of my great name,   
profaned among the nations,   
in whose midst you have profaned it.  
Thus the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD,  
when in their sight I prove my holiness through you.  
For I will take you away from among the nations,  
gather you from all the foreign lands,  
and bring you back to your own land.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you  
to cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.  
I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you,  
taking from your bodies your stony hearts  
and giving you natural hearts.  
I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes,  
careful to observe my decrees.  
You shall live in the land I gave your ancestors;  
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/51:12)

R.  **I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**  
A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.  
R. **I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**  
Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners shall return to you.  
R. **I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**  
For you are not pleased with sacrifices;  
should I offer a burnt offering, you would not accept it.  
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;  
a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.  
R. **I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO matthew**

[**mt 22:1-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/22:1)

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people in parables saying, “The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.  
He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed,  
and everything is ready; come to the feast.”’  
Some ignored the invitation and went away,  
one to his farm, another to his business.  
The rest laid hold of his servants,  
mistreated them, and killed them.  
The king was enraged and sent his troops,  
destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.  
Then the king said to his servants, ‘The feast is ready,  
but those who were invited were not worthy to come.  
Go out, therefore, into the main roads  
and invite to the feast whomever you find.’  
The servants went out into the streets  
and gathered all they found, bad and good alike,  
and the hall was filled with guests.  
But when the king came in to meet the guests  
he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.  
He said to him, ‘My friend, how is it  
that you came in here without a wedding garment?’  
But he was reduced to silence.  
Then the king said to his attendants, ‘Bind his hands and feet,  
and cast him into the darkness outside,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’  
Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**August 22, 2014**

**Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Lectionary: 423**

**a Reading from the book of the prophet ezekiel**

[**ez 37:1-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ezekiel/37:1)

The hand of the LORD came upon me,  
and led me out in the Spirit of the LORD  
and set me in the center of the plain,  
which was now filled with bones.  
He made me walk among the bones in every direction  
so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain.  
How dry they were!  
He asked me:  
Son of man, can these bones come to life?  
I answered, “Lord GOD, you alone know that.”  
Then he said to me:  
Prophesy over these bones, and say to them:  
Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!  
Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:  
See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.  
I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you,  
cover you with skin, and put spirit in you  
so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.  
I prophesied as I had been told,  
and even as I was prophesying I heard a noise;  
it was a rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone.  
I saw the sinews and the flesh come upon them,  
and the skin cover them, but there was no spirit in them.  
Then the LORD said to me:  
Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man,  
and say to the spirit: Thus says the Lord GOD:  
From the four winds come, O spirit,  
and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.  
I prophesied as he told me, and the spirit came into them;  
they came alive and stood upright, a vast army.  
Then he said to me:  
Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.  
They have been saying,  
“Our bones are dried up,  
our hope is lost, and we are cut off.”  
Therefore, prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD:  
O my people, I will open your graves  
and have you rise from them,  
and bring you back to the land of Israel.  
Then you shall know that I am the LORD,  
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,  
O my people!  
I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the LORD.  
I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/107:2)

R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
Let the redeemed of the LORD say,  
those whom he has redeemed from the hand of the foe  
And gathered from the lands,  
from the east and the west, from the north and the south.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
They went astray in the desert wilderness;   
the way to an inhabited city they did not find.  
Hungry and thirsty,  
their life was wasting away within them.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
They cried to the LORD in their distress;  
from their straits he rescued them.  
And he led them by a direct way  
to reach an inhabited city.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**  
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy  
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men,  
Because he satisfied the longing soul  
and filled the hungry soul with good things.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

[**mt 22:34-40**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/22:34)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees,  
they gathered together, and one of them,  
a scholar of the law, tested him by asking,  
“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”  
He said to him,  
“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.  
This is the greatest and the first commandment.  
The second is like it:  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**August 25, 2014**

**Monday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 425**

**a Reading from the second letter of paul to the thessalonians**

[**2 thes 1:1-5, 11-12**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2thessalonians/1:1)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the Church of the Thessalonians  
in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
We ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters,  
as is fitting, because your faith flourishes ever more,  
and the love of every one of you for one another grows ever greater.  
Accordingly, we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God  
regarding your endurance and faith in all your persecutions  
and the afflictions you endure.  
  
This is evidence of the just judgment of God,  
so that you may be considered worthy of the Kingdom of God  
for which you are suffering.  
  
We always pray for you,  
that our God may make you worthy of his calling  
and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose  
and every effort of faith,  
that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you,  
and you in him,  
in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/96:1)

R. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all you lands.  
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.  
R. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
Announce his salvation, day after day.  
Tell his glory among the nations;  
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.  
R. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**  
For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
awesome is he, beyond all gods.  
For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,  
but the LORD made the heavens.  
R. **Proclaim God’s marvelous deeds to all the nations.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

[**mt 23:13-22**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/23:13)

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples:  
“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.  
You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men.  
You do not enter yourselves,  
nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter.  
  
“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.  
You traverse sea and land to make one convert,  
and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna  
twice as much as yourselves.  
  
“Woe to you, blind guides, who say,  
‘If one swears by the temple, it means nothing,  
but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.’  
Blind fools, which is greater, the gold,  
or the temple that made the gold sacred?  
And you say, ‘If one swears by the altar, it means nothing,  
but if one swears by the gift on the altar, one is obligated.’  
You blind ones, which is greater, the gift,  
or the altar that makes the gift sacred?  
One who swears by the altar swears by it and all that is upon it;  
one who swears by the temple swears by it  
and by him who dwells in it;  
one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God  
and by him who is seated on it.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**August 26, 2014**

**Tuesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 426**

**a Reading from the second letter of paul to the thessalonians**

[**2 thes 2:1-3a, 14-17**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/2thessalonians/2:1)

We ask you, brothers and sisters,  
with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and our assembling with him,  
not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly,  
or to be alarmed either by a “spirit,” or by an oral statement,  
or by a letter allegedly from us  
to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.  
Let no one deceive you in any way.  
  
To this end he has also called you through our Gospel  
to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, brothers and sisters, stand firm  
and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught,  
either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours.  
  
May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,  
who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement  
and good hope through his grace,  
encourage your hearts and strengthen them  
in every good deed and word.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

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

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 MATTHEW**

[**mt 23:23-26**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/23:23)

Jesus said:  
“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.  
You pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin,  
and have neglected the weightier things of the law:  
judgment and mercy and fidelity.  
But these you should have done, without neglecting the others.  
Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!  
  
“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.  
You cleanse the outside of cup and dish,  
but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence.  
Blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup,  
so that the outside also may be clean.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**August 28, 2014**

**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Lectionary: 428**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 1:1-9**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:1)

Paul, called to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Sosthenes our brother,  
to the Church of God that is in Corinth,  
to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy,  
with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
  
I give thanks to my God always on your account  
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,  
that in him you were enriched in every way,  
with all discourse and all knowledge,  
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,  
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift  
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will keep you firm to the end,  
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful,  
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:2)

R. **I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.  
R. **I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**  
Generation after generation praises your works  
and proclaims your might.  
They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty  
and tell of your wondrous works.  
R. **I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**  
They discourse of the power of your terrible deeds  
and declare your greatness.  
They publish the fame of your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your justice.  
R. **I will praise your name for ever, Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

[**mt 24:42-51**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/24:42)

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“Stay awake!  
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.  
Be sure of this:   
if the master of the house  
had known the hour of night when the thief was coming,  
he would have stayed awake  
and not let his house be broken into.  
So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.  
  
“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent servant,  
whom the master has put in charge of his household  
to distribute to them their food at the proper time?  
Blessed is that servant whom his master on his arrival finds doing so.  
Amen, I say to you, he will put him in charge of all his property.  
But if that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is long delayed,’  
and begins to beat his fellow servants,  
and eat and drink with drunkards,  
the servant’s master will come on an unexpected day  
and at an unknown hour and will punish him severely  
and assign him a place with the hypocrites,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**August 29, 2014**

**Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
Lectionary: 429/634**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 1:17-25**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/1:17)

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel,  
and not with the wisdom of human eloquence,  
so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.  
  
The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
For it is written:  
 *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the learning of the learned I will set aside.*  
 Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe?  
Where is the debater of this age?  
Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?  
For since in the wisdom of God  
the world did not come to know God through wisdom,  
it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation  
to save those who have faith.  
For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,  
but we proclaim Christ crucified,  
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,  
and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/33:1)

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.**  
The LORD brings to nought the plans of nations;  
he foils the designs of peoples.  
But the plan of the LORD stands forever;  
the design of his heart, through all generations.  
R. **The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK**

[**mk 6:17-29**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/mark/6:17)

Herod was the one who had John the Baptist arrested and bound in prison  
on account of Herodias,   
the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married.  
John had said to Herod,  
“It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”  
Herodias harbored a grudge against him  
and wanted to kill him but was unable to do so.  
Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man,  
and kept him in custody.  
When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed,  
yet he liked to listen to him.  
She had an opportunity one day when Herod, on his birthday,  
gave a banquet for his courtiers,  
his military officers, and the leading men of Galilee.  
Herodias’ own daughter came in  
and performed a dance that delighted Herod and his guests.  
The king said to the girl,  
“Ask of me whatever you wish and I will grant it to you.”  
He even swore many things to her,  
“I will grant you whatever you ask of me,  
even to half of my kingdom.”  
She went out and said to her mother,  
“What shall I ask for?”  
She replied, “The head of John the Baptist.”  
The girl hurried back to the king’s presence and made her request,  
“I want you to give me at once  
on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”  
The king was deeply distressed,  
but because of his oaths and the guests  
he did not wish to break his word to her.  
So he promptly dispatched an executioner with orders  
to bring back his head.  
He went off and beheaded him in the prison.  
He brought in the head on a platter and gave it to the girl.  
The girl in turn gave it to her mother.  
When his disciples heard about it,  
they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 1, 2014**

**Monday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 431**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 2:1-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/2:1)

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,  
proclaiming the mystery of God,  
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.  
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you  
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.  
I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,  
and my message and my proclamation  
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,  
but with a demonstration of spirit and power,  
so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom  
but on the power of God.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:97)

R. **Lord, I love your commands.**  
How I love your law, O LORD!  
It is my meditation all the day.  
R. Lord, I love your commands.  
Your command has made me wiser than my enemies,  
for it is ever with me.  
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**  
I have more understanding than all my teachers  
when your decrees are my meditation.  
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**  
I have more discernment than the elders,  
because I observe your precepts.  
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**  
From every evil way I withhold my feet,  
that I may keep your words.  
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**  
From your ordinances I turn not away,  
for you have instructed me.  
R. **Lord, I love your commands.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 4:16-30**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/4:16)

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,  
and went according to his custom  
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.  
He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.  
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:  
  
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*  
  
Rolling up the scroll,  
he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,  
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.  
He said to them,  
“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”  
And all spoke highly of him  
and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.  
They also asked, “Is this not the son of Joseph?”  
He said to them, “Surely you will quote me this proverb,  
‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place  
the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’”  
And he said,  
“Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.  
Indeed, I tell you,  
there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah  
when the sky was closed for three and a half years  
and a severe famine spread over the entire land.  
It was to none of these that Elijah was sent,  
but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon.  
Again, there were many lepers in Israel  
during the time of Elisha the prophet;  
yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”  
When the people in the synagogue heard this,  
they were all filled with fury.  
They rose up, drove him out of the town,  
and led him to the brow of the hill  
on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.  
But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 2, 2014**

**Tuesday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 432**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 2:10b-16**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/2:10)

Brothers and sisters:  
The Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.  
Among men, who knows what pertains to the man  
except his spirit that is within?  
Similarly, no one knows what pertains to God except the Spirit of God.  
We have not received the spirit of the world  
but the Spirit who is from God,  
so that we may understand the things freely given us by God.  
And we speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom,  
but with words taught by the Spirit,  
describing spiritual realities in spiritual terms.  
  
Now the natural man does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God,  
for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it,  
because it is judged spiritually.  
The one who is spiritual, however, can judge everything  
but is not subject to judgment by anyone.  
  
For “who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to counsel him?”  
But we have the mind of Christ.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/145:8)

R. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom  
and speak of your might.  
R. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
Making known to men your might  
and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.  
Your Kingdom is a Kingdom for all ages,  
and your dominion endures through all generations.  
R. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**  
The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
R. **The Lord is just in all his ways.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 4:31-37**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/4:31)

Jesus went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee.  
He taught them on the sabbath,  
and they were astonished at his teaching  
because he spoke with authority.  
In the synagogue there was a man with the spirit of an unclean demon,   
and he cried out in a loud voice,  
“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?  
Have you come to destroy us?  
I know who you are–the Holy One of God!”  
Jesus rebuked him and said, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”  
Then the demon threw the man down in front of them  
and came out of him without doing him any harm.  
They were all amazed and said to one another,  
“What is there about his word?  
For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits,  
and they come out.”  
And news of him spread everywhere in the surrounding region.

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 4, 2014**

**Thursday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 434**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 3:18-23**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/3:18)

Brothers and sisters:  
Let no one deceive himself.  
If anyone among you considers himself wise in this age,  
let him become a fool, so as to become wise.  
For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God,  
for it is written:  
  
*God catches the wise in their own ruses*,  
  
and again:  
  
*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain*.  
  
So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you,  
Paul or Apollos or Cephas,  
or the world or life or death,  
or the present or the future:  
all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

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

R. **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**  
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. **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**  
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. **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**  
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. **To the Lord belongs the earth and all that fills it.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 5:1-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/5:1)

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God,  
he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret.  
He saw two boats there alongside the lake;  
the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.  
Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon,  
he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore.  
Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.  
After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,  
“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”  
Simon said in reply,  
“Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing,  
but at your command I will lower the nets.”  
When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish  
and their nets were tearing.  
They signaled to their partners in the other boat  
to come to help them.   
They came and filled both boats  
so that the boats were in danger of sinking.  
When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said,  
“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”  
For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him  
and all those with him,  
and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee,  
who were partners of Simon.  
Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid;  
from now on you will be catching men.”  
When they brought their boats to the shore,  
they left everything and followed him.

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 5, 2014**

**Friday of the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 435**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 4:1-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/4:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ  
and stewards of the mysteries of God.   
Now it is of course required of stewards  
that they be found trustworthy.  
It does not concern me in the least  
that I be judged by you or any human tribunal;  
I do not even pass judgment on myself;  
I am not conscious of anything against me,  
but I do not thereby stand acquitted;  
the one who judges me is the Lord.  
Therefore, do not make any judgment before the appointed time,  
until the Lord comes,  
for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness  
and will manifest the motives of our hearts,  
and then everyone will receive praise from God.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/37:3)

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.**  
Commit to the LORD your way;  
trust in him, and he will act.  
He will make justice dawn for you like the light;  
bright as the noonday shall be your vindication.  
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
Turn from evil and do good,  
that you may abide forever;  
For the LORD loves what is right,  
and forsakes not his faithful ones.  
Criminals are destroyed   
and the posterity of the wicked is cut off.  
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**  
The salvation of the just is from the LORD;  
he is their refuge in time of distress.  
And the LORD helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.  
R. **The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 5:33-39**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/5:33)

The scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus,  
“The disciples of John the Baptist fast often and offer prayers,  
and the disciples of the Pharisees do the same;  
but yours eat and drink.”  
Jesus answered them, “Can you make the wedding guests fast  
while the bridegroom is with them?  
But the days will come, and when the bridegroom is taken away from them,  
then they will fast in those days.”  
And he also told them a parable.  
“No one tears a piece from a new cloak to patch an old one.  
Otherwise, he will tear the new  
and the piece from it will not match the old cloak.  
Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins.  
Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins,  
and it will be spilled, and the skins will be ruined.  
Rather, new wine must be poured into fresh wineskins.  
And no one who has been drinking old wine desires new,  
for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 8, 2014**

**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Lectionary: 636**

**a Reading from the book of the prophet micah**

[**mi 5:1-4a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/micah/5:1)

The LORD says:  
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah,  
too small to be among the clans of Judah,  
From you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;  
Whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient times.  
(Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time  
when she who is to give birth has borne,  
And the rest of his brethren shall return  
to the children of Israel.)  
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock  
by the strength of the LORD,  
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;  
And they shall remain, for now his greatness  
shall reach to the ends of the earth;  
he shall be peace.  
**(The Word of the Lord)**

**or** [**rom 8:28-30**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/romans/8:28)

Brothers and sisters:  
We know that all things work for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to his purpose.   
For those he foreknew he also predestined  
to be conformed to the image of his Son,  
so that he might be the firstborn  
among many brothers.  
And those he predestined he also called;  
and those he called he also justified;  
and those he justified he also glorified.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 13:6ab, 6c**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/13:6)

R. **With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**  
Though I trusted in your mercy,  
let my heart rejoice in your salvation.  
R. **With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**  
Let me sing of the LORD, “He has been good to me.”  
R. **With delight I rejoice in the Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

[**mt 1:1-16, 18-23**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/1:1)

The Book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ,  
the son of David, the son of Abraham.  
  
Abraham became the father of Isaac,  
Isaac the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.  
Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah,  
whose mother was Tamar.  
Perez became the father of Hezron,  
Hezron the father of Ram,  
Ram the father of Amminadab.  
Amminadab became the father of Nahshon,  
Nahshon the father of Salmon,  
Salmon the father of Boaz,  
whose mother was Rahab.  
Boaz became the father of Obed,  
whose mother was Ruth.  
Obed became the father of Jesse,  
Jesse the father of David the king.  
  
David became the father of Solomon,  
whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.  
Solomon became the father of Rehoboam,  
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,  
Abijah the father of Asaph.  
Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat,  
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,  
Joram the father of Uzziah.  
Uzziah became the father of Jotham,  
Jotham the father of Ahaz,  
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.  
Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh,  
Manasseh the father of Amos,  
Amos the father of Josiah.  
Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers  
at the time of the Babylonian exile.  
  
After the Babylonian exile,  
Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel,  
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,  
Zerubbabel the father of Abiud.  
Abiud became the father of Eliakim,  
Eliakim the father of Azor,  
Azor the father of Zadok.  
Zadok became the father of Achim,  
Achim the father of Eliud,  
Eliud the father of Eleazar.  
Eleazar became the father of Matthan,  
Matthan the father of Jacob,  
Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.  
Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ.  
  
Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.   
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,  
but before they lived together,  
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.  
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,  
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,  
decided to divorce her quietly.  
Such was his intention when, behold,  
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,  
“Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.  
For it is through the Holy Spirit  
that this child has been conceived in her.  
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins.”  
All this took place to fulfill  
what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
  
*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanue*l,  
  
which means “God is with us.”   
**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**or** [**mt 1:18-23**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/1:18)

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.  
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,  
but before they lived together,  
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.  
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,  
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,  
decided to divorce her quietly.  
Such was his intention when, behold,  
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,  
“Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.  
For it is through the Holy Spirit  
that this child has been conceived in her.  
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins.”  
All this took place to fulfill  
what the Lord had said through the prophet:  
  
*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel*,  
  
which means “God is with us.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 9, 2014**

**Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest  
Lectionary: 438**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 6:1-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/6:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
How can any one of you with a case against another  
dare to bring it to the unjust for judgment  
instead of to the holy ones?  
Do you not know that the holy ones will judge the world?  
If the world is to be judged by you,  
are you unqualified for the lowest law courts?  
Do you not know that we will judge angels?  
Then why not everyday matters?  
If, therefore, you have courts for everyday matters,  
do you seat as judges people of no standing in the Church?  
I say this to shame you.  
Can it be that there is not one among you wise enough  
to be able to settle a case between brothers?  
But rather brother goes to court against brother,  
and that before unbelievers?  
  
Now indeed then it is, in any case,  
a failure on your part that you have lawsuits against one another.  
Why not rather put up with injustice?  
Why not rather let yourselves be cheated?  
Instead, you inflict injustice and cheat, and this to brothers.  
Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the Kingdom of God?  
Do not be deceived;  
neither fornicators nor idolaters nor adulterers  
nor boy prostitutes nor sodomites nor thieves  
nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor robbers  
will inherit the Kingdom of God.  
That is what some of you used to be;  
but now you have had yourselves washed, you were sanctified,  
you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and in the Spirit of our God.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

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

R. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**  
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 Lord takes delight in his people.**  
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 Lord takes delight in his people.**  
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 Lord takes delight in his people.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 6:12-19**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/6:12)

Jesus departed 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.  
  
And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground.  
A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people   
from all Judea and Jerusalem  
and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon  
came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;  
and even those who were tormented by unclean spirits were cured.  
Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him  
because power came forth from him and healed them all.

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 11, 2014**

**Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 440**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 8:1b-7, 11-13**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/8:1)

Brothers and sisters:  
Knowledge inflates with pride, but love builds up.  
If anyone supposes he knows something,  
he does not yet know as he ought to know.  
But if one loves God, one is known by him.  
  
So about the eating of meat sacrificed to idols:  
we know that *there is no idol in the world*,  
and that t*here is no God but one*.  
Indeed, even though there are so-called gods in heaven and on earth  
(there are, to be sure, many “gods” and many “lords”),  
yet for us there is   
  
one God, the Father,  
from whom all things are and for whom we exist,  
and one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
through whom all things are and through whom we exist.  
  
But not all have this knowledge.  
There are some who have been so used to idolatry up until now  
that, when they eat meat sacrificed to idols,  
their conscience, which is weak, is defiled.  
  
Thus, through your knowledge, the weak person is brought to destruction,  
the brother for whom Christ died.  
When you sin in this way against your brothers  
and wound their consciences, weak as they are,  
you are sinning against Christ.  
Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin,  
I will never eat meat again,  
so that I may not cause my brother to sin.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139:1)

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.**  
Probe me, O God, and know my heart;  
try me, and know my thoughts;  
See if my way is crooked,  
and lead me in the way of old.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 6:27-38**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/6:27)

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“To you who hear I say, love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who mistreat you.  
To the person who strikes you on one cheek,  
offer the other one as well,  
and from the person who takes your cloak,  
do not withhold even your tunic.  
Give to everyone who asks of you,  
and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.  
For if you love those who love you,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners love those who love them.  
And if you do good to those who do good to you,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners do the same.  
If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment,  
what credit is that to you?  
Even sinners lend to sinners,  
and get back the same amount.   
But rather, love your enemies and do good to them,  
and lend expecting nothing back;  
then your reward will be great  
and you will be children of the Most High,  
for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.  
Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful.  
  
“Stop judging and you will not be judged.  
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.  
Forgive and you will be forgiven.  
Give and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing,  
will be poured into your lap.  
For the measure with which you measure  
will in return be measured out to you.”

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**September 12, 2014**

**Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 441**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 9:16-19, 22b-27**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/9:16)

Brothers and sisters:  
If I preach the Gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,  
for an obligation has been imposed on me,  
and woe to me if I do not preach it!  
If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,  
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.  
What then is my recompense?  
That, when I preach, I offer the Gospel free of charge  
so as not to make full use of my right in the Gospel.  
  
Although I am free in regard to all,  
I have made myself a slave to all  
so as to win over as many as possible.  
I have become all things to all, to save at least some.  
All this I do for the sake of the Gospel,  
so that I too may have a share in it.  
  
Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race,  
but only one wins the prize?  
Run so as to win.  
Every athlete exercises discipline in every way.  
They do it to win a perishable crown,  
but we an imperishable one.  
Thus I do not run aimlessly;  
I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing.  
No, I drive my body and train it,  
for fear that, after having preached to others,  
I myself should be disqualified.

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**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/84:3)

R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
My soul yearns and pines   
for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh  
cry out for the living God.  
R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
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. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
Blessed they who dwell in your house!  
continually they praise you.  
Blessed the men whose strength you are!  
their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.  
R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**  
For a sun and a shield is the LORD God;  
grace and glory he bestows;  
The LORD withholds no good thing  
from those who walk in sincerity.   
R. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 6:39-42**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/6:39)

Jesus told his disciples a parable:  
“Can a blind person guide a blind person?  
Will not both fall into a pit?  
No disciple is superior to the teacher;  
but when fully trained,  
every disciple will be like his teacher.  
Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye,  
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?  
How can you say to your brother,  
‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’  
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?  
You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first;  
then you will see clearly  
to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.”

**(The Gospel of the Lord)**

**September 15, 2014**

**Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows  
Lectionary: 443/639**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 11:17-26, 33**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/11:17)

Brothers and sisters:  
In giving this instruction, I do not praise the fact  
that your meetings are doing more harm than good.  
First of all, I hear that when you meet as a Church  
there are divisions among you,  
and to a degree I believe it;  
there have to be factions among you  
in order that also those who are approved among you  
may become known.  
When you meet in one place, then,  
it is not to eat the Lord’s supper,  
for in eating, each one goes ahead with his own supper,  
and one goes hungry while another gets drunk.  
Do you not have houses in which you can eat and drink?  
Or do you show contempt for the Church of God  
and make those who have nothing feel ashamed?  
What can I say to you? Shall I praise you?  
In this matter I do not praise you.  
  
For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,  
that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over,  
took bread and, after he had given thanks,  
broke it and said, “This is my Body that is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”  
In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,  
“This cup is the new covenant in my Blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.  
  
Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

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**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/40:7)

R. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
Sacrifice or oblation you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Burnt offerings or sin offerings you sought not;  
then said I, “Behold I come.”  
R. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
“In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,  
To do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!”  
R. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.  
R. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**  
May all who seek you  
exult and be glad in you  
And may those who love your salvation  
say ever, “The LORD be glorified.”  
R. **Proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes again.**

**Sequence (Optional) - Stabat Mater**

At the cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus to the last.  
  
Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,  
All his bitter anguish bearing,  
Now at length the sword had passed.  
  
Oh, how sad and sore distressed  
Was that Mother highly blessed  
Of the sole begotten One!  
  
Christ above in torment hangs,  
She beneath beholds the pangs  
Of her dying, glorious Son.  
  
Is there one who would not weep,  
‘Whelmed in miseries so deep,  
Christ’s dear Mother to behold?  
  
Can the human heart refrain  
From partaking in her pain,  
In that mother’s pain untold?  
  
Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,  
She beheld her tender Child,  
All with bloody scourges rent.  
  
For the sins of his own nation  
Saw him hang in desolation  
Till his spirit forth he sent.  
  
O sweet Mother! font of love,  
Touch my spirit from above,  
Make my heart with yours accord.  
  
Make me feel as you have felt;  
Make my soul to glow and melt  
With the love of Christ, my Lord.  
Holy Mother, pierce me through,  
In my heart each wound renew  
Of my Savior crucified.  
Let me share with you his pain,  
Who for all our sins was slain,  
Who for me in torments died.  
  
Let me mingle tears with you,  
Mourning him who mourned for me,  
All the days that I may live.  
  
By the cross with you to stay,  
There with you to weep and pray,  
Is all I ask of you to give.  
  
Virgin of all virgins blest!  
Listen to my fond request:  
Let me share your grief divine.  
  
Let me to my latest breath,  
In my body bear the death  
Of that dying Son of yours.

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO john**

[**jn 19:25-27**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/19:25)

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother  
and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary Magdalene.  
When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved  
he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.”  
Then he said to the disciple,  
“Behold, your mother.”  
And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.  
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**or** [**lk 2:33-35**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke%202:33)

Jesus’ father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;  
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,  
“Behold, this child is destined  
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,  
and to be a sign that will be contradicted  
and you yourself a sword will pierce  
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

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**September 16, 2014**

**Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs  
Lectionary: 444**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 12:12-14, 27-31a**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/12:12)

Brothers and sisters:  
As a body is one though it has many parts,  
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,  
so also Christ.  
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.  
  
Now the body is not a single part, but many.  
  
Now you are Christ’s Body, and individually parts of it.  
Some people God has designated in the Church  
to be, first, Apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers;  
then, mighty deeds;  
then gifts of healing, assistance, administration,  
and varieties of tongues.  
Are all Apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?  
Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing?  
Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?  
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.

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**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 10:1b-2, 3, 4, 5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/10:1)

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

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 7:11-17**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7:11)

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,  
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.  
As he drew near to the gate of the city,  
a man who had died was being carried out,  
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.  
A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her,  
he was moved with pity for her and said to her, “Do not weep.”  
He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, “Young man, I tell you, arise!”  
The dead man sat up and began to speak,  
and Jesus gave him to his mother.  
Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,  
“A great prophet has arisen in our midst,”  
and “God has visited his people.”  
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea  
and in all the surrounding region.

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**September 18, 2014**

**Thursday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 446**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 15:1-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:1)

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters,  
of the Gospel I preached to you,  
which you indeed received and in which you also stand.  
Through it you are also being saved,  
if you hold fast to the word I preached to you,  
unless you believed in vain.  
For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received:  
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;  
that he was buried;  
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures;  
that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.  
After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,  
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.  
After that he appeared to James,  
then to all the Apostles.  
Last of all, as to one born abnormally,  
he appeared to me.  
For I am the least of the Apostles,  
not fit to be called an Apostle,  
because I persecuted the Church of God.  
But by the grace of God I am what I am,  
and his grace to me has not been ineffective.  
Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them;  
not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me.  
Therefore, whether it be I or they,  
so we preach and so you believed.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/118:1)

R.  **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**  
“The right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD has struck with power.”  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**  
You are my God, and I give thanks to you;  
O my God, I extol you.  
R. **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 7:36-50**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/7:36)

A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him,  
and he entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined at table.  
Now there was a sinful woman in the city  
who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee.  
Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment,  
she stood behind him at his feet weeping  
and began to bathe his feet with her tears.  
Then she wiped them with her hair,  
kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.  
When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself,  
“If this man were a prophet,  
he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him,  
that she is a sinner.”  
Jesus said to him in reply,  
“Simon, I have something to say to you.”  
“Tell me, teacher,” he said.  
“Two people were in debt to a certain creditor;  
one owed five hundred days’ wages and the other owed fifty.  
Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both.  
Which of them will love him more?”  
Simon said in reply,  
“The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven.”  
He said to him, “You have judged rightly.”  
Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon,  
“Do you see this woman?  
When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet,  
but she has bathed them with her tears  
and wiped them with her hair.  
You did not give me a kiss,  
but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered.  
You did not anoint my head with oil,  
but she anointed my feet with ointment.  
So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven;  
hence, she has shown great love.  
But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”  
He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”  
The others at table said to themselves,  
“Who is this who even forgives sins?”  
But he said to the woman,  
“Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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**September 19, 2014**

**Friday of the Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 447**

**a Reading from the first letter of paul to the corinthians**

[**1 cor 15:12-20**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/1corinthians/15:12)

Brothers and sisters:  
If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,  
how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?  
If there is no resurrection of the dead,  
then neither has Christ been raised.  
And if Christ has not been raised, then empty too is our preaching;  
empty, too, your faith.  
Then we are also false witnesses to God,  
because we testified against God that he raised Christ,  
whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised.  
For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,  
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;  
you are still in your sins.  
Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.  
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,  
we are the most pitiable people of all.  
  
But now Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/17:1)

R. **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**  
Hear, O LORD, a just suit;  
attend to my outcry;  
hearken to my prayer from lips without deceit.   
R. **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**  
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;   
incline your ear to me; hear my word.  
Show your wondrous mercies,  
O savior of those who flee   
from their foes to refuge at your right hand.  
R. **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings,  
But I in justice shall behold your face;  
on waking, I shall be content in your presence.  
R. **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

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

Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another,  
preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God.  
Accompanying him were the Twelve  
and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities,  
Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,  
Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza,  
Susanna, and many others  
who provided for them out of their resources.

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**September 22, 2014**

**Monday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 449**

**a Reading from the book of proverbs**

[**prv 3:27-34**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/proverbs/3:27)

Refuse no one the good on which he has a claim  
when it is in your power to do it for him.  
Say not to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,  
tomorrow I will give,” when you can give at once.  
  
Plot no evil against your neighbor,  
against one who lives at peace with you.  
Quarrel not with a man without cause,  
with one who has done you no harm.  
  
Envy not the lawless man  
and choose none of his ways:  
To the LORD the perverse one is an abomination,  
but with the upright is his friendship.  
  
The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked,  
but the dwelling of the just he blesses;  
When dealing with the arrogant, he is stern,  
but to the humble he shows kindness.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

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

R. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**  
He who walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.  
R. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**  
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. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**  
Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.  
R. **The just one shall live on your holy mountain, O Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 8:16-18**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/8:16)

Jesus said to the crowd:  
“No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel  
or sets it under a bed;  
rather, he places it on a lampstand  
so that those who enter may see the light.  
For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible,  
and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light.  
Take care, then, how you hear.  
To anyone who has, more will be given,  
and from the one who has not,  
even what he seems to have will be taken away.”

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**September 23, 2014**

**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Lectionary: 450**

**a Reading from the book of proverbs**

[**prv 21:1-6, 10-13**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/proverbs/21:1)

Like a stream is the king’s heart in the hand of the LORD;  
wherever it pleases him, he directs it.  
  
All the ways of a man may be right in his own eyes,  
but it is the LORD who proves hearts.  
  
To do what is right and just  
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.  
  
Haughty eyes and a proud heart–  
the tillage of the wicked is sin.  
  
The plans of the diligent are sure of profit,  
but all rash haste leads certainly to poverty.  
  
Whoever makes a fortune by a lying tongue  
is chasing a bubble over deadly snares.  
The soul of the wicked man desires evil;  
his neighbor finds no pity in his eyes.  
  
When the arrogant man is punished, the simple are the wiser;  
when the wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.  
  
The just man appraises the house of the wicked:  
there is one who brings down the wicked to ruin.  
  
He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor  
will himself also call and not be heard.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/119:1)

R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Make me understand the way of your precepts,  
and I will meditate on your wondrous deeds.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
The way of truth I have chosen;  
I have set your ordinances before me.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
Lead me in the path of your commands,  
for in it I delight.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**  
And I will keep your law continually,  
forever and ever.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 8:19-21**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/8:19)

The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him  
but were unable to join him because of the crowd.  
He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside  
and they wish to see you.”  
He said to them in reply, “My mother and my brothers   
are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

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**September 25, 2014**

**Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 452**

**a Reading from the book of ecclesiastes**

[**eccl 1:2-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ecclesiastes/1:2)

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,  
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!  
What profit has man from all the labor  
which he toils at under the sun?  
One generation passes and another comes,  
but the world forever stays.  
The sun rises and the sun goes down;  
then it presses on to the place where it rises.  
Blowing now toward the south, then toward the north,  
the wind turns again and again, resuming its rounds.  
All rivers go to the sea,  
yet never does the sea become full.  
To the place where they go,  
the rivers keep on going.  
All speech is labored;  
there is nothing one can say.  
The eye is not satisfied with seeing  
nor is the ear satisfied with hearing.  
What has been, that will be;  
what has been done, that will be done.  
Nothing is new under the sun.  
Even the thing of which we say, “See, this is new!”  
has already existed in the ages that preceded us.  
There is no remembrance of the men of old;  
nor of those to come will there be any remembrance  
among those who come after them.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/90:3)

R.  **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
You turn man back to dust,  
saying, “Return, O children of men.”  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**  
Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
Prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!  
R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 9:7-9**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/9:7)

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

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**September 26, 2014**

**Friday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 453**

**a Reading from the book of ecclesiastes**

[**eccl 3:1-11**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/ecclesiastes/3:1)

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every thing under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.  
  
What advantage has the worker from his toil?  
I have considered the task that God has appointed  
for the sons of men to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without man’s ever discovering,  
from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

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**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/144:1)

R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
my mercy and my fortress,  
my stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield, in whom I trust.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**  
LORD, what is man, that you notice him;  
the son of man, that you take thought of him?  
Man is like a breath;  
his days, like a passing shadow.  
R. **Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 9:18-22**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/9:18)

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,  
and the disciples were with him,  
he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”  
They said in reply, “John the Baptist; others, Elijah;  
still others, ‘One of the ancient prophets has arisen.’”  
Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
Peter said in reply, “The Christ of God.”  
He rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone.  
  
He said, “The Son of Man must suffer greatly  
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,  
and be killed and on the third day be raised.”

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**September 29, 2014**

**Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels  
Lectionary: 647**

**a Reading FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET DANIEL**

[**dn 7:9-10, 13-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/daniel/7:9)

As I watched:  
  
Thrones were set up  
and the Ancient One took his throne.  
His clothing was bright as snow,  
and the hair on his head as white as wool;  
His throne was flames of fire,  
with wheels of burning fire.  
A surging stream of fire  
flowed out from where he sat;  
Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him,  
and myriads upon myriads attended him.  
  
The court was convened, and the books were opened.  
As the visions during the night continued, I saw  
  
One like a son of man coming,  
on the clouds of heaven;  
When he reached the Ancient One  
and was presented before him,  
He received dominion, glory, and kingship;  
nations and peoples of every language serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not be taken away,  
his kingship shall not be destroyed.  
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**or** [**rv 12:7-12ab**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/revelation/12:7)

War broke out in heaven;  
Michael and his angels battled against the dragon.  
The dragon and its angels fought back,  
but they did not prevail  
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.  
The huge dragon, the ancient serpent,  
who is called the Devil and Satan,  
who deceived the whole world,  
was thrown down to earth,  
and its angels were thrown down with it.  
  
Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:  
“Now have salvation and power come,  
and the Kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Anointed.  
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,  
who accuses them before our God day and night.  
They conquered him by the Blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
love for life did not deter them from death.  
Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,  
and you who dwell in them.”

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**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/138:1)

R. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name.  
R. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
Because of your kindness and your truth;  
for you have made great above all things  
your name and your promise.  
When I called, you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.  
R. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**  
All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD  
when they hear the words of your mouth;  
And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD  
“Great is the glory of the LORD  
R. **In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO john**

[**jn 1:47-51**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/1:47)

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

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**September 30, 2014**

**Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Lectionary: 456**

**A Reading FROM THE BOOK OF JOB**

[**jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/3:1)

Job opened his mouth and cursed his day.  
Job spoke out and said:  
Perish the day on which I was born,  
the night when they said, “The child is a boy!”  
Why did I not perish at birth,  
come forth from the womb and expire?  
Or why was I not buried away like an untimely birth,  
like babes that have never seen the light?  
Wherefore did the knees receive me?  
or why did I suck at the breasts?  
For then I should have lain down and been tranquil;  
had I slept, I should then have been at rest  
With kings and counselors of the earth  
who built where now there are ruins  
Or with princes who had gold  
and filled their houses with silver.  
There the wicked cease from troubling,  
there the weary are at rest.  
  
Why is light given to the toilers,  
and life to the bitter in spirit?  
They wait for death and it comes not;  
they search for it rather than for hidden treasures,  
Rejoice in it exultingly,  
and are glad when they reach the grave:  
Those whose path is hidden from them,  
and whom God has hemmed in!

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/88:2)

R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
O LORD, my God, by day I cry out; at night I clamor in your presence. Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my call for help.  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
For my soul is surfeited with troubles and my life draws near to the nether world. I am numbered with those who go down into the pit; I am a man without strength.  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
My couch is among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom you remember no longer and who are cut off from your care.  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**  
You have plunged me into the bottom of the pit, into the dark abyss. Upon me your wrath lies heavy, and with all your billows you overwhelm me.  
R. **Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 9:51-56**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/9:51)

When the days for Jesus to be taken up were fulfilled,  
he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem,  
and he sent messengers ahead of him.  
On the way they entered a Samaritan village  
to prepare for his reception there,  
but they would not welcome him  
because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.  
When the disciples James and John saw this they asked,  
“Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven  
to consume them?”  
Jesus turned and rebuked them,  
and they journeyed to another village.

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**October 2, 2014**

**Memorial of the Guardian Angels   
Lectionary: 458/650**

**A Reading FROM THE BOOK OF JOB**

[**jb 19:21-27**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/19:21)

Job said:  
  
Pity me, pity me, O you my friends,  
for the hand of God has struck me!  
Why do you hound me as though you were divine,  
and insatiably prey upon me?  
  
Oh, would that my words were written down!  
Would that they were inscribed in a record:  
That with an iron chisel and with lead  
they were cut in the rock forever!  
But as for me, I know that my Vindicator lives,  
and that he will at last stand forth upon the dust;  
Whom I myself shall see:  
my own eyes, not another’s, shall behold him,  
And from my flesh I shall see God;  
my inmost being is consumed with longing.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/27:7)

R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.  
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.  
R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
Your presence, O LORD, I seek.  
Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant.  
You are my helper: cast me not off.  
R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**  
I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.  
R. **I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO matthew**

[**mt 18:1-5, 10**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/18:1)

The disciples approached Jesus and said,  
“Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?”  
He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,  
“Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,  
you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.  
Whoever humbles himself like this child  
is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.  
And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.  
  
“See that you do not despise one of these little ones,  
for I say to you that their angels in heaven  
always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

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**October 3, 2014**

**Friday of the Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time  
Lectionary: 459**

**A Reading FROM THE BOOK OF JOB**

[**jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/job/38:1)

The LORD addressed Job out of the storm and said:  
Have you ever in your lifetime commanded the morning  
and shown the dawn its place For taking hold of the ends of the earth, till the wicked are shaken from its surface?  
The earth is changed as is clay by the seal, and dyed as though it were a garment; But from the wicked the light is withheld,  
and the arm of pride is shattered.  
Have you entered into the sources of the sea,  
or walked about in the depths of the abyss?  
Have the gates of death been shown to you,  
or have you seen the gates of darkness?  
Have you comprehended the breadth of the earth?  
Tell me, if you know all:  
Which is the way to the dwelling place of light,  
and where is the abode of darkness,  
That you may take them to their boundaries  
and set them on their homeward paths?  
You know, because you were born before them,  
and the number of your years is great!  
  
Then Job answered the LORD and said:  
  
Behold, I am of little account; what can I answer you?  
I put my hand over my mouth.  
Though I have spoken once, I will not do so again;  
though twice, I will do so no more.

**(The Word of the Lord)**

**Responsorial Psalm** [**ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/psalms/139:1)

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.**  
Where can I go from your spirit?  
From your presence where can I flee?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I sink to the nether world, you are present there.  
R. **Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.**  
If I take the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall guide me,  
and your right hand hold me fast.  
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.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE**

[**lk 10:13-16**](http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/10:13)

Jesus said to them,  
“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!  
For if the mighty deeds done in your midst  
had been done in Tyre and Sidon,  
they would long ago have repented,  
sitting in sackcloth and ashes.  
But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon  
at the judgment than for you.  
And as for you, Capernaum, ‘Will you be exalted to heaven?  
You will go down to the netherworld.’  
Whoever listens to you listens to me.  
Whoever rejects you rejects me.   
And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

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